



The Aurora Housing Authority™

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FROM

QUALIFIED FIRMS

FOR

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES

July 5, 2017

William Powell
Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Aurora Housing Authority

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SECTION I

Notice of Request for Proposals

Aurora Housing Authority

DATE: JULY 5, 2017

PROJECT TITLE: PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES

DELIVERY DATE/TIME: JULY 21, 2017; 1:30PM, CST

The Aurora Housing Authority (AHA) is requesting proposals from qualified firms (RFP) or individuals for Program Management Services under emergency management authority. The public exigency or emergency for the procurement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive selection.

The firm or individual selected will assist the Authority with the day to day management and oversight of the Aurora Housing Authority at the direction of the Aurora Board of Commissioners.

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents are available for pick up at the Aurora Housing Authority administration building, located at 1449 Jericho Circle, Aurora, IL 60506.

“This opportunity is covered under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968.”.

Program Management Services will be evaluated according to criteria described within the RFP. This will ensure that appropriate standards of ability, experience, performance, and integrity will be met. Proposals will be comparatively judged on the basis of, but not limited to, cost, organization of personnel, completion of work similar in scope, and performance and quality of work previously completed.

Proposals, in accordance with the conditions stated in the RFP, must be received no later than 1:30pm, CST, July 21, 2017. Faxed or email proposals will not be accepted. Any proposals received after the deadline will be returned unopened.

By submitting a proposal, each respondent is affirming his/her commitment to comply with the Laws of the State of Illinois, governing Fair Employment Practices and with all rules and regulations of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, governing Equal Employment Opportunities, Section 3, and Non-discriminatory Practices. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and/or to waive any informality in the selection process.

Proposals should be prepared in accordance with the attached instructions and will be evaluated by the AHA evaluation team, as described within the RFP under evaluation factors for award.

July 5, 2017

Aurora Housing Authority

William Powell, Chairman

SECTION II

General Information

General Information:

The Aurora Housing Authority (AHA) was founded in the 1940's and charged with the mission of providing safe, sanitary, decent, and affordable housing for the people of the City of Aurora. With funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the AHA provides housing for nearly 2,000 households through the Low Income Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs. Through partnerships with local and regional non-profits, the AHA also promotes educational achievement and self-sufficiency.

The Aurora Housing Authority, through its business activities, provides nearly \$17.2 million annually to local contractors, landlords, and business owners and helps to support minority owned and operated businesses nationwide.

Low Income Public Housing Program

The AHA owns and operates 648 units of public housing in five (5) apartment complexes and fifty-nine (59) scattered sites throughout the City of Aurora. These properties are owned, managed, and maintained by the AHA. Properties are located in both East and West Aurora, and are located in school districts 129, 131, 204. Units range from studio apartments to five (5) bedroom single family homes, and come in a range of styles including ranch, bi-level, modern, and traditional.

Through funding provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the AHA is able to offer these units to families earning less than 80% of the area median income at rents that do not exceed 30% of their adjusted monthly income.

As a part of the AHA's newly approved strategic plan, the AHA is now operating three (3) unit tiers, as part of the Signature Series Tiered Housing Program. This program creates three (3) distinct levels of housing, each with increasingly appealing amenities and locations. As a family increases their income, they have the option to move to a higher tier which will, as a part of their increased rent, provide the family with access to a portfolio of new amenities. Examples include hardwood flooring, ceramic floor tile, single family style homes, and larger unit sizes with more desirable floor plans, new cabinetry, granite countertops, professional landscaping, and premier management services through the AHA's partnership with the Northern Lights Development Corporation.

To aid with our clients' efforts to become self-sufficient, the AHA offers the Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) program. The ROSS program partners with a coordinator, who will help clients to set and achieve educational, employment, or other goals that will help them find their way on the path to self-sufficiency.

Housing Choice Voucher Program

In addition to the public housing subsidized assistance program, the AHA administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program which was created in 1974. This program is a private sector rent subsidy program for low and moderate income persons and families. Participants are allowed to live in decent, safe, and sanitary housing units of their own choosing, located within the City of Aurora or other communities, in some cases. Qualified participants are issued Housing Choice Vouchers.

Before a participant may move into a unit, the units must pass a pre-move inspection (based on HUD Housing Quality Standards and local code requirements). All units must

be the proper size for the family (based on the number of bedrooms) and the landlord must agree to execute a separate lease with the participant and a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Contract between the landlord and the AHA.

The Housing Choice Voucher Program allows the AHA to provide subsidized housing assistance for 800 qualified low income participants above and beyond the public housing units.

SECTION III

Instructions for Program Management Services Provider

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROVIDER

A. PROPOSAL FORMS

1. If applicable, all Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the Housing Authority and shall be subject to all requirements of the Specifications.
2. One (1) original and seven (7) copies of each Proposal must be submitted to the Housing Authority for review.
3. Proposal documents shall be sealed in an envelope which shall be clearly labeled with the words, "Program Management Services Provider", and show the name of the firm, date and time of the scheduled opening (July 21, 2017 – 1:30pm).

B. INTERPRETATIONS

No oral interpretations will be made to any firm as to the meaning of the Specifications. Every request for an interpretation must be made in writing and any inquiry received by July 10, 2017 will be given consideration. Interpretations will be in the form of Addenda, which will be on file at the Housing Authority offices, no later than July 19, 2017. In addition, each Addendum will be faxed and mailed to each firm, but it shall be the firm's responsibility to make an inquiry as to the Addenda issued. All such Addenda shall become a part of the contract and all firms shall be bound by such Addenda, whether or not received by the firm.

C. NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

Each firm submitting a Proposal for any portion of the work contemplated by the attached documents shall execute an Affidavit in the form provided by the Housing Authority, to the effect that it (or any of its officials, employees or representatives) has not colluded with any other person, firm or corporation in regard to any Proposal submitted. Such Affidavit shall be attached to the Proposal.

D. TIME FOR RECEIVING PROPOSALS

1. Proposals received prior to the time of opening will be safely secured. The person whose duty it is to open them will decide when the specified time has arrived, and no Proposal received thereafter will be considered, except when a Proposal arrives by mail after the time fixed for opening, but before the award is made. Specifically, it must be shown to the satisfaction of the person authorized to make the award that the non-arrival on time was due solely to delay in the mail for which the firm was not responsible and that the proposal was mailed prior to the time considered. No responsibility will be assumed by the Housing Authority for the premature opening of a Proposal not properly addressed and identified. Unless specifically authorized, telegraphic proposals will not be considered, but modification by telegraph of a proposal already submitted will be considered, if received prior to the hour set for opening.
2. Prospective firms are cautioned that, while telegraphic modifications of proposals may be received, as provided above, such modifications, if not explicit and if in any sense subject to misinterpretation, shall make the Proposal so modified or amended subject to rejection.

E. OPENING OF PROPOSALS

At the time and place fixed for opening of Proposals, every Proposal received within the time fixed for receiving such documents will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any firm, their representatives and any other interested party may be present.

G. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REJECTION OF PROPOSALS

1. The Housing Authority recognizes its responsibility to maximize the use of every dollar it receives. However, the selection of the Firm to be awarded the contract will be made based on the evaluation factors. Evaluation factors have been developed to govern the review and selection of the most qualified firm to provide the highest quality service, most economically to the Authority.
2. The Housing Authority is prohibited from making any awards to any individuals or consultants who are on lists of contractors ineligible to receive awards from the United States, as furnished from time to time by HUD. (See Certification of Debarment form, HUD-2992, in Section VIII.)
3. The Housing Authority also reserves the right to reject Proposals from any firm which has previously failed to properly perform contracts of a similar nature, which is not in a position to perform the contract; or which has habitually and without just cause neglected the payment of bills or otherwise disregarded its financial and professional obligations.

H. EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

1. Subsequent to the award and within ten (10) days after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, the successful firm shall execute and deliver to the Housing Authority a contract with accompanying forms in a format acceptable to the Housing Authority.
2. The failure of the successful firm to execute such a contract and associated documents within ten (10) days after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, or within such extended period as the Housing Authority may grant based upon reasons determined adequate by the Housing Authority, shall constitute a default, and the Housing Authority may either award the contract to the next responsible firm or re-advertise for Proposals.

I. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Attention is called to the Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Provisions and Requirements of all contracts entered into by the Housing Authority. All Proposals will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, and marital or veteran status, the presence of a non-job related medical condition or disability or any other legally protected status.

SECTION IV

Non-Collusive Affidavit

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

State of _____)

County of _____) S.S.

_____, being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

(1) He/She is the _____ of _____, the Program Management Services Provider that has submitted the attached Proposal;

(2) He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Proposal and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Proposal;

(3) Such Proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham offer;

(4) Neither said Firm nor any of his/her officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other firm or person to submit a collusive or sham bid in connection with the contract for which the attached Proposal has been submitted or to refrain from making a Proposal in connection with such contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, or collusion or communication or conference with any other firm or person on prices in the attached Proposal or of any other firm or, to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the contract or contract of any other firm, or to secure through any collusion, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against the Aurora Housing Authority or any person interested in the proposed contract; and

(5) Any bids proposed pursuant to this Proposal will be fair and proper and will not be tainted by collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the firm or any of its agents, representative, owners, employees, or parties in interest,

including this affiant.

(Signed) _____ Title _____

State of _____)

County of _____) S.S.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

_____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public for _____

My commission expires _____, 20_____.

SECTION V

Proposal Form

**AURORA HOUSING AUTHORITY
PROPOSAL FORM**

Program Management Services Provider

Name of Firm: _____

**License/
Professional Registration Number:** _____

FEIN: _____

Address of Firm: _____

Phone Number: _____ **FAX:** _____

Acknowledgement of Request for Proposal Amendments:

Number(s): _____ **Date(s):** _____

Respondent agrees to provide services, as specified, for the fixed lump sum amount of:

_____ **Dollars (**_____ **)**

To be paid: _____.

Discount for Prompt Payment: _____% _____ **Days**

Authorized Signature/Title

Date of Proposal

SECTION VI

Basic Specifications for Program Management Services Provider

AURORA HOUSING AUTHORITY BASIC SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROVIDER

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Aurora Housing Authority (AHA) is requesting proposals from qualified firms (RFP) or individuals for Program Management Services under emergency management authority. The public exigency or emergency for the procurement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive selection.

The firm or individual selected will assist the Authority with the day to day management and oversight of the Aurora Housing Authority at the direction of the Aurora Board of Commissioners.

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents are available for pick up at the Aurora Housing Authority administration building, located at 1449 Jericho Circle, Aurora, IL 60506.

Aurora Housing Authority is seeking to encourage participation by respondents who are MBE/WBE or Section 3 business enterprises.

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Proposals, in accordance with the conditions stated in the RFP, must be received no later than 1:30pm, CST, July 17, 2017. Faxed or email proposals will not be accepted. Any proposals received after the deadline will be returned unopened.

By submitting a proposal, each respondent is affirming his/her commitment to comply with the Laws of the State of Illinois, governing Fair Employment Practices and with all rules and regulations of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, governing Equal Employment Opportunities, Section 3, and Non-discriminatory Practices. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and/or to waive any informality in the selection process.

Proposals should be prepared in accordance with the attached instructions and will be evaluated by the AHA evaluation team, as described within the RFP under evaluation factors for award.

i. Requirements

1. All Firms submitting Proposals must execute a non-collusive affidavit and attest by submittal of a signed Proposal Form to comply with all general and specific conditions of this Request for Proposals, in addition, a signed Certification of Non-Debarment Form must be included in Proposal.

ii. Terms

1. The AHA intends to enter into an agreement with one firm for the Program Management Services Provider, subject to the Evaluation Process and Board approval. The work to be covered by this contract is to consist primarily of, but not to be limited to the brief description listed under Statement of work for Program Management Services Provider.
2. The Housing Authority recognizes its responsibility to maximize the use of every dollar it receives. However, the selection of the Firm to be the awarded contract will be made based on the evaluation factors. Evaluation factors have been developed to govern the review and selection of the most qualified firm to provide the highest quality service, most economically to the Authority.
3. If an agreement cannot be met with the highest rated firm, the Authority will negotiate with the next highest rated firm.
4. Either party may cancel the contract at any time when a ninety (90) day written notice is given prior to the intended termination date.
5. Each offeror by submitting a Proposal to the RFP is affirming his/her commitment to comply with the Laws of the State of Illinois governing Fair Employment Practices and with all rules and regulations of HUD governing Equal Employment Opportunities and Non-discriminatory Practices.

