



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

ISSUE DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2023
DUE DATE: JANUARY 12, 2024
by 4:00 PM EST

All proposals and communications must be addressed and returned to:

ATTENTION: Lindsey S. Reames, Executive Director

Grand Rapids Housing Commission

1420 Fuller Avenue, SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Phone: 616-235-2600 x 1112

Email: lindsey.reames@grhousing.org

The Housing Commission is seeking proposals from interested and qualified legal firms that have a demonstrated track record in providing legal services for a variety of business areas.

SOLICITATION INFORMATION

SOLICITATION DEADLINES

Deadline for Questions:

Wednesday, December 27, 2023, by 4:00 p.m. (EST)

Questions must be submitted via email to Lindsey Reames, Executive Director at lindsey.reames@grhousing.org

Addendum Date:

Addendum with answers to all questions submitted by the deadline and any supplemental information for proposal completion will be issued if applicable by **Friday, December 29, 2023**

RFP Submission Deadline:

Friday, January 12, 2024, by 4:00 p.m. (EST)

Qualifications will be date and time stamped immediately upon receipt at the GRHC to document timeliness.

PROPOSAL ADDRESSEE INFORMATION:

To: Lindsey Reames
Executive Director
Grand Rapids Housing Commission
1420 Fuller Avenue, SE
Grand Rapids, MI
49507

From: Contact Name, Title
Bidder's Name (Firm Name)
Address

ATTN: Request for Proposals, Professional Legal Services

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

One (1) 'ORIGINAL' Proposal Package
Five (5) 'COPY' Proposal Packages
One (1) **Electronic** Proposal Package

One (1) original proposal package, five (5) copies of the proposal package, and one (1) electronic copy via flash drive, marked Confidential—Request for Proposal, Professional Legal Services **MUST** be mailed, or hand delivered to the Grand Rapids Housing Commission address listed above by the **Friday, January 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. (EST)** deadline. **NO EMAILED OR FAXED RESPONSES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

SECTION I – OVERVIEW & BACKGROUND

A. OVERVIEW

The Grand Rapids Housing Commission (GRHC) is requesting proposal submissions from qualified firms with experience in providing legal services related to general legal service including landlord/tenant law, litigation, real estate development including bonds and tax credits and employment law.

The Legal Firm(s) will provide the necessary skills, expertise, and capacity to assist GRHC in various legal matters and have a proven track record.

The Offeror's response to this Request for Proposals shall include all attachments and any additional requested documentation noted in this solicitation.

B. BACKGROUND

The Grand Rapids Housing Commission (GRHC) is a "Public Body Corporate" entity of the State of Michigan regulated and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administering affordable housing in Kent and Ottawa County. The Agency has 72 employees and administers various housing and supportive services related programs administering a portfolio of nearly 4300 units of low rent public housing, tax credits, RAD converted units and the various housing choice voucher programs, including project-based vouchers. Specifically, GRHC owns and manages about 1000 units of affordable rental housing as follows:

Name	Property Address	City & State	ZIP	Units	Building Type
Adams Park	1440 Fuller Avenue	Grand Rapids, MI	49507	188	Senior/Disabled Public Housing High Rise
Scattered Sites	Multiple	Grand Rapids, MI	Multiple	35	Family
Hope Community	1024 Ionia SW	Grand Rapids, MI	49507	24	Family Rapid Re-Housing
Ransom Towers	50 Ransom NE	Grand Rapids, MI	49503	153	Senior/Disabled High Rise
Leonard Terrace	1315 Leonard NE	Grand Rapids, MI	49505	125	Senior/Disabled High Rise
Campau Commons	821 S Division SE	Grand Rapids, MI	49507	92	Family Development
Creston Plaza I/II	1080 Creston Plaza Dr. NE	Grand Rapids, MI	49503	100	Family Development
Sheldon Apartments	1010 Sheldon, SE	Grand Rapids, MI	49507	45	Senior/Disabled
Mt. Mercy I/II	1425 & 1511 Bridge NW	Grand Rapids, MI	49504	180	Senior/Disabled
Antoine Apartments	901 S Division, SE	Grand Rapids, MI	49507	50	Senior/Disabled

GRHC and its non-profit partners continue to play an active role in the development and construction of new affordable housing, as well as revitalizing our existing portfolio.

For additional information about the GRHC and our programs, please visit our website at www.grhousing.org.

C. Method of Solicitation

GRHC is soliciting proposal submissions from firms with a documented track record. Responses will be evaluated by a GRHC evaluation committee utilizing the evaluation criteria outlined in Section IV of this RFP. GRHC staff will make recommendations for the award to the GRHC Board, which will make the final determination of award.

The GRHC, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to make multiple awards.

SECTION II – SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. SCOPE OF SERVICES—LEGAL SERVICE AREAS

The intent of this RFP is to select Legal Counsel to represent GRHC in various areas of legal practices on an as-needed basis. (The various practices areas are hereinafter referred to as “legal service areas” or “Group” and/or specifically described as “Group A through E” in Scope of Services.) GRHC is under no obligation to use the services of any selected Respondent (attorney or firm). Legal Counsel, within the legal services area(s) of Legal Counsel submittal, may apply to perform some or all the following relevant professional legal services.

GROUP A – General Legal Services

1. Review and advise on compliance related to federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to GRHC, including but not limited to Housing Choice Voucher programs, Fair Housing Act, ADA, Davis Bacon, the Hatch Act, state and federal procurement regulations, PILOT, and Public Information Act requests.
2. Conduct activities related to landlord tenant law including filings, court representation, evictions, etc. This includes sending out legal notices and providing copies for the court.
3. Advise and assist GRHC in the development and organization of new programs and entities, including not-for-profit subsidiaries.
4. Negotiation and drafting of purchase and service contracts and other related documents.
5. Represent GRHC, and its affiliate entities, in negotiations, arbitration, mediation, court proceedings and actions on other such matters as required.
6. Other legal services as required and/or directed by GRHC.

GROUP B – General Litigation

1. Serve as outside counsel and represent GRHC in any legal matters for which they are engaged.
2. Provide written legal opinions. Attend meetings as necessary at the request of GRHC.
3. Assist in preparing correspondence or other documents to contractors, vendors, agents, etc. as may be necessary to protect GRHC.
4. Other legal services as required and/or directed by GRHC.

GROUP C – Real Estate

1. Property acquisition and disposition/sale.
2. Real estate development and financing, transfers and assignments including compliance with HUD and MSDHA regulations and laws, and compliance issues related to GRHC participation in third party business entities.
3. Review of title issues and real property encumbrances.
4. Eminent Domain issues.
5. Environmental issues.
6. Demolition regulations
7. Historic designation considerations.
8. Secured transactions and familiarity with Michigan business and Commerce code and the Uniform Commercial Code.
9. Review applicable construction contracts and related payment and performance bonds.
10. Assist and advise GRHC concerning contracts, contract provisions and negotiations of such contracts and other related documents.
11. Represent GRHC, and its affiliate entities, in negotiations, arbitration, mediation, court proceedings and actions on other such matters as required.
12. Other legal services as required and/or directed by GRHC.

GROUP D – Bond/Tax Credits

1. Tax Credit transactions including MSHDA and IRS requirements.
2. Real Estate Development.
3. Review applicable construction contracts and related payment and performance bonds.
4. Assist and advise GRHC concerning contracts, contract provisions and negotiations of such contracts and other related documents.
5. Represent GRHC, and its affiliate entities, in negotiations, arbitration, mediation, court proceedings and actions on other such matters as required.
6. Complete annual filings and provide partnerships with documents as applicable.
7. Other legal services as required and/or directed by GRHC.