B. BACKGROUND

The Program Management Services Provider will carry out administrative and consulting functions necessary to managing the people in an organization from the time they apply for the job to when they leave. This includes assisting management, operating programs, and carrying out activities prescribed by law, executive order, OMB Circulars, OPM regulation, and department and agency policy and regulations. The primary programs are positions classification, recruitment, internal placement, training and development, employee relations, benefits and services, collecting and processing data and record keeping. The Program Management Services Provider informs and helps employees regarding rights, benefits and procedures, while also advising and assisting managers, and supervisors to perform their responsibilities in managing their people. In addition, the service provider has regular or as-needed interface and communications with certain elements of outside agencies OPM, DOL, EEOC, and Housing Authority's Labor Relations. Within the serviced activity the office has similar degrees of connections with legal, medical, safety, security, and law enforcement organizations on matters regarding the Housing Authority's safety.

C. SCOPE OF WORK

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The selected respondent will be responsible for the day to day activities of the AHA and staff in carrying out of its mission under the direction of the AHA Board of Commissioners or its representative for an initial period of three (3) months from acceptance of contract by both parties.

Specific responsibilities include the following: The Program Management Services Provider is responsible to a seven (7)-member Board of Commissioners. Services Provider must have progressively responsible leadership experience and a proven record of success in public housing management. Services Provider with experience in public housing redevelopment projects, including a working knowledge of financial mechanisms used to fund these projects are preferred. Qualified Services Provider must demonstrate strategic leadership and relationship-building skills. The ideal services provider will be a strong leader with vision and integrity who can work with outside entities to develop consensus goals and direct resources and implement programs to achieve the goals. The candidate must have a positive management style, excellent communication skills, ability to develop positive relationships with public officials, Board of Commissioners, staff, residents, and the public. Must possess strong administrative, management, organization, and leadership skills. Job duties include: preparing budgets, reports, and grant applications, public relations, personnel management, and planning. Must be able to direct staff to operate the core programs in compliance with the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and the Section Eight Management and Assessment Program (SEMAP). Review and give direction regarding AHA's affiliate, Northern Lights. Assist AHA with recruitment and hire of Executive Director and/or pursue any other housing initiative that will bring permanent solution to the vacated Executive Director position. Must be bondable.

D. REQUIREMENTS

Program Management Services Provider Work Requirements: The Provider shall provide in their area of expertise all services, personnel, and if required, facilities, equipment and materials necessary to perform the work described by this Statement of Work, and specified in the individual task order. Services may be performed at the Service Provider's facility – if so required. Any facilities, equipment, and materials furnished by the Government will be in accordance with the Government property clauses in the contract. The Service Provider shall exercise due diligence in providing the services.

The Service Provider's partners and staff shall have the specialized expertise to perform specific tasks in the individual task order in accordance with any applicable Federal law, regulation, or agency specific requirement and any applicable professional standard. Ordering activities may state the specifics in the tasks order.

Prior to the start of work, the Program Management Services Provider, at minimum shall spend sufficient time inside the ordering agency to clear existing policy and processes, transfer records, and work with agency personnel to ensure the services provided meet

task order specifications. Depending upon the agency requirements, this may or may not be part of the specific task order implementing the services.

Program Management Services Provider Qualifications: The Service Provider's staff must collectively possess professional, proficiency, experience, knowledge, and skills to perform the required tasks. The Service Provider shall ensure that its staff maintains any generally required professional certification, accreditation, and proficiency relative to their area of expertise. The Service Provider shall retain documentation of such records. The Government will not pay expenses to meet this requirement.

SECTION VII

Evaluation Factors/Selection Criteria

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria shall be used to evaluate the Service Provider Proposal:

	Maximum No. of Points	RATING
Past performance and previous experience with Executive staff and Supervisory Personnel assigned to the areas of successful public housing program management services (List detailed project descriptions).	30	_____
Project Description and Owner/Manager References for at least three (3) projects your firm has completed of similar nature. Experience working with Housing Authorities and providing Program management services.	25	_____
Evidence of experience and ability to comply with Section 3 requirements.	5	_____
Demonstrates and understands the responsibility for ensuring that the agency complies with and scores high under both PHAS and SEMAP.	15	_____
Program Management Services Provider demonstrates strong communication, technical and analytical skills dealing with the operation of a PHA and the management of staff.	10	_____
Reasonable Cost.	15	_____
	Total	_____
Offeror has submitted all required forms and certifications. (Non-Collusive Affidavit, Proposal Form)	yes or no	_____
Certified statement of non-debarment form HUD-2992, attached under Section VIII-A, is included or can be provided.	yes or no	_____
Evidence the firm has the required general liability insurance and will name the HAJ as additional insured is included.	yes or no	_____

In the event an agreement cannot be reached with the highest ranking firm/individual, HAJ reserves the right to select an alternate firm. The Housing Authority further reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

Should two (2) or more firms receive substantially equal evaluations, the Housing Authority will provide small or minority firms with the opportunity to perform or otherwise participate.

SECTION VIII

HUD Documents

SECTION VIII (A)

Required Proposal / Proposal Documents

**Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension (HUD-2992),
Assurance of Compliance – Executive Order 11246,
Section 3 Clause (24CFR, Part 135.38) – Attachments to Contract**

SECTION VIII (B)

Non-Construction Bidding & Contract Documents

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SECTION VIII

HUD Documents

SECTION VIII (A)

Required Proposal / Proposal Documents

**Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension (HUD-2992),
Assurance of Compliance – Executive Order 11246,
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Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

Certification A: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions

1. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that its principals;

a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal debarment or agency;

b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal, been convicted of or had a 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, theft, 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 enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Instructions for Certification (A)

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.

4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

5. The terms **covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded**, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of these regulations.

6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines this eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (6) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.

Certification B: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Instructions for Certification (B)

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms **covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded**, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of these regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (5) of these instructions, if a participant in a lower covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies including suspension and/or debarment.

Applicant	Date
Signature of Authorized Certifying Official	Title

**GUIDE to the BASIC EEO Requirements Under Executive Order 11246
for SMALL BUSINESSES WITH FEDERAL CONTRACTS**

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DON'T DISCRIMINATE

POST EEO POSTER

INCLUDE THE EEO TAG LINE IN EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING

KEEP RECORDS

PERMIT OFCCP ACCESS TO BOOKS AND RECORDS DURING A
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION AND COMPLIANCE EVALUATION

FILE AN ANNUAL EEO-1 REPORT (If required, see page 7)

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Introduction

This guide is designed to give small businesses that have Federal contracts or subcontracts an introduction to the basic equal employment opportunity (EEO) requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and its implementing regulations, which prohibit employment discrimination by Federal contractors and subcontractors and federally-assisted construction contractors and subcontractors. Executive Order 11246 also requires Federal contractors and subcontractors and federally-assisted construction contractors and subcontractors to take affirmative action to ensure that all individuals have an equal opportunity for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The United States Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) administers and enforces Executive Order 11246 and its implementing regulations. OFCCP also enforces Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities, and the affirmative action provisions of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act, which prohibits discrimination against qualified protected veterans.

This guide is intended for contractors that have nonconstruction contracts, which are also referred to as "supply and service" contracts. This guide is also for subcontractors that furnish supplies or services that are necessary to perform a Federal contract. While the basic EEO requirements are the same for all contractors and subcontractors, both construction and nonconstruction, a different set of affirmative action requirements have been established for contractors that have construction contracts. If your business has a Federal construction contract or a contract for construction work that is paid for with Federal funds, the affirmative action requirements that apply only to Federal or federally assisted construction contractors and subcontractors are set forth in the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4, http://www.dol.gov/dol/allcfr/ESA/Title_41/Part_60-4/41CFR60-4.1.htm and explained in OFCCP's Technical Assistance Guide for Federal Construction Contractors <http://www.dol.gov/esa/ofccp/TAguides/ctaguide.htm>.

The basic EEO requirements of Executive Order 11246 are discussed in this guide. In addition to the basic EEO requirements, the regulations implementing Executive Order 11246 require supply and service contractors - generally, those with 50 or more employees and a contract of \$50,000 or more - to develop and maintain a written affirmative action program (AAP). A detailed description of the written AAP requirements is beyond the scope of this guide. However, the AAP requirements for supply and service contractors are contained in 41 CFR Part 60-2, and guidance about how to comply with the AAP requirements is provided in the Federal Contract Compliance Manual, which is available on the OFCCP website at <http://www2.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/ofccp/fccm/fccmanul.htm>. Also, a sample AAP is provided at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/ofccp/pdf/sampleaap.pdf>.

This guide describes practical steps that can be taken to comply with some of these requirements. This guide is divided into three parts. Part I explains the basic EEO requirements of Executive Order 11246 and its implementing regulations. Part II provides examples of effective employer practices that foster equal employment opportunity and can

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help small businesses comply with some of their AAP requirements. Part III contains a directory of OFCCP offices.

Contractors have considerable flexibility in devising practices and programs that promote equal employment opportunity. The employer practices found in the guide are illustrative and should not be construed as requirements. Moreover, this guide does not create new or change current legal requirements.

I. Basic EEO Requirements Under Executive Order 11246

What is OFCCP?

OFCCP is an agency within the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment Standards Administration. OFCCP has a national network of six Regional Offices, each with District and Area Offices in major metropolitan cities.

OFCCP conducts compliance evaluations to determine whether a contractor is complying with its obligation to maintain nondiscriminatory employment practices. OFCCP also investigates complaints filed against a Federal contractor that suggest discrimination against a group of individuals or discrimination that is systemic in nature. If the complaint alleges that a Federal contractor discriminated against an individual, OFCCP will refer the complaint to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) for processing.

OFCCP encourages voluntary compliance and provides compliance assistance regarding the requirements of the EEO laws that apply to Federal contractors and subcontractors. You may find out more about OFCCP by accessing our website at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/ofccp/index.htm>.

How do I know if I am a Federal contractor or subcontractor subject to Executive Order 11246?

Basically, all Federal contracts and subcontracts are covered under Executive Order 11246 unless specifically exempted. Contracts and subcontracts of less than \$10,000 generally are exempt from coverage under Executive Order 11246, though some contracts under that amount are covered, e.g. bills of lading. The regulations implementing the Executive Order exempt certain contracts and categories of contracts. The regulations contain exemptions for contracts involving work performed outside the United States; certain contracts with State or local governments; contracts with religious corporations, associations, and educational institutions; and contracts involving work on or near an Indian reservation. For a description of the exemptions, see the regulations at 41 CFR 60-1.5 http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_02/41cfrv1_02.html#60-1.

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Additional assistance for determining whether a business is a Federal contractor may be found on DOL's e-laws website at http://www.dol.gov/elaws/aud_fedcon.asp.

What is a Federal contract or subcontract?

A "Federal contract" is any agreement between a department or agency of the Federal Government and any person for the purchase, sale, or use of goods or services.

A "Federal subcontract" is an agreement or arrangement with a Federal contractor either (1) for the furnishing of supplies or services or for the use of real or personal property, which is necessary to the performance of any one or more Federal contracts; or (2) under which any portion of the Federal contractor's obligation under any contracts is performed, undertaken, or assumed. Thus, some but not all contracts with a Federal contractor will trigger coverage under the laws administered by OFCCP.

What are the basic EEO requirements of a Federal Contractor?

The basic EEO requirements of a Federal contractor are:

- Don't Discriminate
- Post EEO Posters
- Include the EEO Tag Line in Employment Advertising
- Keep Records
- Permit OFCCP Access to Books and Records During a Complaint Investigation or Compliance Evaluation
- File an Annual EEO-1 Report

Don't Discriminate

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VII), is a Federal law that protects individuals against employment discrimination. Executive Order 11246 is similar to Title VII. Executive Order 11246 prohibits Federal contractors and subcontractors from engaging in workplace employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

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What is Employment Discrimination?

Employment discrimination takes different forms. Employment discrimination is illegal and generally results when a person is treated differently (usually less favorably) because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. In addition, employment discrimination can result when a neutral policy or practice has an adverse impact on the members of any race, sex, or ethnic group and the policy or practice is not job related or required by business necessity.

Here is an example of prohibited employment discrimination:

Alpha Production Company needs to hire entry-level laborers. The job requires heavy lifting and physical exertion, but does not require any technical skill. Alpha Production believes that all of its employees should have a high school diploma. So the company does not consider applicants who did not finish high school for the laborer job.

The high school diploma requirement disqualifies a greater number of Hispanic candidates for the laborer job at Alpha Production than Non-Hispanic White candidates. According to the most recent Census data, in the counties from which Alpha Production draws its applicants for laborer jobs, 94.2% of the white population 18 years and older has completed high school, but only 46.9% of the Hispanic population 18 years and older has completed high school. Alpha Production could not provide a business justification for using the high school diploma requirement. Thus, Alpha Production has engaged in prohibited discrimination.

Be Very Careful With Employment Tests:

Professionally developed tests can be used to make employment decisions, so long as the tests are fair and nondiscriminatory. You should be aware of the legal requirements that apply when tests and other assessment instruments are used to select employees. We recommend reviewing the guide developed by O*Net and titled *Testing and Assessment: An Employer's Guide to Good Practices*, which is available on the DOL website at <http://www.onetcenter.org/guides.html>. In addition, you might consult legal counsel or a Human Resource advisor before instituting any employment tests.

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Post EEO Poster

Federal contractors are required to post OFCCP's Equal Employment Opportunity Poster in a conspicuous place. A good place to post it is in a locker or lunchroom or an area where employees can take breaks. You can obtain the Equal Employment Opportunity Poster by contacting the nearest OFCCP office. A Directory of OFCCP offices is found in Part III of this guide. You can see a sample poster on the OFCCP website at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/posters/pdf/eeopost.pdf>.

Include EEO Tag Line in Employment Advertising

Federal contractors are required to state in all solicitations or advertisements for employment that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Keep Records

Federal contractors are required to maintain any personnel or employment records made or kept by the contractor.

Examples of records that must be maintained:

- Job descriptions
- Job postings and advertisements
- Records of job offers
- Applications and resumes
- Interview notes
- Tests and test results
- Written employment policies and procedures
- Personnel files

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Time Periods for Keeping Employment Records:

- ✓ Two years from the date of the making of the personnel record or the personnel action, whichever occurs later.
- ✓ But contractors with fewer than 150 employees *or* a contract of less than \$150,000 have to keep records for only one year.

Permit OFCCP Access to Books and Records During a Complaint Investigation or Compliance Evaluation

When a complaint is filed against a Federal contractor, or when a Federal contractor is selected to undergo a compliance evaluation, the contractor is obligated to allow OFCCP access to its premises for the purpose of conducting an on-site investigation. The contractor must permit OFCCP to inspect and copy the books and records that may be relevant to the matter under investigation and pertinent to compliance with the requirements of Executive Order 11246.

File An Annual EEO-1 Report

The Standard Form 100, Employer Identification Report (EEO-1 Report) requires that employers report on the number of employees by race, ethnicity and gender for each of nine job categories. The EEO-1 Report must be filed annually, not later than September 30, by:

- All Private employers that are subject to Title VII and have 100 or more employees.
- All Federal contractors with 50 or more employees that have either (1) a contract, subcontract, or purchase order of \$50,000 or more; or (2) serve as a depository of Government funds in any amount; or (3) is a financial institution that serves as issuing and paying agent of U.S. Savings Bonds and Savings Notes.

The Joint Reporting Committee (JRC), which is comprised of representatives from the Department of Labor and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, handles the processing of EEO-1 Reports. EEO-1 Reports may be filed electronically through a secure web-based internet or may be filed in paper format. More information on the EEO-1 Report can be obtained from any of the following contacts:

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Website:

www.eeoc.gov/eo1survey

Email:

el.techassistance@eeoc.gov

Mail:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EEO-1 Joint Reporting Committee
P.O. Box 19100
Washington, DC 20036-9100

Telephone:

1-866-286-6440 (toll free)

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**II. SUGGESTED EMPLOYER PRACTICES THAT CAN HELP
SMALL BUSINESSES COMPLY WITH SOME OF THE
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

There are a number of actions a contractor might take to ensure that its employment practices are not limiting the employment opportunities of the members of any gender, race, or ethnic group. Following are examples of employer practices that foster equal employment opportunity and can help small businesses comply with some of their affirmative action program requirements.

Recruit To Attract Qualified Candidates

Whether you are required to recruit broadly to address an identified problem in your workforce, or you just want to ensure that recruiting efforts reach all qualified applicants, the following practices are effective in promoting equal employment opportunity:

1. Identify several "recruitment sources" for women and minorities. Recruitment sources include schools, colleges, government agencies, such as the local employment service office, and community-based organizations that help minorities or women obtain job skills and employment. OFCCP makes this part easy – we provide a list in each geographic region of many recruitment sources. Just contact the OFCCP office nearest to your location and we'll send you a list. You don't have to use a recruitment source from the OFCCP list; it is just a list we have assembled to make it easy for you to identify possible recruitment sources. You may have, or find out about, some other recruitment source in your community that is not on the list – feel free to use them.
2. Send the recruitment sources a letter telling them about job openings and invite them to refer qualified applicants for the job. We have provided sample letters that you can use, or modify, as you like, at Appendix I and II. You should send the letters out in advance of the time you want to fill the job so that the recruitment source has enough time to refer applicants. Thirty days is ideal, but try to give as much advance notice as possible. Also, include in the letter a description of the job duties and a listing of any

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required job qualifications. Keep a file with a copy of all the letters you send out to recruitment sources – this will help you with the next step.

We find that it is often helpful to invite representatives of the recruitment sources to tour your facility and learn first-hand about what you do – this helps them explain to people what kind of employment opportunities you have. Furthermore, you can call the recruitment source and discuss the types of jobs that you have and the types of skills that applicants need.

3. Monitor whether the recruitment source was able to refer any qualified applicants for the jobs. If over several job openings, a recruitment source has not referred any qualified applicants, try a new recruitment source from the OFCCP list, or one that you have identified in another way.

Audit Your Employment Practices To Prevent Discrimination

Employers that periodically perform self-audits of their employment practices are much better able to avoid employment barriers and ensure that they are providing equal opportunity for applicants and employees. There are three kinds of self-audits that you can do:

- ✓ Self-audit before or shortly after you make an employment decision, such as a hiring or promotion decision.
- ✓ Self-audit where female and minority workers are or are not within your organization.
- ✓ Self-audit the way your personnel decisions, like hiring, have affected women and minorities over a longer period of time, e.g., a quarter or year.

Here is how to perform each kind of self-audit:

- ✓ **Self-audit before or shortly after you make an employment decision, like a hiring or promotion decision.**

This self-audit focuses on employment qualifications or standards used in making various employment decisions and how women and minorities fared in those decisions. This generally involves a comparison of applicants or employees who are competing for a particular job or promotion or to retain a particular job. This self-audit should be conducted as soon after an employment decision is made as possible. You can even do a self-audit of a proposed employment decision, to ensure that there is no discrimination, before the final decision is made. Here are some examples of what information about the employment decision you should consider:

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- Were there women and minority **applicants**? What were their qualifications? How did their qualifications compare to the qualifications of the people who were hired? Why did the decision-makers select those hired and not the women and minority applicants who seemed to have comparable qualifications? Were all the qualifications necessary for successful performance of the job?

This part of the audit should help you determine whether job qualification standards were uniformly applied to all job applicants or whether exceptions were made or whether the company deviated from its own written hiring procedures or established hiring practices.

- Were there women and minorities who were eligible for a **promotion**? What were the promotion decisions based on, e.g., performance in another job? How did the women and minorities who were eligible for promotion compare to other candidates? If their qualifications seemed as good as the qualifications of the persons who were promoted, ask the decision-makers why they promoted who they did. Were any of the factors used in making the promotion decision not really necessary for successful job performance?

This part of the audit should determine whether standards are applied equally to all employees and whether qualified minority and female employees were passed over during the promotion process in favor of male or nonminority employees with lesser qualifications.

- Were women and minorities **terminated**? What were the factors relied on in making the termination decisions? If the women and minorities were terminated for offenses similar to those committed by nonminorities or men who were not terminated, ask why. Review the factors used in making the termination decision to determine whether any of them were not really necessary for successful performance in the jobs from which the employees were terminated.

This part of the audit should determine whether standards are being applied equally to all employees and whether minority and female employees are terminated in circumstances in which nonminorities or male employees would not have been terminated.

- Keep records of what you did in the self-audit and document what results were found. If there are any decisions that seem suspicious and cannot be justified by legitimate factors, you should take action to correct the problem(s).
- Some additional steps to foster equal employment opportunity are:
 - Periodically provide training to supervisors on how to avoid unlawful employment discrimination when making employment decisions.
 - Establish EEO performance as a performance standard for managers and supervisors.

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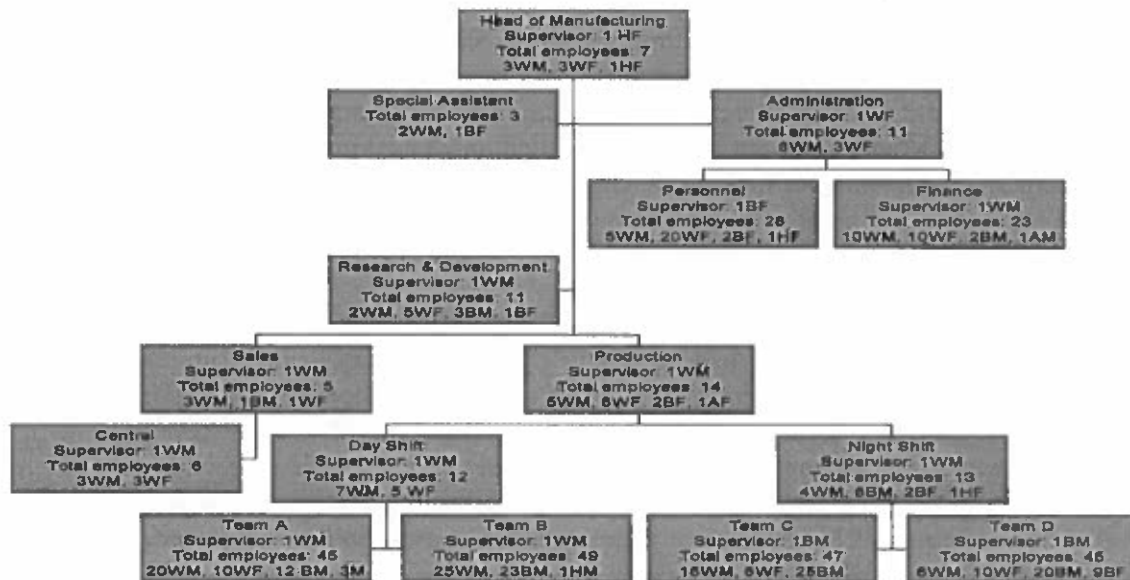
- ✓ **Self-audit where female and minority workers are or are not within your organization.**

Review where the female and minority employees work within your organizational structure. A helpful way to do this is to identify the gender, race, and ethnicity of each employee for each job within each department on an organizational chart. Look for concentrations of female or minority employees, especially in lower-paying jobs. Similarly, look for areas where female and minority employees seem to be absent or poorly represented, especially in higher-paying jobs. Also, look at the ways employees are promoted from lower ranking jobs to the higher-ranking jobs.

This self-audit may suggest potential problems that require further investigation. One common problem that might be uncovered by this self-audit is the practice of steering women to different jobs based on stereotypical beliefs about physical or intellectual qualifications, or temperament as well. For example, a manufacturing company has a number of openings for two entry-level jobs. One of the entry-level jobs involves heavy lifting and pays more than the other job. The manufacturer engages in sex-based discrimination when it hires only male applicants for the job that involves heavy lifting, and hires only female applicants for the other entry level job.