GROUP E – Employment Law

1. Employment matters including employment litigation (excluding medical malpractice and worker's compensation).
2. Government Investigations, Wage Garnishments, Employment Verifications, Search Warrants, and Subpoenas.
3. Employee benefits and pension issues.
4. Compensation practices and FLSA compliance.
5. Counsel and guidance on discipline, documentation, and investigations.
6. RIFs and Separation Agreements.
7. Policy and procedure drafting, review, and consultation
8. Counsel and guidance on hiring and termination matters, compliance, record retention, mandatory reporting and general employment matters.
9. Assist, advise, and act as representative for GRHC for negotiations, mediation, arbitration, in matters concerning employment, including but not limited to wrongful termination, pay disputes, benefits, FMLA, and EEOC claims.
10. Notification and advising on local, Federal, and State laws for compliance.
11. Other legal services as required and/or directed by GRHC.

SECTION III – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. PROPOSAL FORMAT

The offeror must submit one (1) original, five (5) copies and one (1) electronic copy of its qualification's submission in three ring binders on 8X11 paper. **Include one flash drive of the entire submission in electronic file format.** These items should be delivered in a sealed package clearly marked "**Confidential—Request for Proposal, Professional Legal Services.**" Proposals must include, in the same order as below and using the forms in the Attachment section, the following information:

The required submission must be bound, and each section tabbed. **A Table of Contents must be provided.** Each section must be clearly labeled using the titles and sequence outlined below.

1. Areas of Interest for Legal Services Areas (TAB 1)

Complete the form included as Attachment A in the Attachment Section of the solicitation documents.

2. Letter of Interest (TAB 2)

Attachment B in the Attachment Section of the solicitation must be completed and included or all the information request in Attachment B must be included in the letter of interest. The letter of interest should also include:

- a) Contact name and address: name, title, email, telephone, and fax number to be contacted for clarification or additional information regarding proposals.
- b) A **brief** statement summarizing the Respondent's company and relevant experience and qualifications. More detailed information will be requested in a subsequent tab.
- c) Copies of Certificate of Incorporation, Partnership Agreement, Joint Venture or other organizational document and a corporate resolution, if applicable, signed by the Respondent and notarized, certifying the name of the individual(s) authorized to sign the offer, the contract and any amendments.

3. Management Plan/Approach and Accessibility/Responsiveness (TAB 3)

Describe your firm's plan for managing this particular contract, including the scope of services, and the role that GRHC will play. Explain the technical roles that key personnel will play and the methods of coordination, communication, and control. Specifically explain what steps will be taken to ensure accessibility/availability of the team to GRHC for meetings, general communication, coordination, supervision and completion of assignments and expenses.

4. Past Performance on Similar Projects (TAB 4)

List your organization's previous experience with housing commission programs and government representation. For each experience/project, briefly state the nature, scope of services, fee basis, contact person and telephone number and which group of legal services identified in Section II, Scope of Services, the identified experience represents. GRHC may contact one or more of the listed organizations.

5. Project Manager and Key Personnel (TAB 5)

List the project manager(s) for each of the areas of legal services you are submitting interest in and key personnel that will be assigned legal services for your firm. Include a description of their experience as it relates to the areas of service. You may include resumes as supplemental information.

6. Proposed Fees (Tab 6)

Respondents should submit only one proposal but may request consideration for more than one group of legal services identified in Section II, Scope of Services. Fees should be identified for each of the selected group(s) of legal services and the corresponding key labor categories/personnel for those services. The price is required to be proposed in terms of fixed hourly costs for each type of participant required to complete the scope of services. A detailed fully burdened fee proposal should include:

- 1) Direct salary rates;
- 2) Overhead rates;
- 3) General and Administrative rates, if any;
- 4) Rates for additional services and reimbursable items, if any;
- 5) Profit or fee

7. Section 3 and MBE/WBE Efforts (TAB 8)

Each Respondent must complete the applicable forms as provided as Attachment H and Attachment I and J. Additional information on specific forms that is required is included below:

1. Section 3 Participation: Provide in a separate document labeled 'Statement of Section 3 Compliance' how your firm proposes to comply with the Section 3 Clause utilizing one of the options listed on the form. The document must be signed by the agent authorizing the submittal of the response document.
2. Minority and Women Business Participation: Statement of self-certification of MBE/WBE Participation under this Contract.

8. HUD Forms (TAB 9)

Each Respondent must complete the Certifications and Representations of Offerors – Non- Construction as provided as Attachment K. These forms include:

1. 5369-B: Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction
2. 5369-C: Certifications and Representations of Offerors Non-Construction Contract
3. 5370-C: General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

9. Other Required Attachments (TAB 10)

Each Respondent must complete the forms as provided in the Attachments sections including:

- Attachment C: Certification of Proposer Regarding Debarment Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters.
- Attachment D: Certification Regarding Lobbying
- Attachment E: SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Attachment F: Conflict of Interest
- Attachment G: Non-Collusive Affidavit

B. Request for Information

Respondents desiring any explanation or further information regarding the solicitation must submit an e-mail request no later than **4:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 27, 2023**, to Lindsey Reames at lindsey.reames@grhousing.org. Responses and any other information to be provided will be furnished by **Friday, December 29, 2023**, as a written addendum to the RFP and posted on the GRHC website at www.grhousing.org.

C. Evaluation Process

A selection committee composed of GRHC staff will review proposals in accordance with this RFP and will recommend to the GRHC Board of Commissioners the firm(s) most advantageous and supportive of the agency's needs. The selection committee and/or the Board of Commissioners may at its discretion request interviews with Respondents to discuss specific aspects and clarifications of their proposal(s). The Board of Commissioners will make the final decision.

D. Anticipated Schedule of Events

The anticipated schedule for the RFP and contract approval is as follows:

Event	Date
RFP available for distribution	Monday, December 11, 2023
Deadline for receipt of written questions	Wednesday, December 27, 2023, by 4:00 EST
Response to written questions	Friday, December 29, 2023
RFP Due Date	Friday, January 12, 2024, by 4:00 EST
Estimated Contract Award Date	NLT February, 2024

The Grand Rapids Housing Commission reserves the right at its sole discretion to amend any or all the dates associated with the anticipated schedule of events.

SECTION IV – EVALUATION/SELECTION CRITERIA

RFP will be evaluated and rated on, but may not be limited to, the following criteria:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	POINTS
Management Plan/Approach and Accessibility/Responsiveness	30
Past Performance on Similar Projects	25
Project Manager and Key Personnel	20
Proposed Fees	15
Section 3 and MBE/WBE Efforts	5
Organization/Completeness of the Proposal	5
Total Initial Points	100
Interview and Presentation, if deemed necessary*	10
Total Overall Points	110

*Interviews, if desired by GRHC, will be used to identify the top-ranking Respondent(s).

SECTION V – GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE RFP

A. General Conditions

1. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED. Submissions received after the deadline will be returned to the respective providers unopened.
2. GRHC reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals submitted, either in whole or in part, with or without cause; to waive any informalities of any proposal; to extend, amend or cancel this RFP at any time; and, to make the award in the best interest of GRHC.
3. To protect the integrity of the procurement process, GRHC requires all communications regarding this solicitation to be directed to Lindsey Reames only by e-mail as listed in this solicitation. No officer, employee, agent or representative of the Bidder shall have any contact or discussion directly or indirectly through others to seek influence on any GRHC Board member, and/or employee during this solicitation process. Any violation of this prohibition may result in Bidder being disqualified from the procurement process. Any oral communications are considered unofficial and non-binding regarding this solicitation.
4. GRHC reserves the right to request additional information, if needed, from Respondents.
5. If it becomes necessary for GRHC to revise any part of this RFP, revisions will be provided in the form of an Addendum and posted to the GRHC website at www.grhousing.org under *Work with Us*. Proposals must conform to any addenda that may be issued to this RFP.
6. Proposals that are incomplete or not in conformance with the submission requirements may be eliminated from further consideration. Respondents should carefully note the submission requirements.
7. All proposals submitted in response to this RFP will be considered public information and may be made available to the general public (including news media) unless Confidential and/or Proprietary information is submitted under separate cover and is clearly designated as such.
8. The Respondent shall provide an oral presentation regarding proposal submitted, if requested to do so by GRHC.
9. Respondents may modify or withdraw a proposal prior to the RFP due date, by an authorized representative of that organization. All submissions will become the property of GRHC after the RFP deadline.
10. The Respondent affirms that its proposal is made without any understanding, agreement or connection with any other person, firm, partnership or corporation making a submittal for the same purpose and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.
11. The Respondent has carefully read the provisions, terms, and conditions of the RFP document and does hereby agree to be bound thereby.
12. GRHC reserves the right to make multiple awards from this RFP and retains the right to negotiate with the selected firm(s).
13. Additional services and/or service adjustments may be added or deleted during the life of any contract awarded hereunder as mutually agreed upon in writing between GRHC and Respondent.
14. Respondent must meet GRHC's insurance requirements as requested in the RFP.
15. The Respondent will not offer any gratuity, favor, or anything of monetary value to any officials or employee of GRHC for the purpose of influencing consideration of a response to this RFP.

16. GRHC reserves the right to disqualify any proposal(s) that may present a conflict of interest between the Grand Rapids Housing Commission, its employees or Board members, Respondent(s), or parties identified in the proposal.
17. Proposal submissions and fees/terms are valid for one-hundred twenty (120) days from the RFP due date.
18. Proposed fee is inclusive of all necessary costs to provide the proposed services, including but not limited to: employee costs and benefits; clerical support; overhead; profit; supplies; materials; licensing; insurance; vehicle fuel, postage, etc. Each fee proposed shall be fully "burdened" with profit and overhead costs.

B. Mistakes in Proposals

If a mistake in a proposal is suspected or alleged, the proposal may be corrected or withdrawn during any negotiations that are held. If negotiations are not held, or if best and final offers have been received, the Respondent may be permitted to correct a mistake in the proposal and the intended correct offer may be considered based on the conditions that follow:

1. The mistake and the intended correct offer are clearly evident on the face of the proposal.
2. The Respondent submits written evidence which clearly and convincingly demonstrates both the existing offer and such correction would not be contrary to the fair and equal treatment of other Respondents.

Mistakes after award shall not be corrected unless the Contracting Officer makes a written determination that it would be disadvantageous to GRHC not to allow the mistake to be corrected. The approval or disapproval of requests of this nature shall be in writing by the Contracting Officer.

C. Conflicts of Interest

The Respondent warrants that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, he/she does not have any organizational conflict of interest. Conflict of interest is defined as a situation in which the nature of work under this contract and the Respondent's organizational, financial, contractual, or other interests are such that:

1. Award of the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage; or
2. The Respondent's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired. In the event the Respondent has an organizational conflict of interest as defined herein, the Respondent shall disclose such conflict of interest fully in the proposal submission.
3. The Respondent agrees that if after award he or she discovers an organizational conflict of interest with respect to this contract, he or she shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the Executive Director which shall include a description of the action which the Respondent has taken or intends to take to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. GRHC may, however, terminate the contract if it is in its best interest.
4. In the event the Respondent was aware of an organizational conflict of interest before the award of this contract and intentionally did not disclose the conflict to the Executive Director, GRHC may terminate the contract for default.

5. The provisions of this clause shall be included in all subcontracts and consulting agreements wherein the work to be performed is like the service provided by the Respondent. The Respondent shall include in such subcontracts and consulting agreements any necessary provisions to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest.
6. Any GRHC official or employee who exercises or has exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to any GRHC contract/ procurement activities, or who is in a position to participate in the decision-making process or gain inside information with regards to any GRHC contract/procurement activities, obtain a financial or economic interest or benefit from the contract/procurement, or have an interest in any contract or subcontract, or agreement with respect thereto or the proceeds there under, either for himself or herself or for those with whom he or she has family or business ties, during his or her tenure with the GRHC or for one year after such individual leaves GRHC.
7. GRHC reserves total discretion to determine the proper treatment of any conflict of interest disclosed under this provision.

D. Indemnity

The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless GRHC for any and all claims, lawsuits, causes of action and liability arising out of the execution, performance or nonperformance of this Agreement or in connection with the Contractor use of GRHC premises. The costs of any actions stated herein will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

E. Acceptance of RFP and Contract Terms

Respondent's submission of a proposal in response to the RFP shall constitute acceptance by the Respondent of the terms and conditions of this RFP. If the Respondent's proposal is accepted for contract award, the Respondent agrees to enter into a contract with GRHC at a later time and date.

The contract(s) may be for a five (5) year term but shall not exceed this time period. The Contractor must maintain compliance with all federal, state, local and laws and regulations.

F. Contract Award

Subject to the rights reserved in this RFP, GRHC will award the contract by written notice to the selected Respondent (the "Contractor"). The award of the contract is subject to the approval of the GRHC Board of Commissioners, and it shall be conditioned on the successful negotiation of revisions, if any, to the RFP, recommended as part of the evaluation of proposals.

A contract shall be awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP to the Respondent whose proposal is most advantageous to the GRHC considering price, qualifications, technical and other factors as specified in this RFP. GRHC reserves the right to negotiate and award any element of this RFP, to reject any or all proposals or to waive any minor irregularities or technicalities in RFP received as in the best interest of GRHC.

G. Insurance

If a Respondent(s) receives an award and unless otherwise waived in the Contract, the Contractor will be required to provide an original Certificate of Insurance confirming the following minimum requirements to GRHC within 10 days of contract signature. **Certificate of Insurance will be required for the duration of the contract term, including option years:**

Business Automobile Liability	Required Limits
GRHC and its affiliates must be named as an additional insured and as the certificate holder. Must include both owned and un-owned vehicles.	\$1,000,000 combined single limit, per occurrence
Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability	Required Limits
Workers' Compensation coverage is Statutory and has no pre-set limits. Employer's Liability limit is \$500,000. A waiver of Subrogation in favor of GRHC must be included in the Workers' Compensation policy. GRHC and its affiliates must be named as a Certificate Holder.	Statutory \$500,000
Commercial General Liability	Required Limits
This is required for any vendor who will be doing hands on work at GRHC properties. GRHC and its affiliates must be named as an Additional Insured and as the Certificate Holder.	\$ 1,000,000 per accident \$ 4,000,000 aggregate

H. No Warranty

Respondents are required to examine the RFP, scope of services, and instructions pertaining to the services requested. Failure to do so will be at the Respondent's own risk. It is assumed that the Respondent has made full investigation to be fully informed as to the extent and character of the services requested. No warranty or representation is made or implied as the information contained in this RFP.

I. Expense of RFP Submission

All expenses incurred in the preparation and submission of the RFP to GRHC in response to this RFP shall be borne by the Respondent.