In general, jobs requiring the same qualifications and duties while having dissimilar rates of pay, promotional opportunity, access to training, better benefits / perks, etc., should be audited.

An Organizational Display allows you to see how your company's workforce is structured and where in that structure women and minorities are represented or absent. Here is what an Organizational Display looks like:



Note that it shows each department, and the race/sex of the supervisor(s) and employees within each department, and how all of the departments relate to each other.

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- ✓ **Self-audit the way your personnel decisions, like hiring, have affected women and minorities over a longer period of time, like a quarter or year.**

This self-audit uses statistics and works well when you are reviewing a number of employment decisions made over a period of time. OFCCP will be offering on its web site in the near future a Self-Audit Tool, in Excel format, that you can download to help you perform this type of audit. The Self-audit Tool provides directions on how to use it. In order for the Self-audit Tool to be of benefit to your company, you need to gather and keep the following information:

1. Group similar jobs into “job groups” (based on similarity in content, pay rates and opportunities). To keep track of these job groups, give each one a unique name, such as job group “1A.” Identify the gender, race or ethnicity of each employee currently in each of the job groups and make some record of this.

What is meant by similar content: this refers to duties and responsibilities of the job titles that make up the group. Jobs requiring significantly different skills or qualifications (such as a college degree or a certain number of years of job-related experience) should not be grouped together.

What is meant by similar pay rates: this refers to wage rate or salaries of the job titles that make up the job group. Large apparent differences in pay suggest an inappropriate job grouping.

What is meant by opportunities: this refers to the ability to take advantage of promotion and training opportunities, transfers, and other employment benefits. The employees in each of the grouped jobs should be eligible to be promoted to similar positions.

An illustration of how job titles may be grouped is provided in the sample AAP that is available at: <http://www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/ofccp/pdf/sampleaap.pdf>. You should note the examples shown on pages six and seven.

2. Keep track of the race, sex and ethnicity of all applicants for each job in the job group and keep track of the race, sex and ethnicity of all new hires and employees who were eligible for promotion into jobs within the job group. Maintain similar records of all employees whose employment is terminated.

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III. GETTING HELP FROM OFCCP

If you need help, contact us directly via letter, telephone (1-800-397-6251), or through our web site.

- The OFCCP web site offers a wide range of information relative to the laws and program areas that affect Federal contractors. You may access the web site at www.dol.gov/esa/ofccp/index.htm.
- If you prefer, you may contact one of our Regional offices on the OFCCP web site at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/contacts/ofccp/ofcpkeyp.htm> or you may contact one of our District/Area offices that services your local area, by selecting your State, at the web site <http://www.dol.gov/esa/contacts/ofccp/ofnation2.htm> for compliance assistance.

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APPENDIX I - Sample Letter to Recruitment Source

(Date)

Dear (Agency Representative),

As a government contractor, (Name of Contractor), must comply with the provisions of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and other existing laws related to Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). Part of our commitment to EEO is to take affirmative action to ensure that job seekers are recruited; job applicants are considered for employment opportunities; and employees are treated without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or status as a qualified individual with a disability or Vietnam era or other protected veteran.

You can support and share in our commitment when you assist us with our employment needs. As we contact you for assistance in filling specific open positions, we wish your help in identifying qualified applicants for consideration. Whenever possible, please refer qualified minorities, women, persons with disabilities, Vietnam era veterans, and other protected veterans.

Although, we specifically have requested that (Name of Source) refer minority group members and women, (Name of Contractor) welcomes referrals of all qualified applicants regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or status as a qualified individual with a disability or protected veteran.

Your assistance in referring all qualified candidates will help us to achieve our commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Human Resources Manager
EEO Officer

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APPENDIX II - Sample Letter to Community Based Organization

(Date)

(Mexican American Community Services Agency)
(Street Address)
(City, State Zip)

Dear (Mr. or Ms. Name of Contact Person):

(Name of Contractor) is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer that does not discriminate in employment and ensures equal employment opportunity for all persons regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or status as a qualified individual with a disability or Vietnam era or other protected veteran. (Name of Contractor)'s policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment. To achieve our goal of equal opportunity, we maintain an affirmative action program through which we take good faith efforts to recruit, hire and advance in employment qualified minorities, women, persons with disabilities, Vietnam era veterans, and other protected veterans. We would appreciate the Mexican American Community Services Agency's assistance in (Name of Contractor) efforts to achieve its affirmative action and equal opportunity goals.

Therefore, we request that the Mexican American Community Services Agency refer qualified minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and protected veterans for available positions at (Name of Contractor). We have enclosed a list of our current employment openings to enable the Mexican American Community Services Agency to better identify qualified applicants.

Although, we specifically have requested the Mexican American Community Services Agency to refer minority group members and women, (Name of Contractor) welcomes referrals of all qualified applicants regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or status as a qualified individual with a disability or protected veteran.

Sincerely,

EEO Coordinator

cc: Enclosure

SECTION 3 CLAUSE

All Section 3 covered contracts shall include the following clause (referred to as the "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'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.

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 by 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.

G. With respect to work 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 work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) 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).

SECTION VIII (B)

Non-Construction Bidding & Contract Documents

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

**Instructions to Bidders for Contracts
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Public and Indian Housing Programs

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1. Bid Preparation and Submission

(a) Bidders are expected to examine the specifications, drawings, all instructions, and, if applicable, the construction site (see also the contract clause entitled **Site Investigation and Conditions Affecting the Work** of the *General Conditions of the Contract for Construction*). Failure to do so will be at the bidders' risk.

(b) All bids must be submitted on the forms provided by the Public Housing Agency/Indian Housing Authority (PHA/IHA). Bidders shall furnish all the information required by the solicitation. Bids must be signed and the bidder's name typed or printed on the bid sheet and each continuation sheet which requires the entry of information by the bidder. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the bid. Bids signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority. (Bidders should retain a copy of their bid for their records.)

(c) Bidders must submit as part of their bid a completed form HUD-5369-A, "Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders."

(d) All bid documents shall be sealed in an envelope which shall be clearly marked with the words "Bid Documents," the Invitation for Bids (IFB) number, any project or other identifying number, the bidder's name, and the date and time for receipt of bids.

(e) If this solicitation requires bidding on all items, failure to do so will disqualify the bid. If bidding on all items is not required, bidders should insert the words "No Bid" in the space provided for any item on which no price is submitted.

(f) Unless expressly authorized elsewhere in this solicitation, alternate bids will not be considered.

(g) Unless expressly authorized elsewhere in this solicitation, bids submitted by telegraph or facsimile (fax) machines will not be considered.

(h) If the proposed contract is for a Mutual Help project (as described in 24 CFR Part 905, Subpart E) that involves Mutual Help contributions of work, material, or equipment, supplemental information regarding the bid advertisement is provided as an attachment to this solicitation.

2. Explanations and Interpretations to Prospective Bidders

(a) Any prospective bidder desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, specifications, drawings, etc., must request it at least 7 days before the scheduled time for bid opening. Requests may be oral or written. Oral requests must be confirmed in writing. The only oral clarifications that will be provided will be those clearly related to solicitation procedures, i.e., not substantive technical information. No other oral explanation or interpretation will be provided. Any information given a prospective bidder concerning this solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective bidders as a written amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary in submitting bids, or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective bidders.

(b) Any information obtained by, or provided to, a bidder other than by formal amendment to the solicitation shall not constitute a change to the solicitation.

3. Amendments to Invitations for Bids

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

(b) Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date on the bid form, or (3) by letter, telegram, or facsimile, if those methods are authorized in the solicitation. The PHA/IHA must receive acknowledgement by the time and at the place specified for receipt of bids. Bids which fail to acknowledge the bidder's receipt of any amendment will result in the rejection of the bid if the amendment(s) contained information which substantively changed the PHA's/IHA's requirements.

(c) Amendments will be on file in the offices of the PHA/IHA and the Architect at least 7 days before bid opening.

4. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

(a) The PHA/IHA will award contracts only to responsible prospective contractors who have the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract. In determining the responsibility of a bidder, the PHA/IHA will consider such matters as the bidder's:

- (1) Integrity;
- (2) Compliance with public policy;
- (3) Record of past performance; and
- (4) Financial and technical resources (including construction and technical equipment).

(b) Before a bid is considered for award, the bidder may be requested by the PHA/IHA to submit a statement or other documentation regarding any of the items in paragraph (a) above. Failure by the bidder to provide such additional information shall render the bidder nonresponsible and ineligible for award.

5. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Bids

(a) Any bid 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 PHA/IHA that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the PHA/IHA after receipt at the PHA/IHA; or

(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 observed holidays.

(b) Any modification or withdrawal of a bid is subject to the same conditions as in paragraph (a) of this provision.

(c) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late bid, 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 and the bid, 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, bidders should request the postal clerk to place a hand cancellation bull's-eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

(d) The only acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the PHA/IHA is the time/date stamp of PHA/IHA on the proposal wrapper or other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the PHA/IHA.

(e) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late bid, 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, bidders should request the postal clerk to place a legible hand cancellation bull's eye postmark on both the receipt and Failure by a bidder to acknowledge receipt of the envelope or wrapper.

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

(g) Bids 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 the exact time set for opening of bids; provided that written confirmation of telegraphic or facsimile withdrawals over the signature of the bidder is mailed and postmarked prior to the specified bid opening time. A bid may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for opening of bids, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the bid.

6. Bid Opening

All bids received by the date and time of receipt specified in the solicitation will be publicly opened and read. The time and place of opening will be as specified in the solicitation. Bidders and other interested persons may be present.

7. Service of Protest

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

"Interested party" means an actual or prospective bidder whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award of the contract.

"Protest" means a written objection by an interested party to this solicitation or to a proposed or actual award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation.

(b) Protests shall be served on the Contracting Officer by obtaining written and dated acknowledgement from —

[Contracting Officer designate the official or location where a protest may be served on the Contracting Officer]

(c) All protests shall be resolved in accordance with the PHA's/IHA's protest policy and procedures, copies of which are maintained at the PHA/IHA.

8. Contract Award

(a) The PHA/IHA will evaluate bids in response to this solicitation without discussions and will award a contract to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming to the solicitation, will be most advantageous to the PHA/IHA considering only price and any price-related factors specified in the solicitation.

(b) If the apparent low bid received in response to this solicitation exceeds the PHA's/IHA's available funding for the proposed contract work, the PHA/IHA may either accept separately priced items (see 8(e) below) or use the following procedure to determine contract award. The PHA/IHA shall apply in turn to each bid (proceeding in order from the apparent low bid to the high bid) each of the separately priced bid deductible items, if any, in their priority order set forth in this solicitation. If upon the application of the first deductible item to all initial bids, a new low bid is within the PHA's/IHA's available funding, then award shall be made to that bidder. If no bid is within the available funding amount, then the PHA/IHA shall apply the second deductible item. The PHA/IHA shall continue this process until an evaluated low bid, if any, is within the PHA's/IHA's available funding. If upon the application of all deductibles, no bid is within the PHA's/IHA's available funding, or if the solicitation does not request separately priced deductibles, the PHA/IHA shall follow its written policy and procedures in making any award under this solicitation.

(c) In the case of tie low bids, award shall be made in accordance with the PHA's/IHA's written policy and procedures.

(d) The PHA/IHA may reject any and all bids, accept other than the lowest bid (e.g., the apparent low bid is unreasonably low), and waive informalities or minor irregularities in bids received, in accordance with the PHA's/IHA's written policy and procedures.

(e) Unless precluded elsewhere in the solicitation, the PHA/IHA may accept any item or combination of items bid.

(f) The PHA/IHA may reject any bid as nonresponsive if it is materially unbalanced as to the prices for the various items of work to be performed. A bid is materially unbalanced when it is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated for other work.