RFP ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A

AREAS OF INTEREST FORM

(please check the areas you are requesting consideration for in your proposal response)

_____ Group A—General Legal Services

_____ Group B—General Litigation

_____ Group C—Real Estate

_____ Group D—Bond/Tax Credits

_____ Group E—Employment Law

Profile of Firm

Solicitation Name:

1. Prime Sub-contractor

2. Name of Firm:

3. Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

4. Street Address, City, State, Zip:

5. Please **attach a brief statement** describing the company, including the following information:

- a. Year Firm Established
- b. Year Firm Established (in which state)
- c. Former Name and Year Established (if applicable)
- d. Name of Parent Company and Date Acquired (if applicable)

6. Nature of Disclosing Party:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicly registered business corporation
<input type="checkbox"/> Privately held business corporation
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship
<input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> Trust | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> Joint Venture
<input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit Corporation
(Is the not-for-profit corporation also a 501 c(3)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
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7. Identify Principals/Partners in Firm (*attach an additional form if required*):

NAME	TITLE	% OF OWNERSHIP

8. Identify the individual(s) that will act as project managers and/or supervisory personnel that will work on project.

NAME	TITLE

9. Identify all groups of services your firm is proposing to provide.

10. Proposer Diversity Statement: You must check all of the following that apply to the ownership of this firm and enter where provided the correct percentage (%) of ownership of each:

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|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian American (Male)
_____% | <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Held Corporation
_____% | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Agency
_____% | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization
_____% |
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ATTACHMENT C

CERTIFICATION OF PROPOSER REGARDING DEBARMENT SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

(Proposer) { _____ } certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three year period preceding this bid been convicted of or had civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (Federal, State or Local) transaction or contract under a public transaction: violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, thief, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses emmerated in paragraph (2) of this certification: and
- d. Have not within a three year period preceding this bid had one or more public transaction (Federal, State or Local) terminated for cause or default.

If the Proposer is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, the Proposer shall attach an explanation to this certification.

(PROPOSER) { _____ } CERTIFIES OR AFFIRMS THE TRUTHFULNESS AND ACCURACY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED ON OR WITH THIS CERTIFICATION AND UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PROVISIONS OF 31 U.S.C. SECTIONS 3801 ET SEQ. ARE APPLICABLE THERETO.

Date: _____

PROPOSER: _____

By: _____
(Printed Name)

(Signature)

(Title)

ATTACHMENT D

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

I, _____,
(Name and Title of Authorized Official)

Hereby Certify on Behalf of { _____ } that:

- a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.
- b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
- c. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Date: _____

PROPOSER: _____

By: _____
(Printed Name)

(Signature)

(Title)

ATTACHMENT E

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether sub awardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment of any lobby entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Use the SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet for additional information in the space on the form is inadequate. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change reports. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobby activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be a prime or a sub award recipient. Identify the tier of the sub awardee, e.g., the first sub awardee of the prime is in the 1st tier. Sub awards include but are not limited to subcontracts, sub grants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Sub awardee" then enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFOA) number for grants, cooperation agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number, Invitation for Bid (IFB) number: grant announcement number: the contract, grant or loan award number, the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency. Include prefixes e.g. RFP-DE-90-00).
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the lobbying entity engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
(b) Enter the full names of the individual (s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. Enter the amount of compensation paid or reasonably expected to be paid by the reporting entity (item 4) to the lobbying entity (item 10). Indicate whether the payment has been made (actual or will be made 9planned). Check all boxes that apply. If this is a material change report, enter the cumulative amount of payment made or planned to be made.
12. Check the appropriate box (es). Check all boxes that apply. If payment is made through an in-kind contribution, specify the nature and value of the in-kind payment.
13. Check the appropriate box (es). Check all boxes that apply. If other, specify nature.
14. Provide a specific and detailed description of the services that the lobbyist has performed, or will be expected to perform, and the date (s) of any services rendered. Include all preparatory and related activity, not just time spent in actual contact with Federal Official (s) or employee (s) contacted of the officer (s) employee (s) or Member (s) of Congress that were contacted.
15. Check whether or not a SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet (s) is attached.
16. The certifying individual shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average thirty (30) minutes per response. Including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other respect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget. Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-004-5), Washington, D.C. 20503.

ATTACHMENT E

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

Public Reporting Burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, researching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Please do not return your completed form to the Office of Management and Budget sent it to the address provided by the sponsoring agency.

<p>1. Type of Federal Action:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. contract</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> b. grant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> d. loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance</p>	<p>2. Status of Federal Action:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award</p>	<p>3. Report Type:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> b. material change</p> <p>For Material Change Only</p> <p>year _____ quarter _____</p> <p>date of last report _____</p>
<p>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</p> <p>____ Prime ____ Sub awardee Tier _____, if known:</p> <p>Congressional District, if known:</p>	<p>5. If reporting entity in No. 4 if Sub awardee, enter name and address of Prime.</p> <p>Congressional District, if known:</p>	
<p>6. Federal Department/Agency:</p>	<p>6. Federal Program Name/Description:</p> <p>CFDA Number, if applicable:</p>	
<p>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</p>	<p>9. Award Amount, if known:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$</p>	
<p>10a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (If individual, last name, first name, MI):</p>	<p>b. Individuals performing services (Include address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI):</p>	
<p>I. Information requested through this form is authorized by Sec 319, Pub L. 101-121, 103 Stat. 750, as amended by Sec. 10: Pub. L. 104-65, Stat 700 (31 U.S.C. 1352). This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the above when this transaction was made entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.A.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semiannually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</p>		
<p>Federal Use Only</p>	<p>Signature _____ Print Name _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Telephone No.: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	
<p>Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form LLL (1/96)</p>		

ATTACHMENT F

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

(Proposer) { _____ } certifies that:

1. No employee, officer, or agent of the GRHC participated in the selection, or in the award or administration of the Contractor's Agreement with the GRHC, which would involve a conflict of interest, real or apparent. A conflict would arise when (i) a GRHC employee, officer or agent, (ii) any member of his or her immediate family, (iii) his or her parents, (iv) his or her business associates, or (v) an organization that employs, or is about to employ, any of the foregoing, receives a payment from the Proposer or any affiliate thereof, or has a financial or other interest in the Proposer or the Proposer's Agreement with the GRHC.

2. Proposer shall not enter into any contract, subcontract or agreement with any officer, agent or employee of the GRHC during his or her tenure not for one (1) year thereafter shall any officer, agent or employee of the GRHC have any interest, direct or indirect, in the Contract Agreement including the proceeds thereof.

Date: _____

PROPOSER: _____

By: _____

(Printed Name)

(Signature)

(Title)

ATTACHMENT G

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

(Proposer/Bidder) { _____ } certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:

The party making the foregoing Proposal or Bid, that such Proposal or Bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said Proposer or Bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any bidder or person, to put in a sham or bid or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusions, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the Proposal or Bid price or affiant or of any other Proposal or Bidder, or to secure any advantage against the GRHC or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and that all statement in said Proposal or Bid are true.

If the Proposer/Bidder is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, the Proposer shall attach an explanation to this certification.

(PROPOSER/BIDDER) { _____ } CERTIFIES OR AFFIRMS THE TRUTHFULNESS AND ACCURACY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED ON OR WITH THIS CERTIFICATION AND UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PROVISIONS OF 31 U.S.C. SECTIONS 3801 ET SEQ. ARE APPLICABLE THERETO.

County of _____

State of _____

Acknowledged under oath on (date) _____

Before me by _____
(Printed Name)

(Signature)

As (title) _____

of (firm) _____

Notary Public Signature: _____

Commission expires: _____

(Seal)

ATTACHMENT H

**SECTION 3 – ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
FOR RECIPIENTS OF HUD ASSISTANCE**

Please provide, in a separate document labeled ‘Statement of Section 3 Compliance’ how your firm proposes to comply with the Section 3 Clause utilizing one of the options listed below. The document must be signed by the agent authorizing the submittal of the response document.

SECTION 3 CLAUSE

- A. The work to be performed under this Contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
- B. The parties to this Contract agree to comply with HUD regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this Contract, the parties to this Contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.
- C. The Contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or worker’s representative of the Contractor’s commitments under this Section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicant for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the Services shall begin.
- D. The Contractor agrees to include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this Section 3 clause, upon a finding that the Subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The Subcontractor will not subcontract with any Subcontractor where the Contractor has notice or knowledge that the Subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.
- E. The Contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the Contractor is selected but before the Contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, where not filled to circumvent the Contractor’s obligations under 24 CFR part 135.
- F. Noncompliance with HUD regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this Contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted Contracts.
- G. With respect to Services performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self- Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the Services to be performed under this Contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of Contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this Contract that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 and Section 7(b) agree to comply with Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with Section 7(b).

Further information may be found on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s website at www.hud.gov and in the Code of Federal Regulations (24 CFR Part 135).

Signature _____ Date _____

ATTACHMENT I

SPECIAL MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION SUMMARY FORM

Instructions: This form is to be completed by the Proposer as statement of self-certification of MBE/WBE Participation under this Contract.

1. SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Is the Vendor a Small Business as defined by the size standards in 13 CFR 121?

Yes No N/A

2. MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Is the Vendor classified as a Minority Business Enterprise as defined in Art.2, Part C, of HUD-5369-C?

Yes No N/A

MINORITY TYPE:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Female African American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American | <input type="checkbox"/> Female Native American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Female Hispanic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Female Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Female White American |

If "No", are any Subcontractors classified as Minority Business Enterprises?

Yes No N/A

If "Yes", please fill in the following information:

(MBE) SUBCONTRACTOR'S FIRM	CONTRACT \$ VALUE	% OF FEE
_____	\$ _____	_____ %
_____	\$ _____	_____ %
_____	\$ _____	_____ %
TOTAL	\$ _____	_____ %

3. WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Is the Vendor classified as a Woman-Owned Business Enterprise as defined in Art.2, Part C, of HUD-5369-C?

Yes No N/A

If "No", are any Subcontractors classified as Women-Owned Business Enterprises?

Yes No N/A

If "Yes", please fill in the following information:

(WBE) SUBCONTRACTOR'S FIRM	CONTRACT \$ VALUE	% OF FEE
_____	\$ _____	_____ %
_____	\$ _____	_____ %
_____	\$ _____	_____ %
TOTAL	\$ _____	_____ %

ATTACHMENT J

MBE/WBE SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

Instructions: This form is to be completed by MBE/WBE Sub Contractors being proposed for participation under this Contract.

Specification Number: _____

Project Description: _____

From: _____
(Name of MBE/WBE Firm)

MBE: Yes No
WBE: Yes No
DBE: Yes No

Name of Prime Contractor – To: _____

The MBE/WBE status of the undersigned is confirmed by the attached letter of Certification dated _____.

The undersigned MBE/WBE firm is prepared to provide the following described goods and/or services or supply the following described goods and/or services in connection with the above named project:

The above described goods and/or services are offered for the following price and described terms of payment:

if more space is needed to fully describe the MBE/WBE firms proposed scope of work and/or payment schedule, attach additional sheets.

The undersigned MBE/WBE firm will enter into a formal written agreement for the above described goods and/or services with the Prime Contractor, conditioned upon Prime Contractor's execution of a contract with HACC, and will do so within 3 business days of receipt of a signed contract from HACC.

(Signature of Owner, President or Authorized Agent of MBE/WBE)

Name /Title (Print)

Phone

Fax/Email

Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian
Housing

ATTACHMENT K

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1. Preparation of Offers

(a) Offerors are expected to examine the statement of work, the proposed contract terms and conditions, and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the offeror's risk.

(b) Each offeror shall furnish the information required by the solicitation. The offeror shall sign the offer and print or type its name on the cover sheet and each continuation sheet on which it makes an entry. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the offer. Offers signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the HA.

(c) Offers for services other than those specified will not be considered.

2. Submission of Offers

(a) Offers and modifications thereof shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages (1) addressed to the office specified in the solicitation, and (2) showing the time specified for receipt, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror.

(b) Telegraphic offers will not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation; however, offers may be modified by written or telegraphic notice.

(c) Facsimile offers, modifications or withdrawals will not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation.

3. Amendments to Solicitations

(a) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

(b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendments to this solicitation by

- (1) signing and returning the amendment;
- (2) identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on the form for submitting an offer,
- (3) letter or telegram, or
- (4) facsimile, if facsimile offers are authorized in the solicitation.

The HA/HUD must receive the acknowledgment by the time specified for receipt of offers.

4. Explanation to Prospective Offerors

Any prospective offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, statement of work, etc., must request it in writing soon enough to allow a reply to reach all prospective offerors before the submission of their offers. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract will not be binding. Any information given to a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective offerors as an amendment of the solicitation, if that information is necessary in submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective offerors.

5. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

(a) The HA shall award a contract only to a responsible prospective contractor who is able to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract. To be determined responsible,

a prospective contractor must -

- (1) Have adequate financial resources to perform the contract, or the ability to obtain them;

- (2) Have a satisfactory performance record;
- (3) Have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- (4) Have a satisfactory record of compliance with public policy (e.g., Equal Employment Opportunity); and
- (5) Not have been suspended, debarred, or otherwise determined to be ineligible for award of contracts by the Department of Housing and Urban Development or any other agency of the U.S. Government. Current lists of ineligible contractors are available for inspection at the HA/HUD.

(b) Before an offer is considered for award, the offer or may be requested by the HA to submit a statement or other documentation regarding any of the foregoing requirements. Failure by the offeror to provide such additional information may render the offerer ineligible for award.

6. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Offers

(a) Any offer received at the place designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered unless it is received before award is made and it -

- (1) Was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before the date specified for receipt of offers (e.g., an offer submitted in response to a solicitation requiring receipt of offers by the 20th of the month must have been mailed by the 15th);
- (2) Was sent by mail, or if authorized by the solicitation, was sent by telegram or via facsimile, and it is determined by the HA/ HUD that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the HA/ HUD after receipt at the HA;
- (3) Was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day

Service - Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5:00 p.m. at the place of mailing two working days prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals. The term "Working days" excludes weekends and U.S. Federal holidays; or

(4) Is the only offer received.

(b) Any modification of an offer, except a modification resulting from the HA's request for "best and final" offer (if this solicitation is a request for proposals), is subject to the same conditions as in subparagraphs (a)(1), (2), and (3) of this provision.

(c) A modification resulting from the HA's request for "best and final" offer received after the time and date specified in the request will not be considered unless received before award and the late receipt is due solely to mishandling by the HA after receipt at the HA.

(d) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late offer, modification, or withdrawal sent either by registered or certified mail is the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service postmark both on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service. Both postmarks must show a legible date or the offer, modification, or withdrawal shall be processed as if mailed late. "Postmark" means a printed, stamped, or otherwise placed impression (exclusive of a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been supplied and affixed by employees of the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service on the date of mailing. Therefore, offerers should request the postal clerk to place a hand cancellation bull's-eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

(e) The only acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the HA is the time/date stamp of HA on the offer wrapper or other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the HA.

(f) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late offer, modification, or withdrawal sent by Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee is the date entered by the post office receiving clerk on the "Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee" label and the postmark on both the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. "Postmark" has the same meaning as defined in paragraph (c) of this provision, excluding postmarks of the Canadian Postal Service. Therefore, offerors should request the postal clerk to place a legible hand cancellation bull's eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

(g) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this provision, a late modification of an otherwise successful offer that makes its terms more favorable to the HA will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

(h) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, proposals may be withdrawn by written notice, or if authorized by this solicitation, by telegram (including mailgram) or facsimile machine transmission received at any time before award. Proposals may be withdrawn in person by a offeror or its authorized representative if the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the offer before award. If this solicitation is an Invitation for bids, bids may be withdrawn at any time prior to bid opening.

7. Contract Award

(a) The HA will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the HA, cost or price and other factors, specified elsewhere in this solicitation, considered.