(g) A written award shall be furnished to the successful bidder within the period for acceptance specified in the bid and shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

9. Bid Guarantee (applicable to construction and equipment contracts exceeding \$25,000)

All bids must be accompanied by a negotiable bid guarantee which shall not be less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. The bid guarantee may be a certified check, bank draft, U.S. Government Bonds at par value, or a bid bond secured by a surety company acceptable to the U.S. Government and authorized to do business in the state where the work is to be performed. In the case where the work under the contract will be performed on an Indian reservation area, the bid guarantee may also be an irrevocable Letter of Credit (see provision 10, Assurance of Completion, below). Certified checks and bank drafts must be made payable to the order of the PHA/IHA. The bid guarantee shall insure the execution of the contract and the furnishing of a method of assurance of completion by the successful bidder as required by the solicitation. Failure to submit a bid guarantee with the bid shall result in the rejection of the bid. Bid guarantees submitted by unsuccessful bidders will be returned as soon as practicable after bid opening.

10. Assurance of Completion

(a) Unless otherwise provided in State law, the successful bidder shall furnish an assurance of completion prior to the execution of any contract under this solicitation. This assurance may be [Contracting Officer check applicable items] —

(1) a performance and payment bond in a penal sum of 100 percent of the contract price; or, as may be required or permitted by State law;

(2) separate performance and payment bonds, each for 50 percent or more of the contract price;

(3) a 20 percent cash escrow;

(4) a 25 percent irrevocable letter of credit; or,

(5) an irrevocable letter of credit for 10 percent of the total contract price with a monitoring and disbursements agreement with the IHA (applicable only to contracts awarded by an IHA under the Indian Housing Program).

(b) Bonds must be obtained from guarantee or surety companies acceptable to the U.S. Government and authorized to do business in the state where the work is to be performed. Individual sureties will not be considered. U.S. Treasury Circular Number 570, published annually in the Federal Register, lists companies approved to act as sureties on bonds securing Government contracts, the maximum underwriting limits on each contract bonded, and the States in which the company is licensed to do business. Use of companies listed in this circular is mandatory. Copies of the circular may be downloaded on the U.S. Department of Treasury website <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/index.html>, or ordered for a minimum fee by contacting the Government Printing Office at (202) 512-2168.

(c) Each bond shall clearly state the rate of premium and the total amount of premium charged. The current power of attorney for the person who signs for the surety company must be attached to the bond. The effective date of the power of attorney shall not precede the date of the bond. The effective date of the bond shall be on or after the execution date of the contract.

(d) Failure by the successful bidder to obtain the required assurance of completion within the time specified, or within such extended period as the PHA/IHA may grant based upon reasons determined adequate by the PHA/IHA, shall render the bidder ineligible for award. The PHA/IHA may then either award the contract to the next lowest responsible bidder or solicit new bids. The PHA/IHA may retain the ineligible bidder's bid guarantee.

11. Preconstruction Conference (applicable to construction contracts)

After award of a contract under this solicitation and prior to the start of work, the successful bidder will be required to attend a preconstruction conference with representatives of the PHA/IHA and its architect/engineer, and other interested parties convened by the PHA/IHA. The conference will serve to acquaint the participants with the general plan of the construction operation and all other requirements of the contract (e.g., Equal Employment Opportunity, Labor Standards). The PHA/IHA will provide the successful bidder with the date, time, and place of the conference.

12. Indian Preference Requirements (applicable only if this solicitation is for a contract to be performed on a project for an Indian Housing Authority)

(a) HUD has determined that the contract awarded under this solicitation is subject to the requirements of section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e(b)). Section 7(b) requires that any contract or subcontract entered into for the benefit of Indians shall require that, to the greatest extent feasible

(1) Preferences and opportunities for training and employment (other than core crew positions; see paragraph (h) below) in connection with the administration of such contracts or subcontracts be given to qualified "Indians." The Act defines "Indians" to mean persons who are members of an Indian tribe and defines "Indian tribe" to mean any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians; and,

(2) Preference in the award of contracts or subcontracts in connection with the administration of contracts be given to Indian organizations and to Indian-owned economic enterprises, as defined in section 3 of the Indian Financing Act of 1974 (25 U.S.C. 1452). That Act defines "economic enterprise" to mean any Indian-owned commercial, industrial, or business activity established or organized for the purpose of profit, except that the Indian ownership must constitute not less than 51 percent of the enterprise; "Indian organization" to mean the governing body of any Indian tribe or entity established or recognized by such governing body; "Indian" to mean any person who is a member of any tribe, band, group, pueblo, or community which is recognized by the Federal Government as eligible for services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and any "Native" as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and Indian "tribe" to mean any Indian tribe, band, group, pueblo, or community including Native villages and Native groups (including

corporations organized by Kenai, Juneau, Sitka, and Kodiak) as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which is recognized by the Federal Government as eligible for services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(b) (1) The successful Contractor under this solicitation shall comply with the requirements of this provision in awarding all subcontracts under the contract and in providing training and employment opportunities.

(2) A finding by the IHA that the contractor, either (i) awarded a subcontract without using the procedure required by the IHA, (ii) falsely represented that subcontracts would be awarded to Indian enterprises or organizations; or, (iii) failed to comply with the contractor's employment and training preference bid statement shall be grounds for termination of the contract or for the assessment of penalties or other remedies.

(c) If specified elsewhere in this solicitation, the IHA may restrict the solicitation to qualified Indian-owned enterprises and Indian organizations. If two or more (or a greater number as specified elsewhere in the solicitation) qualified Indian-owned enterprises or organizations submit responsive bids, award shall be made to the qualified enterprise or organization with the lowest responsive bid. If fewer than the minimum required number of qualified Indian-owned enterprises or organizations submit responsive bids, the IHA shall reject all bids and readvertise the solicitation in accordance with paragraph (d) below.

(d) If the IHA prefers not to restrict the solicitation as described in paragraph (c) above, or if after having restricted a solicitation an insufficient number of qualified Indian enterprises or organizations submit bids, the IHA may advertise for bids from non-Indian as well as Indian-owned enterprises and Indian organizations. Award shall be made to the qualified Indian enterprise or organization with the lowest responsive bid if that bid is -

(1) Within the maximum HUD-approved budget amount established for the specific project or activity for which bids are being solicited; and

(2) No more than the percentage specified in 24 CFR 905.175(c) higher than the total bid price of the lowest responsive bid from any qualified bidder. If no responsive bid by a qualified Indian-owned economic enterprise or organization is within the stated range of the total bid price of the lowest responsive bid from any qualified enterprise, award shall be made to the bidder with the lowest bid.

(e) Bidders seeking to qualify for preference in contracting or subcontracting shall submit proof of Indian ownership with their bids. Proof of Indian ownership shall include but not be limited to:

(1) Certification by a tribe or other evidence that the bidder is an Indian. The IHA shall accept the certification of a tribe that an individual is a member.

(2) Evidence such as stock ownership, structure, management, control, financing and salary or profit sharing arrangements of the enterprise.

(f) (1) All bidders must submit with their bids a statement describing how they will provide Indian preference in the award of subcontracts. The specific requirements of that statement and the factors to be used by the IHA in determining the statement's adequacy are included as an attachment to this solicitation. Any bid that fails to include the required statement shall be rejected as nonresponsive. The IHA may require that comparable statements be provided by subcontractors to the successful Contractor, and may require the Contractor to reject any bid or proposal by a subcontractor that fails to include the statement.

(2) Bidders and prospective subcontractors shall submit a certification (supported by credible evidence) to the IHA in any instance where the bidder or subcontractor believes it is infeasible to provide Indian preference in subcontracting. The acceptance or rejection by the IHA of the certification shall be final. Rejection shall disqualify the bid from further consideration.

(g) All bidders must submit with their bids a statement detailing their employment and training opportunities and their plans to provide preference to Indians in implementing the contract; and the number or percentage of Indians anticipated to be employed and trained. Comparable statements from all proposed subcontractors must be submitted. The criteria to be used by the IHA in determining the statement(s)'s adequacy are included as an attachment to this solicitation. Any bid that fails to include the required statement(s), or that includes a statement that does not meet minimum standards required by the IHA shall be rejected as nonresponsive.

(h) Core crew employees. A core crew employee is an individual who is a bona fide employee of the contractor at the time the bid is submitted; or an individual who was not employed by the bidder at the time the bid was submitted, but who is regularly employed by the bidder in a supervisory or other key skilled position when work is available. Bidders shall submit with their bids a list of all core crew employees.

(i) Preference in contracting, subcontracting, employment, and training shall apply not only on-site, on the reservation, or within the IHA's jurisdiction, but also to contracts with firms that operate outside these areas (e.g., employment in modular or manufactured housing construction facilities).

(j) Bidders should contact the IHA to determine if any additional local preference requirements are applicable to this solicitation.

(k) The IHA [] does [] does not [Contracting Officer check applicable box] maintain lists of Indian-owned economic enterprises and Indian organizations by specialty (e.g., plumbing, electrical, foundations), which are available to bidders to assist them in meeting their responsibility to provide preference in connection with the administration of contracts and subcontracts.

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1. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

(a) The bidder certifies that--

(1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other bidder or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit a bid, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;

(2) The prices in this bid have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a competitive proposal solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

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

(1) Is the person in the bidder'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's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the bidder'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 deletes or modifies subparagraph (a)2 above, the bidder must furnish with its bid a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

[] [Contracting Officer check if following paragraph is applicable]

(d) Non-collusive affidavit. (applicable to contracts for construction and equipment exceeding \$50,000)

(1) Each bidder shall execute, in the form provided by the PHA/IHA, an affidavit to the effect that he/she has not colluded with any other person, firm or corporation in regard to any bid submitted in response to this solicitation. If the successful bidder did not submit the affidavit with his/her bid, he/she must submit it within three (3) working days of bid opening. Failure to submit the affidavit by that date may render the bid nonresponsive. No contract award will be made without a properly executed affidavit.

(2) A fully executed "Non-collusive Affidavit" [] is, [] is not included with the bid.

2. Contingent Fee Representation and Agreement

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

"Bona fide employee" means a person, employed by a bidder and subject to the bidder's supervision and control as to time, place, and manner of performance, who neither exerts, nor proposes to exert improper influence to solicit or obtain contracts nor holds out as being able to obtain any contract(s) through improper influence.

"Improper influence" means any influence that induces or tends to induce a PHA/IHA employee or officer to give consideration or to act regarding a PHA/IHA contract on any basis other than the merits of the matter.

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

(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.

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

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

3. Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions (applicable to contracts exceeding \$100,000)

(a) The definitions and prohibitions contained in Section 1352 of title 31, United States Code, are hereby incorporated by reference in paragraph (b) of this certification.

(b) The bidder, by signing its bid, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief as of December 23, 1989 that:

(1) No 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 on his or her behalf in connection with the awarding of a contract resulting from this solicitation;

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds (including profit or fee received under a covered Federal transaction) 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 on his or her behalf in connection with this solicitation, the bidder shall complete and submit, with its bid, OMB standard form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities;" and

(3) He or she will include the language of this certification in all subcontracts at any tier and require that all recipients of subcontract awards in excess of \$100,000 shall certify and disclose accordingly.

(c) Submission of this certification and disclosure is a prerequisite for making or entering into this contract imposed by section 1352, title 31, United States Code. Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under this provision or who fails to file or amend the disclosure form to be filed or amended by this provision, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000, and not more than \$100,000, for each such failure.

(d) Indian tribes (except those chartered by States) and Indian organizations as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450B) are exempt from the requirements of this provision.

4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Certification

The bidder certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, he or she does not have any organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work to be performed under this proposed contract and the bidder's organizational, financial, contractual, or other interests may, without some restriction on future activities:

- (a) Result in an unfair competitive advantage to the bidder; or,
- (b) Impair the bidder's objectivity in performing the contract work.

In the absence of any actual or apparent conflict, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, no actual or apparent conflict of interest exists with regard to my possible performance of this procurement.

5. Bidder's Certification of Eligibility

(a) By the submission of this bid, the bidder certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief, neither it, nor any person or firm which has an interest in the bidder's firm, nor any of the bidder's subcontractors, is ineligible to:

(1) Be awarded contracts by any agency of the United States Government, HUD, or the State in which this contract is to be performed; or,

(2) Participate in HUD programs pursuant to 24 CFR Part 24.