(b) The HA may

- (1) reject any or all offers if such action is in the HA's interest,
- (2) accept other than the lowest offer,
- (3) waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received, and (4) award more than one contract for all or part of the requirements stated.

(c) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, the HA may award a contract on the basis of initial offers received, without discussions. Therefore, each initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms from a cost or price and technical standpoint.

(d) A written award or acceptance of offer mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. If this solicitation is a request for proposals, before the offer's specified expiration time, the HA may accept an offer, whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award. Negotiations conducted after receipt of an offer do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by the HA.

(e) Neither financial data submitted with an offer, nor representations concerning facilities or financing, will form a part of the resulting contract.

8. Service of Protest

Any protest against the award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation shall be served on the HA by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from the HA at the address shown on the cover of this solicitation. The determination of the HA with regard to such protest or to proceed to award notwithstanding such protest shall be final unless appealed by the protestor.

9. Offer Submission

Offers shall be submitted as follows and shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and addressed to the office specified in the solicitation. The proposal shall show **the hour and date specified in the solicitation for receipt, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror, on the face of the envelope.**

It is very important that the offer be properly identified on the face of the envelope as set forth above in order to insure that the date and time of receipt is stamped on the face of the offer envelope. Receiving procedures are: date and time stamp those envelopes identified as proposals and deliver them immediately to the appropriate contracting official, and only date stamp those envelopes which do not contain identification of the contents and deliver them to the appropriate procuring activity only through the routine mail delivery procedure.

[Describe bid or proposal preparation instructions here:]

Certifications and Representations of Offerors

Non-Construction Contract

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

This form includes clauses required by OMB's common rule on bidding/offering procedures, implemented by HUD in 24 CFR 85.36, and those requirements set forth in Executive Order 11625 for small, minority, women-owned businesses, and certifications for independent price determination, and conflict of interest. The form is required for nonconstruction contracts awarded by Housing Agencies (HAs). The form is used by bidders/offerors to certify to the HA's Contracting Officer for contract compliance. If the form were not used, HAs would be unable to enforce their contracts. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a benefit or to retain a benefit. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality.

1. Contingent Fee Representation and Agreement

(a) The bidder/offeror represents and certifies as part of its bid/offer that, except for full-time bona fide employees working solely for the bidder/offeror, the bidder/offeror:

- (1) has, has not employed or retained any person or company to solicit or obtain this contract; and
- (2) has, has not paid or agreed to pay to any person or company employed or retained to solicit or obtain this contract any commission, percentage, brokerage, or other fee contingent upon or resulting from the award of this contract.

(b) If the answer to either (a)(1) or (a) (2) above is affirmative, the bidder/offeror shall make an immediate and full written disclosure to the PHA Contracting Officer.

(c) Any misrepresentation by the bidder/offeror shall give the PHA the right to (1) terminate the resultant contract; (2) at its discretion, to deduct from contract payments the amount of any commission, percentage, brokerage, or other contingent fee; or (3) take other remedy pursuant to the contract.

2. Small, Minority, Women-Owned Business Concern Representation

The bidder/offeror represents and certifies as part of its bid/offer that it:

- (a) is, is not a small business concern. "Small business concern," as used in this provision, means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding, and qualified as a small business under the criteria and size standards in 13 CFR 121.
- (b) is, is not a women-owned small business concern. "Women-owned," as used in this provision, means a small business that is at least 51 percent owned by a woman or women who are U.S. citizens and who also control and operate the business.
- (c) is, is not a minority enterprise which, pursuant to Executive Order 11625, is defined as a business which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its voting stock is owned by one or more minority group members, and whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more such individuals.

For the purpose of this definition, minority group members are:

(Check the block applicable to you)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Americans | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific Americans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Americans | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian Americans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Americans | <input type="checkbox"/> Hasidic Jewish Americans |

3. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

(a) The bidder/offeror certifies that—

- (1) The prices in this bid/offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other bidder/offeror or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit a bid/offer, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;
- (2) The prices in this bid/offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the bidder/offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder/offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and
- (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder/offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a bid/offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each signature on the bid/offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory:

- (1) Is the person in the bidder/offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; or
- (2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above (insert full name of person(s) in the bidder/offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the bidder/offeror's organization);
(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.

- (c) If the bidder/offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph (a)2 above, the bidder/offeror must furnish with its bid/offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Certification

- (a) The Contractor warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, it does not have any organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work under a proposed contract and a prospective contractor's organizational, financial, contractual or other interest are such that:

(i) Award of the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage;

(ii) The Contractor's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired; or

(iii) That the Contractor has disclosed all relevant information and requested the HA to make a determination with respect to this Contract.

- (b) The Contractor agrees that if after award he or she discovers an organizational conflict of interest with respect to this

contract, he or she shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the HA which shall include a description of the action which the Contractor has taken or intends to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. The HA may, however, terminate the Contract for the convenience of HA if it would be in the best interest of HA.

- (c) In the event the Contractor was aware of an organizational conflict of interest before the award of this Contract and intentionally did not disclose the conflict to the HA, the HA may terminate the Contract for default.

- (d) The Contractor shall require a disclosure or representation from subcontractors and consultants who may be in a position to influence the advice or assistance rendered to the HA and shall include any necessary provisions to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest in consultant agreements or subcontracts involving performance or work under this Contract.

5. Authorized Negotiators (RFPs only)

The offeror represents that the following persons are authorized to negotiate on its behalf with the PHA in connection with this request for proposals: (list names, titles, and telephone numbers of the authorized negotiators):

6. Conflict of Interest

In the absence of any actual or apparent conflict, the offeror, by submission of a proposal, hereby warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief, no actual or apparent conflict of interest exists with regard to my possible performance of this procurement, as described in the clause in this solicitation titled "Organizational Conflict of Interest."

7. Offeror's Signature

The offeror hereby certifies that the information contained in these certifications and representations is accurate, complete, and current.

Signature & Date:

Typed or Printed Name:

Title:

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section I – (With or without Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development **ATTACHMENT K**

Office of Public and Indian Housing
Office of Labor Relations

OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (exp. 1/31/2017)

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Applicability. This form HUD-5370-C has 2 Sections. These Sections must be inserted into non-construction contracts as described below:

- 1) **Non-construction contracts** (*without* maintenance)
- 2) **greater than \$100,000 - use Section I; Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance as defined at 24 CFR 968.105) **greater than \$2,000 but not more than \$100,000 - use Section II;** and
- 3) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance), **greater than \$100,000 – use Sections I and II.**

Section I - Clauses for All Non-Construction Contracts greater than \$100,000

1. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this contract:

- (a) "Authority or Housing Authority (HA)" means the Housing Authority.
- (b) "Contract" means the contract entered into between the Authority and the Contractor. It includes the contract form, the Certifications and Representations, these contract clauses, and the scope of work. It includes all formal changes to any of those documents by addendum, Change Order, or other modification.
- (c) "Contractor" means the person or other entity entering into the contract with the Authority to perform all of the work required under the contract.
- (d) "Day" means calendar days, unless otherwise stated.
- (e) "HUD" means the Secretary of Housing and Urban development, his delegates, successors, and assigns, and the officers and employees of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development acting for and on behalf of the Secretary.

2. Changes

- (a) The HA may at any time, by written order, and without notice to the sureties, if any, make changes within the general scope of this contract in the services to be performed or supplies to be delivered.
- (b) If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the hourly rate, the not-to-exceed amount of the contract, or the time required for performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, or otherwise affects the conditions of this contract, the HA shall make an equitable adjustment in the not-to-exceed amount, the hourly rate, the delivery schedule, or other affected terms, and shall modify the contract accordingly.
- (c) The Contractor must assert its right to an equitable adjustment under this clause within 30 days from the date of receipt of the written order. However, if the HA decides that the facts justify it, the HA may receive and act upon a

- proposal submitted before final payment of the contract.
- (d) Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute under clause Disputes, herein. However, nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed.
 - (e) No services for which an additional cost or fee will be charged by the Contractor shall be furnished without the prior written consent of the HA.