(b) The certification in paragraph (a) above is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the bidder knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, the contract may be terminated for default, and the bidder may be debarred or suspended from participation in HUD programs and other Federal contract programs.

6. Minimum Bid Acceptance Period

(a) "Acceptance period," as used in this provision, means the number of calendar days available to the PHA/IHA for awarding a contract from the date specified in this solicitation for receipt of bids.

(b) This provision supersedes any language pertaining to the acceptance period that may appear elsewhere in this solicitation.

(c) The PHA/IHA requires a minimum acceptance period of [Contracting Officer insert time period] calendar days.

(d) In the space provided immediately below, bidders may specify a longer acceptance period than the PHA's/IHA's minimum requirement. The bidder allows the following acceptance period: calendar days.

(e) A bid allowing less than the PHA's/IHA's minimum acceptance period will be rejected.

(f) The bidder agrees to execute all that it has undertaken to do, in compliance with its bid, if that bid is accepted in writing within (1) the acceptance period stated in paragraph (c) above or (2) any longer acceptance period stated in paragraph (d) above.

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

The bidder 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 business enterprise. "Women-owned business enterprise," as used in this provision, means a 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 business enterprise. "Minority business enterprise," as used in this provision, means a business which is at least 51 percent owned or controlled 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:

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8. Indian-Owned Economic Enterprise and Indian Organization Representation (applicable only if this solicitation is for a contract to be performed on a project for an Indian Housing Authority)

The bidder represents and certifies that it:

(a) is, is not an Indian-owned economic enterprise. "Economic enterprise," as used in this provision, means any commercial, industrial, or business activity established or organized for the purpose of profit, which is at least 51 percent Indian owned. "Indian," as used in this provision, means any person who is a member of any tribe, band, group, pueblo, or community which is recognized by the Federal Government as eligible for services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and any "Native" as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

(b) is, is not an Indian organization. "Indian organization," as used in this provision, means the governing body of any Indian tribe or entity established or recognized by such governing body. Indian "tribe" means any Indian tribe, band, group, pueblo, or

community including Native villages and Native groups (including corporations organized by Kenai, Juneau, Sitka, and Kodiak) as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which is recognized by the Federal Government as eligible for services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

9. Certification of Eligibility Under the Davis-Bacon Act (applicable to construction contracts exceeding \$2,000)

(a) By the submission of this bid, the bidder certifies that neither it nor any person or firm who has an interest in the bidder's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded contracts by the United States Government by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

(b) No part of the contract resulting from this solicitation shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible to be awarded contracts by the United States Government by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

(c) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U. S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

10. Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities (applicable to contracts exceeding \$10,000)

(a) The bidder's attention is called to the clause entitled **Equal Employment Opportunity** of the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction.

(b) "Segregated facilities," as used in this provision, means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees, that are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.

(c) By the submission of this bid, the bidder certifies that it does not and will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not and will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity clause in the contract.

(d) The bidder further agrees that (except where it has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) prior to entering into subcontracts which exceed \$10,000 and are not exempt from the requirements of the Equal Employment Opportunity clause, it will:

- (1) Obtain identical certifications from the proposed subcontractors;
- (2) Retain the certifications in its files; and
- (3) Forward the following notice to the proposed subcontractors (except if the proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods):

Notice to Prospective Subcontractors of Requirement for Certifications of Nonsegregated Facilities

A Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities must be submitted before the award of a subcontract exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Employment Opportunity clause of the prime contract. The certification may be submitted either for each subcontract or for all subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually).

Note: The penalty for making false statements in bids is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

11. Clean Air and Water Certification (applicable to contracts exceeding \$100,000)

The bidder certifies that:

(a) Any facility to be used in the performance of this contract [] is, [] is not listed on the Environmental Protection Agency List of Violating Facilities:

(b) The bidder will immediately notify the PHA/IHA Contracting Officer, before award, of the receipt of any communication from the Administrator, or a designee, of the Environmental Protection Agency, indicating that any facility that the bidder proposes to use for the performance of the contract is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities; and,

(c) The bidder will include a certification substantially the same as this certification, including this paragraph (c), in every nonexempt subcontract.

12. Previous Participation Certificate (applicable to construction and equipment contracts exceeding \$50,000)

(a) The bidder shall complete and submit with his/her bid the Form HUD-2530, "Previous Participation Certificate." If the successful bidder does not submit the certificate with his/her bid, he/she must submit it within three (3) working days of bid opening. Failure to submit the certificate by that date may render the bid nonresponsive. No contract award will be made without a properly executed certificate.

(b) A fully executed "Previous Participation Certificate" [] is, [] is not included with the bid.

13. Bidder's Signature

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

(Signature and Date)

(Typed or Printed Name)

(Title)

(Company Name)

(Company Address)

Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

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



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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 offeror 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 offeror 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, offerors 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

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

OMB Approval No: 2577-0180 (exp. 7/30/96)

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

(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/offers shall make an immediate and full written disclosure to the PHA Contracting Officer.

(c) Any misrepresentation by the bidder/offers 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/offers 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)

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| <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/offers 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/offers 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/offers, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder/offers 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/offers 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/offers'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/offers's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the bidder/offers'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:

US Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner

US Department of Agriculture
Farmers Home Administration

Part I to be completed by Principals of Multifamily Projects (See instructions)

For HUD HQ/FmHA use only

Reason for submission:

1. Agency name and City where the application is filed

2. Project Name, Project Number, City and Zip Code

3. Loan or Contract amount \$

4. Number of Units or Beds

5. Section of Act

6. Type of Project (check one)

Existing Rehabilitation Proposed (New)

7. List all proposed Principals and attach organization chart for all organizations

Name and address of Principals and Affiliates (Name Last, First, Middle Initial) proposing to participate	8 Role of Each Principal in Project	9. Expected % Ownership in Project	10. SSN or IRS Employer Number

Certifications: The principal(s) listed above hereby apply to HUD or USDA FmHA, as the case maybe, for approval to participate as principal(s) in the role(s) and project listed above. The principal(s) each certify that all the statements made on this form are true, complete and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief and are made in good faith, including any Exhibits attached to this form. Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. The principal(s) further certify that to the best of their knowledge and belief:

1. Schedule A contains a listing, for the last ten years, of every project assisted or insured by HUD, USDA FmHA and/or State and local government housing finance agencies in which the principal(s) have participated or are now participating.
2. For the period beginning 10 years prior to the date of this certification, and except as shown on the certification.
 - a. No mortgage on a project listed has ever been in default, assigned to the Government or foreclosed;
 - b. The principals have no defaults or noncompliance under any Conventional Contract or Turnkey Contract of Sale in connection with a public housing project;
 - c. There are no known unresolved findings as a result of HUD audits, management reviews or other Governmental investigations concerning the principals or their projects;
 - d. There has not been a suspension or termination of payments under any HUD assistance contract due to the principal's fault or negligence;
 - e. The principals have not been convicted of a felony and are not presently the subject of a complaint or indictment charging a felony (A felony is defined as any offense punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, but does not include any offense classified as a misdemeanor under the laws of a State and punishable by imprisonment for two years or less);
 - f. The principals have not been suspended, debarred or otherwise restricted by any Department or Agency of the Federal Government or of a State Government from doing business with such Department or Agency;
 - g. The principals have not defaulted on an obligation covered by a surety or performance bond and have not been the subject of a claim under an employee fidelity bond;
3. All the names of the principals who propose to participate in this project are listed above
4. None of the principals is a HUD/FmHA employee or a member of a HUD/FmHA employee's immediate household as defined in Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch in 5 C.F.R. Part 2635 (57 FR 35006) and HUD's Standard of Conduct in 24 C.F.R. Part 0 and USDA's Standard of Conduct in 7 C.F.R. Part 0 Subpart B
5. None of the principals is a participant in an assisted or insured project as of this date on which construction has stopped for a period in excess of 20 days or which has been substantially completed for more than 90 days and documents for closing, including final cost certification, have not been filed with HUD or FmHA
6. None of the principals have been found by HUD or FmHA to be in noncompliance with any applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements in 24 CFR 5 105(a). (If any principals or affiliates have been found to be in noncompliance with any requirements, attach a signed statement explaining the relevant facts, circumstances, and resolution, if any)
7. None of the principals is a Member of Congress or a Resident Commissioner nor otherwise prohibited or limited by law from contracting with the Government of the United States of America
8. Statements above (if any) to which the principal(s) cannot certify, have been deleted by striking through the words with a pen, and the relevant principal(s) have initialed each deletion (if any) and have attached a true and accurate signed statement (if applicable) to explain the facts and circumstances.

Name of Principal	Signature of Principal	Certification Date(mm/dd/yyyy)	Area Code and Tel. No.
This form prepared by (print name)			Area Code and Tel. No.

Previous Participation Certification

OMB Approval No. 2502-0118
(Exp. 02/29/2016)

Schedule A: List of Previous Projects and Section 8 Contracts. Below is a complete list of the principals' previous participation projects and participation history in multifamily Housing programs of HUD/FmHA, State and local Housing Finance Agencies. **Note:** Read and follow the instruction sheet carefully. Make full disclosure. Add extra sheets if you need more space. Double check for accuracy. If no previous projects, write by your name, "No previous participation, First Experience".

1. Principals Name (Last, First)	2. List of previous projects (Project name, project ID and, Govt. agency involved)	3. List Principals' Role(s) (indicate dates participated, and if fee or identity of interest participant)	4. Status of loan (current, defaulted, assigned, foreclosed)	5. Was the Project ever in default during your participation Yes No If yes, explain	6. Last MOR rating and Physical Insp. Score and date

Part II- For HUD Internal Processing Only

Received and checked by me for accuracy and completeness, recommend approval or refer to Headquarters after checking appropriate box.

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Tel No. and area code	<input type="checkbox"/> A. No adverse information; form HUD-2530 approval recommended. <input type="checkbox"/> B. Name match in system	<input type="checkbox"/> C. Disclosure or Certification problem <input type="checkbox"/> D. Other (attach memorandum)
Staff	Processing and Control	Director of Housing/Director, Multifamily Division	
Supervisor		Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Instructions for Completing the Previous Participation Certificate, form HUD-2530
 Carefully read these instructions and the applicable regulations. A copy of those regulations published at 24 C.F.R. 200.210 to 200.245 can be obtained at the Multifamily Housing Representative at any HUD Office. Type or print neatly in ink when filling out this form. Mark answers in all blocks of the form. If the form is not filled completely, it will delay approval of your application.
 Attach extra sheets as you need them. Be sure to indicate "Continued on Attachments" wherever appropriate. Sign each additional page that you attach if it refers to you or your record.
 Carefully read the certification before you sign it. Any questions regarding the form or how to complete it can be answered by your HUD Office Multifamily Housing Representative.
Purpose: This form provides HUD with a certified report of all previous participation in HUD multifamily housing projects by those parties making application. The information requested in this form is used by HUD to determine if you meet the standards established to ensure that all principal participants in HUD projects will honor their legal, financial and contractual obligations and are acceptable risks from the underwriting standpoint of an insurer, lender or governmental agency HUD requires that you certify your record of previous participation in HUD/USDA-FmHA, State and Local Housing Finance Agency projects by completing and signing this form, before your project application or participation can be approved.
 HUD approval of your certification is a necessary precondition for your participation in the project and in the capacity that you propose. If you do not file this certification, do not furnish the information requested accurately, or do not meet established standards, HUD will not approve your certification.
Note that approval of your certification does not obligate HUD to approve your project application, and it does not satisfy all other HUD program requirements relative to your qualifications.
Who Must Sign and File Form HUD-2530:
 Form HUD-2530 must be completed and signed by all principals applying to participate in HUD multifamily housing projects, including those who have no previous participation. The form must be signed and filed by all principals and their affiliates who propose participating in the HUD project. Use a separate form for each role in the project unless there is an identity of interest.
 Principals include all individuals, joint ventures,

partnerships, corporations, trusts, non-profit organizations, any other public or private entity that will participate in the proposed project as a sponsor, owner, prime contractor, turnkey developer, managing agent, nursing home administrator or operator, packager, or consultant. Architects and attorneys who have any interest in the project other than an arm's length fee arrangement for professional services are also considered principals by HUD.
 In the case of partnerships, all general partners regardless of their percentage interest and limited partners having a 25 percent or more interest in the partnership are considered principals. In the case of public or private corporations or governmental entities, principals include the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and all other executive officers who are directly responsible to the board of directors, or any equivalent governing body, as well as all directors and each stockholder having a 10 percent or more interest in the corporation.
 Affiliates are defined as any person or business concern that directly or indirectly controls the policy of a principal or has the power to do so. A holding or parent corporation would be an example of an affiliate if one of its subsidiaries is a principal.
Exception for Corporations – All principals and affiliates must personally sign the certificate except in the following situation. When a corporation is a principal, all of its officers, directors, trustees and stockholders with 10 percent or more of the common (voting) stock need not sign personally if they all have the same record to report. The officer who is authorized to sign for the corporation or agency will list the names and title of those who elect not to sign. However, any person who has a record of participation in HUD projects that is separate from that of his or her organization must report that activity on this form and sign his or her name. The objective is full disclosure.
Exemptions – The names of the following parties do not need to be listed on form HUD-2530: Public Housing Agencies, tenants, owners of less than five condominium or cooperative units and all others whose interests were acquired by inheritance or court order.
Where and When Form HUD-2530 Must Be Filed: The original of this form must be submitted to the HUD Office where your project application will be processed at the same time you file your initial project application. This form must be filed with applications for projects, or when otherwise required in the situations listed below.
 • Projects to be financed with mortgages insured under the National Housing Act (FHA).