3. Termination for Convenience and Default

- (a) The HA may terminate this contract in whole, or from time to time in part, for the HA's convenience or the failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations (default). The HA shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a written Notice of Termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of the notice, the Contractor shall: (i) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise); and (ii) deliver to the HA all information, reports, papers, and other materials accumulated or generated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process.
- (b) If the termination is for the convenience of the HA, the HA shall be liable only for payment for services rendered before the effective date of the termination.
- (c) If the termination is due to the failure of the Contractor to fulfill its obligations under the contract (default), the HA may (i) require the Contractor to deliver to it, in the manner and to the extent directed by the HA, any work as described in subparagraph (a)(ii) above, and compensation be determined in accordance with the Changes clause, paragraph 2, above; (ii) take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by contract or otherwise, and the Contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the HA; (iii) withhold any payments to the Contractor, for the purpose of off-set or partial payment, as the case may be, of amounts owed to the HA by the Contractor.
- (d) If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations (default), it is determined that the Contractor had not failed, the termination shall be deemed to have been effected for the convenience of the HA, and the Contractor shall be titled to payment as described in paragraph (b) above.
- (e) Any disputes with regard to this clause are expressly made subject to the terms of clause titled Disputes herein.

4. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

- (a) The HA, HUD, or Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives shall, until 3 years after final payment under this contract, have access to and the right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent books, documents, papers, or other records involving transactions related to this contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.

(b) The Contractor agrees to include in first-tier subcontracts under this contract a clause substantially the same as paragraph (a) above. "Subcontract," as used in this clause, excludes purchase orders not exceeding \$10,000.

(c) The periods of access and examination in paragraphs (a) and (b) above for records relating to:
(i) appeals under the clause titled Disputes;
(ii) litigation or settlement of claims arising from the

performance of this contract; or,
(iii) costs and expenses of this contract to which the HA, HUD, or Comptroller General or any of their duly authorized representatives has taken exception shall continue until disposition of such appeals, litigation, claims, or exceptions.

5. Rights in Data (Ownership and Proprietary Interest)

The HA shall have exclusive ownership of, all proprietary interest in, and the right to full and exclusive possession of all information, materials and documents discovered or produced by Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Contract, including but not limited to reports, memoranda or letters concerning the research and reporting tasks of this Contract.

6. Energy Efficiency

The contractor shall comply with all mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub.L. 94-163) for the State in which the work under this contract is performed.

7. Disputes

- (a) All disputes arising under or relating to this contract, except for disputes arising under clauses contained in Section III, Labor Standards Provisions, including any claims for damages for the alleged breach there of which are not disposed of by agreement, shall be resolved under this clause.
- (b) All claims by the Contractor shall be made in writing and submitted to the HA. A claim by the HA against the Contractor shall be subject to a written decision by the HA.
- (c) The HA shall, with reasonable promptness, but in no event in no more than 60 days, render a decision concerning any claim hereunder. Unless the Contractor, within 30 days after receipt of the HA's decision, shall notify the HA in writing that it takes exception to such decision, the decision shall be final and conclusive.
- (d) Provided the Contractor has (i) given the notice within the time stated in paragraph (c) above, and (ii) excepted its claim relating to such decision from the final release, and (iii) brought suit against the HA not later than one year after receipt of final payment, or if final payment has not been made, not later than one year after the Contractor has had a reasonable time to respond to a written request by the HA that it submit a final voucher and release, whichever is earlier, then the HA's decision shall not be final or conclusive, but the dispute shall be determined on the merits by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (e) The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal, or action arising under the contract, and comply with any decision of the HA.

8. Contract Termination; Debarment

A breach of these Contract clauses may be grounds for termination of the Contract and for debarment or denial of participation in HUD programs as a Contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 24 CFR Part 24.

9. Assignment of Contract

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this contract; except that claims for monies due or to become due from the HA under the contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution. If the Contractor is a partnership, this contract shall inure to the benefit of the surviving or remaining member(s) of such partnership approved by the HA.

10. Certificate and Release

Prior to final payment under this contract, or prior to settlement upon termination of this contract, and as a condition precedent thereto, the Contractor shall execute and deliver to the HA a certificate and release, in a form acceptable to the HA, of all claims against the HA by the Contractor under and by virtue of this contract, other than such claims, if any, as may be specifically excepted by the Contractor in stated amounts set forth therein.

11. Organizational Conflicts of Interest

- (a) The Contractor warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, it does not have any organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work under this contract and a contractor's organizational, financial, contractual or other interests are such that:
- (i) Award of the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage; or
- (ii) The Contractor's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired.
- (b) The Contractor agrees that if after award it discovers an organizational conflict of interest with respect to this contract or any task/delivery order under the contract, he or she shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer which shall include a description of the action which the Contractor has taken or intends to take to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. The HA may, however, terminate the contract or task/delivery order for the convenience of the HA if it would be in the best interest of the HA.
- (c) In the event the Contractor was aware of an organizational conflict of interest before the award of this contract and intentionally did not disclose the conflict to the Contracting Officer, the HA may terminate the contract for default.
- (d) The terms of this clause shall be included in all subcontracts and consulting agreements wherein the work to be performed is similar to the service provided by the prime Contractor. The Contractor shall include in such subcontracts and consulting agreements any necessary provisions to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest.

12. Inspection and Acceptance

- (a) The HA has the right to review, require correction, if necessary, and accept the work products produced by the Contractor. Such review(s) shall be carried out within 30 days so as to not impede the work of the Contractor. Any

product of work shall be deemed accepted as submitted if the HA does not issue written comments and/or required corrections within 30 days from the date of receipt of such product from the Contractor.

- (b) The Contractor shall make any required corrections promptly at no additional charge and return a revised copy

of the product to the HA within 7 days of notification or a later date if extended by the HA.

- (c) Failure by the Contractor to proceed with reasonable promptness to make necessary corrections shall be a default. If the Contractor's submission of corrected work remains unacceptable, the HA may terminate this contract (or the task order involved) or reduce the contract price or cost to reflect the reduced value of services received.

13. Interest of Members of Congress

No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States of America or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit to arise there from, but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

14. Interest of Members, Officers, or Employees and Former

Members, Officers, or Employees

No member, officer, or employee of the HA, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the project is situated, no member of the governing body in which the HA was activated, and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the

project, shall, during his or her tenure, or for one year thereafter, have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof.

15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

- (a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

"Agency", as defined in 5 U.S.C. 552(f), includes Federal executive departments and agencies as well as independent regulatory commissions and Government corporations, as defined in 31 U.S.C. 9101(1).

"Covered Federal Action" means any of the following Federal actions:

- (i) The awarding of any Federal contract;
- (ii) The making of any Federal grant;
- (iii) The making of any Federal loan;
- (iv) The entering into of any cooperative agreement; and,

- (v) The extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

Covered Federal action does not include receiving from an agency a commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan.

"Indian tribe" and "tribal organization" have the meaning provided in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450B). Alaskan Natives are included under the definitions of Indian tribes in that Act.

"Influencing or attempting to influence" means making, with the intent to influence, any communication to or appearance before an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of

"Local government" means a unit of government in a State and, if chartered, established, or otherwise recognized by a State for the performance of a governmental duty, including a local public authority, a special district, an intrastate district, a council of governments, a sponsor group representative organization, and any other instrumentality of a local

government.