the State or local housing finance agency project or contract number. Include all project or contract identification numbers that are relevant to the project. Also enter the name of the city in which the project is located, and the ZIP Code.
Block 3: Fill in the dollar amount requested in the proposed mortgage, or the annual amount of rental assistance requested.
Block 4: Fill in the number of apartment units proposed, such as "40 units." For hospital projects or nursing homes, fill in the number of beds proposed, such as "100 beds."
Block 5: Fill in the section of the Housing Act under which the application is filed.
Block 7: Definitions of all those who are considered principals and affiliates are given above in the section titled "Who Must Sign and File."
Block 8: Beside the name of each principal, fill in the appropriate role. The following are examples of possible roles that the principals may assume: Owner/Mortgagor, Managing Agent, Sponsor, Developer, General Contractor, Packager, Consultant, Nursing Home Administrator etc.
Block 9: Fill in the percentage of ownership in the proposed project that each principal is expected to have.
Block 10: Fill in the Social Security Number or IRS employer number of every principal listed, including affiliates.
Instructions for Completing Schedule A:
 Be sure that Schedule A is filled-in completely, and signed, because it will serve as a legal record of your previous experience. All Multifamily Housing projects involving HUD/FmHA, and State and local Housing Finance Agencies in which you have previously participated must be listed. Applicants are reminded that previous participation pertains to the individual principal within an entity as well as the entity itself. A newly formed company may not have previous participation, but the principals within the company may have had extensive participation and disclosure of that activity is required.
Column 2. All previous projects must be listed or your certification cannot be processed. Include the name of all projects, project number, city where it is located and the governmental agency (HUD, USDA-FmHA or state or local housing finance agency) that was involved.
Column 3. List the role(s) as a principal, dates participated and if fee or identity of interest (IOI) with owners.

• Projects to be financed according to Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (Elderly and Handicapped).
 • Projects in which 20 percent or more of the units are to receive a subsidy as described in 24 C.F.R. 200.213.
 • Purchase of a project subject to a mortgage insured or held by the Secretary of HUD.
 • Purchase of a Secretary-owned project.
 • Proposed substitution or addition of a principal or principal participation in a different capacity from that previously approved for the same project.
 • Proposed acquisition by an existing limited partner of an additional interest in a project resulting in a total interest of 25 percent or more or proposed acquisition by a corporate stockholder of an additional interest in a project resulting in a total interest of 10 percent or more.
 • Projects with USDA, Farmers Home Administration, or with state or local government housing finance agencies that include rental assistance under Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937. For projects of this type, form HUD-2530 should be filed with the appropriate applications directly to those agencies.
Review of Adverse Determination: If approval of your participation in a HUD project is denied, withheld, or conditionally granted on the basis of your record of previous participation, you will be notified by the HUD Office. You may request reconsideration by the HUD Review Committee. Alternatively, you may request a hearing before a Hearing Officer. Either request must be made in writing within 30 days from your receipt of the notice of determination.
 If you do request reconsideration by the Review Committee and the reconsideration results in an adverse determination, you may then request a hearing before a Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer will issue a report to the Review Committee. You will be notified of the final ruling by certified mail.
Specific Line Instructions:
Reason for submitting this Certification: e.g., refinancing, change in ownership, change in management agent, transfer of physical assets, etc.
Block 1: Fill in the name of the agency to which you are applying. For example: HUD Office, Farmers Home Administration District office, or the name of a State or local housing finance agency. Below that, fill in the name of the city where the office is located.
Block 2: Fill in the name of the project, such as "Greenwood Apts." If the name has not yet been selected, write "Name unknown." Below that, enter the HUD contract or project identification number, the Farmers Home Administration project number, or

Column 4. Indicate the current status of the loan. Except for current loan, the date associated with the status is required. Loans under a workout arrangement are considered assigned. For all noncurrent loans, an explanation of the status is required.

Column 5. Explain any project defaults during your participation.

Column 6. Provide the latest Management Review (MOR) rating and Physical Inspection score.

Certification: After you have completed all other parts of form HUD-2530, including schedule A, read the Certification carefully. In the box below the statement of the certification, fill in the names of all principals and affiliates as listed in block 7. Each principal should sign the certification with the exception in some cases of individuals associated with a corporation (see "Exception for Corporations" in the section of the instructions titled "Who Must Sign and File Form HUD-2530). Principal who is signing on behalf of the entity should attach signature authority document. Each principal who signs the form should fill in the date of the signature and a telephone number. By providing a telephone number, HUD can reach you in the event of any questions.

If you cannot certify and sign the certification as it is printed because some statements do not correctly describe your record, use a pen to strike through those parts that differ with your record, and then sign and certify.

Attach a signed statement of explanation of the items you have struck out on the certification. Item 2e relates to felony convictions within the past 10 years. If you are convicted of a felony within the past 10 years, strike out 2c and attach statement of explanation. A felony conviction will not necessarily cause your participation to be disapproved unless there is a criminal record or other evidence that your previous conduct or method of doing business has been such that your participation in the project would make it an unacceptable risk from the underwriting stand point of an insurer, lender or governmental agency.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by law (42 U.S.C. 3535(d) and 24 C.F.R. 200.217) and by regulation at 24 CFR 200.210. This information is needed so that principals applying to participate in multifamily programs can become HUD-approved participants. The information you provide will enable HUD to evaluate your record with respect to established standards of performance, responsibility and eligibility. Without prior approval, a principal may not participate in a proposed or existing multifamily project. HUD uses this information to evaluate whether or not principals pose an unsatisfactory underwriting risk. The information is used to evaluate the potential principals and approve only individuals and organizations that will honor their legal, financial and contractual obligations.

Privacy Act Statement: The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3543 requires persons applying for a Federally-insured or guaranteed loan to furnish his/her Social Security Number (SSN). HUD must have your SSN for identification of your records. HUD may use your SSN for automated processing of your records and to make requests for information about you and your previous records with other public agencies and private sector sources. HUD may disclose certain information to Federal, State and local agencies when relevant to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigations and prosecutions. It will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as required and permitted by law. You must provide all of the information requested in this application, including your SSN.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour 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 agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

A response is mandatory. Failure to provide any of the information will result in your disapproval of participation in this HUD program.

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Prime Bidder



State of ILLINOIS)

County of Sangamon)

_____ being first duly sworn,
deposes and says:

That he/she is _____ the party making the foregoing proposal or bid, that such proposal or bid is genuine and not collusive or a sham; that said bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any bidder or person, to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the bid price of affiant of any other bidder, or to fix any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the _____ or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said proposal or bid are true.

Signature of:

Bidder, if the bidder is an individual;

Partner, if the bidder is a partnership;

Officer, if the bidder is a corporation;

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 2_____.

My commission expires, _____, 2_____.

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section I – (With or without Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

Office of Labor Relations

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Public Reporting Burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.08 hours 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. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Reports Management Officer, Office of Information Policies and Systems, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C. 20410-3600; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (2577-0157), Washington, D.C. 20503. Do not send this completed form to either of these addressees

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*) greater than \$100,000 - use Section I;
- 2) **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.

- (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 entitled 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.

~~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.

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 Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any covered Federal action.

"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,
- (iv) 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 subgrantees 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 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 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

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 are 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.

(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.

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

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.
- (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.

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section II – (With Maintenance Work) Office of Labor Relations

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

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

- 1) Non-construction contracts (*without* maintenance) greater than \$100,000 - use Section I;
- 2) 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 II – Labor Standard Provisions for all Maintenance Contracts greater than \$2,000

1. Minimum Wages

- (a) All maintenance laborers and mechanics employed under this Contract in the operation of the project(s) shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than semi-monthly, and without subsequent deduction (except as otherwise provided by law or regulations), the full amount of wages due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill. Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein; provided, that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination, including any additional classifications and wage rates approved by HUD under subparagraph 1(b), shall be posted at all times by the Contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.
- (b) (i) Any class of laborers or mechanics which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the Contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. HUD shall approve an additional classification and wage rate only when the following criteria have been met:
 - (1) The work to be performed by the classification required is not performed by a classification in the wage determination;
 - (2) The classification is utilized in the area by the industry; and
 - (3) The proposed wage rate bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.
- (ii) The wage rate determined pursuant to this paragraph shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this Contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

2. Withholding of funds

The Contracting Officer, upon his/her own action or upon request of HUD, shall withhold or cause to be withheld from the Contractor under this Contract or any other contract subject to HUD-determined wage rates, with the same prime Contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics employed by the Contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by this clause. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic employed under this Contract all or part of the wages required under this Contract, the Contracting Officer or HUD may, after written notice to the Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment or advance until such violations have ceased. The Public Housing Agency or HUD may, after written notice to the Contractor, disburse such amounts withheld for and on account of the Contractor or subcontractor to the respective employees to whom they are due.

3. Records

- (a) The Contractor and each subcontractor shall make and maintain for three (3) years from the completion of the work records containing the following for each laborer and mechanic:
 - (i) Name, address and Social Security Number;
 - (ii) Correct work classification or classifications;
 - (iii) Hourly rate or rates of monetary wages paid;
 - (iv) Rate or rates of any fringe benefits provided;
 - (v) Number of daily and weekly hours worked;
 - (vi) Gross wages earned;
 - (vii) Any deductions made; and
 - (viii) Actual wages paid.
- (b) The Contractor and each subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 3(a) available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of HUD or the HA and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the Contractor or any subcontractor fails to make the required records available, HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance or guarantee of funds.

4. Apprentices and Trainees

- (a) Apprentices and trainees will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they perform when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in:
 - (i) A bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Office of

Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services (OATELS), or with a state apprenticeship agency recognized by OATELS, or if a person is employed in his/her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by OATELS or a state apprenticeship agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice;

- (ii) A trainee program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, ETA; or
 - (iii) A training/trainee program that has received prior approval by HUD.
- (b) Each apprentice or trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered or approved program for the apprentice's/trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices and trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the registered or approved program. If the program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices/trainees must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification.
- (c) The allowable ratio of apprentices or trainees to journeyman on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the employer as to the entire work force under the approved program.
- (d) Any worker employed at an apprentice or trainee wage rate who is not registered in an approved program, and any apprentice or trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the approved program, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed.
- (e) In the event OATELS, a state apprenticeship agency recognized by OATELS or ETA, or HUD, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship or trainee program, the employer will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices/trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

5. Disputes concerning labor standards

- (a) Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions contained in Section II of this form HUD-5370-C, other than those in Paragraph 6, shall be subject to the following procedures. Disputes within the meaning of this paragraph include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the HA, or HUD, or the employees or their representatives, concerning payment of prevailing wage rates or proper classification. The procedures in this section may be initiated upon HUD's own motion, upon referral of the HA, or upon request of the Contractor or subcontractor(s).
- (i) A Contractor and/or subcontractor or other interested party desiring reconsideration of findings of violation by the HA or HUD relating to the payment of straight-time prevailing wages or classification of work shall request such reconsideration by letter postmarked within 30 calendar days of the date of notice of findings issued by the HA or HUD. The request shall set forth those findings that are in dispute and the

reasons, including any affirmative defenses, with respect to the violations. The request shall be directed to the appropriate HA or HUD official in accordance with instructions contained in the notice of findings or, if the notice does not specify to whom a request should be made, to the Regional Labor Relations Officer (HUD).

- (ii) The HA or HUD official shall, within 60 days (unless otherwise indicated in the notice of findings) after receipt of a timely request for reconsideration, issue a written decision on the findings of violation. The written decision on reconsideration shall contain instructions that any appeal of the decision shall be addressed to the Regional Labor Relations Officer by letter postmarked within 30 calendar days after the date of the decision. In the event that the Regional Labor Relations Officer was the deciding official on reconsideration, the appeal shall be directed to the Director, Office of Labor Relations (HUD). Any appeal must set forth the aspects of the decision that are in dispute and the reasons, including any affirmative defenses, with respect to the violations.
- (iii) The Regional Labor Relations Officer shall, within 60 days (unless otherwise indicated in the decision on reconsideration) after receipt of a timely appeal, issue a written decision on the findings. A decision of the Regional Labor Relations Officer may be appealed to the Director, Office of Labor Relations, by letter postmarked within 30 days of the Regional Labor Relations Officer's decision. Any appeal to the Director must set forth the aspects of the prior decision(s) that are in dispute and the reasons. The decision of the Director, Office of Labor Relations, shall be final.

- (b) Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of paragraph 6 shall not be subject to paragraph 5(a) of this form HUD-5370C. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the U.S. Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR Parts 5, 6 and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this paragraph 5(b) include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the HA, HUD, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

6. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

The provisions of this paragraph 6 are applicable only where the amount of the prime contract exceeds \$100,000. As used in this paragraph, the terms "laborers" and "mechanics" includes watchmen and guards.

- (a) **Overtime requirements.** No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the Contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of 40 hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in such workweek.
- (b) **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.** In the event of any violation of the provisions set forth in paragraph 6(a), the Contractor and any

subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to the District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the provisions set forth in paragraph (a) of this clause, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of 40 hours without payment of the overtime wages required by provisions set forth in paragraph (a) of this clause.

(c) **Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.** HUD or its designee shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the U.S. Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor under any such Contract or any federal contract with the same prime Contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Contractor such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the provisions set forth in paragraph (b) of this clause.

7. Subcontracts

The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts all the provisions contained in this Section II and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these provisions in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the provisions contained in these clauses.

8. Non-Federal Prevailing Wage Rates

Any prevailing wage rate (including basic hourly rate and any fringe benefits), determined under state law to be prevailing, with respect to any employee in any trade or position employed under the Contract, is inapplicable to the contract and shall not be enforced against the Contractor or any subcontractor, with respect to employees engaged under the contract whenever such non-Federal prevailing wage rate, exclusive of any fringe benefits, exceeds the applicable wage rate determined by the Secretary of HUD to be prevailing in the locality with respect to such trade or position.

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

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**Contract Provisions Required by Federal Law
or Owner Contract with the
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These contracts between a HUD grantee (housing agency (HA)) and an architect/engineer (A/E) for design and construction services do not require either party to submit any materials to HUD. The forms provide a contractual agreement for the services to be provided by the A/E and establishes responsibilities of both parties pursuant to the contract. The regulatory authority is 24 CFR 85.36. These contractual agreements are required by Federal law or regulation pursuant to 24 CFR Part 85.36. Signing of the contracts is required to obtain or retain benefits. The contracts do not lend themselves to confidentiality.

1.0 Contract Provisions Required by Federal Law or Owner Contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

1.1 Contract Adjustments. Notwithstanding any other term or condition of this Agreement, any settlement or equitable adjustment due to termination, suspension or delays by the Owner shall be negotiated based on the cost principles stated at 48 CFR Subpart 31.2 and conform to the Contract pricing provisions of 24 CFR 85.36 (f).

1.2 Additional Services. The Owner shall perform a cost or price analysis as required by 24 CFR 85.36 (F) prior to the issuance of a contract modification/amendment for Additional Services. Such Additional Services shall be within the general scope of services covered by this Agreement. The Design Professional shall provide supporting cost information in sufficient detail to permit the Owner to perform the required cost or price analysis.

1.3 Restrictive Drawings and Specifications. In accordance with 24 CFR 85.36(c)(3)(i) and contract agreements between the Owner and HUD, the Design Professional shall not require the use of materials, products, or services that unduly restrict competition.

1.4 Design Certification. Where the Owner is required by federal regulations to provide HUD a Design Professional certification regarding the design of the Projects (24 CFR 968.235), the Design Professional shall provide such a certification to the Owner.

1.5 Retention and Inspection of Records. Pursuant to 24 CFR 85.26(i)(10) and (11), access shall be given by the Design Professional to the Owner, HUD, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Design Professional which are directly pertinent to that specific Contract for the purpose of making an audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions. All required records shall be retained for three years after the Owner or Design Professional and other subgrantees make final payments and all other pending matters are closed.

1.6 Copyrights and Rights in Data. HUD has no regulations pertaining to copyrights or rights in data as provided in 24 CFR 85.36. HUD requirements, Article 45 of the General Conditions to the Contract for Construction (form HUD-5370) requires that contractors pay all royalties and license fees. All drawings and specifications prepared by the Design Professional pursuant to this contract will identify any applicable patents to enable the general contractor to fulfil the requirements of the construction contract.

1.7 Conflicts of Interest. Based in part on federal regulations (24 CFR 85.36(b)) and Contract agreement between the Owner and HUD, no employee, officer, or agent of the Owner (HUD grantee) shall participate in selection, or in the award or administration of a contract supported by Federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.

Such a conflict would arise when:

- (i) The employee, officer or agent,
- (ii) Any member of his or her immediate family,
- (iii) His or her partner, or
- (iv) An organization that employs, or is about to employ, any of the above, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award. The grantee's or subgrantee's officers, employees or agents will neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from Contractors, or parties to sub-agreements. Grantees and subgrantees may set minimum rules where the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal intrinsic value. To the extent permitted by State or local law or regulations, such standards or conduct will provide for penalties, sanctions, or other disciplinary actions for violations of such standards by the grantee's and subgrantee's officers, employees, or agents or by Contractors or their agents. The awarding agency may in regulation provide additional prohibitions relative to real, apparent, or potential conflicts of interest.

Neither the Owner nor any of its contractors or their subcontractors shall enter into any Contract, subcontract, or agreement, in connection with any Project or any property included or planned to be included in any Project, in which any member, officer, or employee of the Owner, or any member of the governing body of the locality in which the Project is situated, or any member of the governing body of the locality in which the Owner was activated, or in any other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any responsibilities or functions with respect to the Project during his/her tenure or for one year thereafter has any interest, direct or indirect. If any such present or former member, officer, or employee of the Owner, or any such governing body member or such other public official of such locality or localities involuntarily acquires or had acquired prior to the beginning of his/her tenure any such interest, and if such interest is immediately disclosed to the Owner and such disclosure is entered upon the minutes of the Owner, the Owner, with the prior approval of the Government, may waive the prohibition contained in this subsection: Provided, That any such present member, officer, or employee of the Owner shall not participate in any action by the Owner relating to such contract, subcontract, or

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No member, officer, or employee of the Owner, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the project is situated, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the Owner was activated, and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the project, during his/her tenure or for one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof.

1.8 Disputes. In part because of HUD regulations (24 CFR 85.36(i)(1)), this Design Professional Agreement, unless it is a small purchase contract, has administrative, contractual, or legal remedies for instances where the Design Professional violates or breaches Agreement terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate.

1.9 Termination. In part because of HUD regulations (24 CFR 85.36(i)(2)), this Design Professional Agreement, unless it is for an amount of \$10,000 or less, has requirements regarding termination by the Owner when for cause or convenience. These include the manner by which the termination will be effected and basis for settlement.

1.10 Interest of Members of Congress. Because of Contract agreement between the Owner and HUD, 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 from it.

1.11 Limitation of Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transaction. The Limitation on Use of Appropriated Funds to Influence Certain Federal Contracting and Financial Transactions Act, Section 1352 of Title 31 U.S.C., provides in part that no appropriated funds may be expended by recipient of a federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person, including the Design Professional, for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee 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.

1.12 Employment, Training, and Contracting Opportunities for Low-Income Persons, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.

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.

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.

G. Reserved.

H. Reserved.

I.13 Reserved.

I.14 Clean Air and Water. (Applicable to contracts in excess of \$100,000). Because of 24 CFR 85.36(i)(12) and federal law, the

1.15 Energy Efficiency. Pursuant to Federal regulations (24 C.F.R 85.36(i)(13)) and Federal law, except when working on an Indian housing authority Project on an Indian reservation, the Design Professional shall comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163 codified at 42 U.S.C.A. § 6321 et. seq.).

1.16 Prevailing Wages. In accordance with Section 12 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437j) the Design Professional shall pay not less than the wages prevailing in the locality, as determined by or adopted (subsequent to a determination under applicable State or local law) by the Secretary of HUD, to all architects, technical engineers, draftsmen, and technicians.

1.17 Non-applicability of Fair Housing Requirements in Indian Housing Authority Contracts. Pursuant to 24 CFR section 905.115(b) title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d-4), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in federally assisted programs, and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3620), which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status in the sale or rental of housing do not apply to Indian Housing Authorities established by exercise of a Tribe's powers of self-government.

1.18 Prohibition Against Liens. The Design professional is Prohibited from placing a lien on the Owner's property. This prohibition shall be placed in all design professional subcontracts.

Design Professional shall comply with applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 1857h-4 transferred to 42 USC § 7607, section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15) on all contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE ATTACHMENT



THE FOLLOWING ARE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS THAT SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO AND MADE A PART OF ANY CONTRACT ISSUED PURSUANT THERETO.

- A. The Contractor shall abide by and comply with all applicable local and State laws relating to 1) fair employment practices, affirmative action and prohibiting discrimination in employment as set forth in the Illinois Human Rights Act; 2) any and all applicable workmen's compensation laws; and 3) wages and claims of laborers, mechanics and other workmen, agents, or servants in any manner employed in connection with contracts involving public funds or the development or construction of public works, buildings or facilities. The scale of wages to be paid shall be obtained from the Illinois Department of Labor and posted by the Contractor in a prominent and accessible place at the project work site.
- A. The Contractor shall personally and individually agree and covenant, and shall furnish and provide evidence of general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and shall indemnify, protect, defend at its own cost, and hold harmless the Local Agency from and against all losses, damages, injuries, or claims thereof to or by persons or property, arising out of, through, or by virtue of the construction and development of the specified project facilities.
- B. The Contractor certifies that to the best of its knowledge, no officer or employee has been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois, nor has any officer or employee made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record.
- C. The Contractor certifies it has not been barred from being awarded a contract with a unit of State or local government as a result of a violation of Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (bid rigging or bid rotating).
- D. The Contractor certifies, pursuant to the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/2-105), that it has a written sexual harassment policy that includes, at a minimum the following information: (i) the illegality of sexual harassment; (ii) the definition of sexual harassment under State law; (iii) a description of sexual harassment utilizing examples; (iv) the Contractor's internal complaint process including penalties; (v) the legal recourse, investigation and complaint process available through the Illinois Department of Human Rights and the Human Rights Commission and directions on how to contact both; and (vi) protection against retaliation as provided by Section 6-6-101 of the Illinois Human Rights Act. A copy of the policy shall be provided to the Department of Human Rights upon request.
- E. The Contractor certifies that neither it nor any substantially owned affiliated company is participating or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the provisions of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979 or the regulations of the U.S. Department of Commerce promulgated under that Act.

(Contractor Name)

Date _____

(Contractor signature)