"Officer or employee of an agency" includes the following individuals who are employed by an agency:

- (i) An individual who is appointed to a position in the Government under title 5, U.S.C., including a position under a temporary appointment;
- (ii) A member of the uniformed services as defined in section 202, title 18, U.S.C.;
- (iii) A special Government employee as defined in section 202, title 18, U.S.C.; and,
- (i) An individual who is a member of a Federal advisory committee, as defined by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, title 5, appendix 2.

"Person" means an individual, corporation, company, association, authority, firm, partnership, society, State, and local government, regardless of whether such entity is operated for profit or not for profit. This term excludes an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or other Indian organization with respect to

expenditures specifically permitted by other Federal law.

"Recipient" includes all contractors, subcontractors at any tier, and sub grantees at any tier of the recipient of funds received in connection with a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. The term excludes an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or any other Indian organization with respect to expenditures specifically permitted by other Federal law.

"Regularly employed means, with respect to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, an officer or employee who is employed by such person for at least 130 working days within one year immediately preceding the date of the submission that initiates agency consideration of such person for receipt of such contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. An officer or employee who is employed by such person for less than 130 working days within one year immediately preceding the date of submission that initiates agency consideration of such person shall be considered to be regularly employed as soon as he or she is employed by such

person for 130 working days.

"State" means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a territory or possession of the United States, an agency or instrumentality of a State, and a multi-State, regional, or interstate entity having governmental duties and powers.

- (b) Prohibition.

- (i) Section 1352 of title 31, U.S.C. provides in part that no appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any covered Federal action.

of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered Federal actions: the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(ii) The prohibition does not apply as follows:

(1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.

(a) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in paragraph (i) of this section, does not apply in the case of a payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, if the payment is for agency and legislative activities not directly related to a covered Federal action.

(b) For purposes of paragraph (b)(i)(1)(a) of this clause, providing any information specifically requested by an agency or Congress is permitted at any time.

(c) The following agency and legislative liaison activities are permitted at any time only where they are not related to a specific solicitation for any covered Federal action:

(1) Discussing with an agency (including individual demonstrations) the qualities and characteristics of the person's products or services, conditions or terms of sale, and service capabilities; and,

(2) Technical discussions and other activities regarding the application or adaptation of the person's products or services for an

agency's use.

(d) The following agency and legislative liaison activities are permitted where they are prior to

formal solicitation of any covered Federal action:

(1) Providing any information not specifically requested but necessary for an agency to make an informed decision about

initiation of a covered Federal action;

(2) Technical discussions regarding the preparation of an unsolicited proposal prior to its official submission; and

(3) Capability presentations by persons seeking awards from an agency pursuant to the provisions of the Small Business Act, as amended by Public Law 95-507 and other

subsequent amendments.

(e) Only those activities expressly authorized by subdivision (b)(ii)(1)(a) of this clause are

permitted under this clause.

(2) Professional and technical services.

(a) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in subparagraph (b)(i) of this clause,

does not apply in the case of-

(i) A payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action, if payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or

person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action if the payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action. Persons other than officers or employees of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action include consultants and trade associations.

(b) For purposes of subdivision (b)(ii)(2)(a) of clause, "professional and technical services" shall be limited to advice and analysis directly applying any professional or technical discipline.

(c) Requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving a covered Federal award include those required by law or regulation, or reasonably expected to be required by law or regulation, and any other requirements in the actual award

documents.

(d) Only those services expressly authorized by subdivisions (b)(ii)(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of this

section is permitted under this clause.

(iii) Selling activities by independent sales representatives.

(c) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in

subparagraph (b)(i) of this clause, does not apply to the following selling activities before an agency by independent sales representatives, provided such activities are prior to formal solicitation by an agency and are specifically limited to the merits of the matter:

(i) Discussing with an agency (including individual demonstration) the qualities and characteristics of the person's products or services, conditions or terms of

sale, and service capabilities; and

(ii) Technical discussions and other activities regarding the application or adaptation of the person's products

or services for an agency's use.

(d) Agreement. In accepting any contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or loan resulting from this solicitation, the person submitting the offer agrees not to make any

payment prohibited by this clause.

pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action.

(ii) Any reasonable payment to a person, other than an officer or employee of a

- (e) Penalties. Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under paragraph (b) of this clause shall be subject to civil penalties as provided for by 31 U.S.C. 1352. An imposition of a civil penalty does not prevent the Government from seeking any other remedy that may be applicable.
 - (f) Cost Allowability. Nothing in this clause is to be interpreted to make allowable or reasonable any costs which would be unallowable or unreasonable in accordance with Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), or OMB Circulars dealing with cost allowability for recipients of assistance agreements. Conversely, costs made specifically unallowable by the requirements in this clause will not be made allowable under any of the provisions of FAR Part 31 or the relevant OMB Circulars.
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16. Equal Employment Opportunity

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- (a) The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (b) The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to (1) employment; (2) upgrading; (3) demotion; (4) transfer; (5) recruitment or recruitment advertising; (6) layoff or termination; (7) rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and (8) selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- (c) The Contractor shall post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment the notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer that explain this clause.
- (d) The Contractor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (e) The Contractor shall send, to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, the notice to be provided by the Contracting Officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this clause, and post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (f) The Contractor shall comply with Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (g) The Contractor shall furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246, as amended and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto. The Contractor shall permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (h) In the event of a determination that the Contractor is not in compliance with this clause or any rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts, or federally assisted construction contracts under the procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246, as amended. In addition, sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked against the Contractor as provided in Executive Order 11246, as amended, the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (i) The Contractor shall include the terms and conditions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued under Executive Order 11246, as amended, so that these terms and conditions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontractor or purchase order as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Labor may direct as a

Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

17. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information

No information or material shall be disseminated or disclosed to the general public, the news media, or any person or organization without prior express written approval by the HA.

18. Contractor's Status

It is understood that the Contractor is an independent contractor and is not to be considered an employee of the HA, or assume any right, privilege or duties of an employee, and shall save harmless the HA and its employees from claims suits, actions and costs of every description resulting from the Contractor's activities on behalf of the HA in connection with this Agreement.

19. Other Contractors

HA may undertake or award other contracts for additional work at or near the site(s) of the work under this contract. The contractor shall fully cooperate with the other contractors and with HA and HUD employees and shall carefully adapt scheduling and performing the work under this contract to accommodate the additional work, heeding any direction that may be provided by the Contracting Officer. The contractor shall not commit or permit any act that will interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor or HA employee.

20. Liens

The Contractor is prohibited from placing a lien on HA's property. This prohibition shall apply to all subcontractors.

21. Training and Employment Opportunities for Residents in the Project Area (Section 3, HUD Act of 1968; 24 CFR 135)

- (a) The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
- (b) The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the

Part 135 regulations.

means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance; provided that if the

(c) The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of



apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

- (d) The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.
- (e) The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.
- (f) Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

22. Procurement of Recovered Materials

- (a) In accordance with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Contractor shall procure items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition. The Contractor shall procure items designated in the EPA guidelines that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable unless the Contractor determines that such items: (1) are not reasonably available in a reasonable period of time; (2) fail to meet reasonable performance standards, which shall be determined on the basis of the guidelines of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, if applicable to the item; or (3) are only available at an unreasonable price.
 - (b) Paragraph (a) of this clause shall apply to items purchased under this contract where: (1) the Contractor purchases in excess of \$10,000 of the item under this contract; or (2) during the preceding Federal fiscal year, the Contractor: (i) purchased any amount of the items for use under a contract that was funded with Federal appropriations and was with a Federal agency or a State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State; and (ii) purchased a total of in excess of \$10,000 of the item both under and outside that contract.
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