



The Aurora Housing Authority™

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FOR

**MULTIFUNCTIONAL PRINTER/COPIER
EQUIPMENT LEASING WITH SUPPORT AND
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

Issue Date: August 20, 2020

**To be closed at the Aurora Housing Authority Central Office
1449 Jericho Circle, Aurora IL 60506 at 3:00 PM Central Standard Time
on September 21, 2020**

Ralph Jordan
Executive Director
Aurora Housing Authority

Aurora Housing Authority (AHA)
Aurora, IL 60506

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Aurora Housing Authority (AHA) is soliciting Proposals with a qualified company to provide copier services to our agency.

Proposal package will be available on our website beginning August 20, 2020. Website address is www.auroraha.com.

The Executive Director at the Central Office of the AHA must receive all proposals no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020. Please mark the outside of your envelopes as follows: **"COPIER SERVICES"**.

The criteria for evaluating these Proposals will be based on the items set forth in the Request for Proposals. Contract award will be to the responsive and responsible firm, which best meets the needs and long-term goals of the AHA. The agency reserves the right to reject any Proposals and/or waive any informality in the solicitation process.

The AHA does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, or activities.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Aurora Housing Authority
1449 Jericho Circle
Aurora, IL 660506
COPIER & PRINTER SERVICES
AUTHORITY-WIDE

Proposals will be accepted at the Aurora Housing Authority (AHA Central Office), until date and time noted below. Proposals will be opened at the Central Office, 1449 Jericho Circle, Aurora, IL 60506.

- Proposal Deadline: Monday, September 21, 2020 at 3:00 pm. Central Standard Time.
- Download packets: www.auroraha.com beginning Thursday, August 20, 2020.
- Questions: E-mail to Mr. Ralph Jordan at rjordan@auroraha.org, no later than 12:00 pm. Monday, September 7, 2020.

The AHA does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, or activities.

AHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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SCOPE OF WORK

This scope of work is to provide guidance to a contractor who are interested in providing Copier Leasing Services and maintenance services to all existing copiers within the Housing Authority (AHA). The term of contract is to be determined.

The Contractor shall provide a price quote for the leasing of not less than 5 new copiers to include maintenance service as well as maintenance service for not less than approximately 12-15 existing desktop copiers currently in operation at AHA.

Contractor shall supply all parts, labor, service, supplies (ink), and preventative maintenance needed on any copier. **AHA will supply copy paper.**

The contractor shall ensure that the AHA maintains in inventory at least one additional ink cartridge for every copier at any given time.

Contractor shall respond to service calls from AHA within a 4-hour notification of required services provided that the notification allows work time within established office hours.

Contractor shall sign in with the Manager, Assistant Manager, or Administrative Assistant at whatever site they may be called to, to perform service. All work shall be done during AHA working hours of 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. When work has been completed, an invoice will be provided, detailing the work performed, the contract number, and the charge.

In the event an AHA copier cannot be repaired in a reasonable period of time, a "loaner" will be made available.

All work will be completed in a professional manner and warranted.

Contractor shall provide proof of dealer documentation including certification of training from manufacturers.

The following is a listing of the current copiers within AHA; however, all AHA copiers, including desktop printers, will be covered under this contract as is follows.

<i>Make/Model</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Address</i>
XEROX WORK CENTRE 7835	CENTRAL OFFICE COPY ROOM	1449 Jericho Circle Aurora, IL 60506
HP LASERJET PRO M1536DNF MFP	RECEPTIONIST LAURA MCANELLY	1449 Jericho Circle Aurora, IL 60506
BROTHER MFC-L5900DW	BUSINESS ANALYST MANUELA NAVARRO	1449 Jericho Circle Aurora, IL 60506
BROTHER MFC-9340 CDW	LIPH DIRECTOR MARIA GODINEZ	1449 Jericho Circle Aurora, IL 60506
BROTHER MFC-L5900DW	HCV DIRECTOR TRACEY ROBINSON	1449 Jericho Circle Aurora, IL 60506
HP LASERJET PRO M1536DNF MFP	FINANCE MANAGER JUDY MAISONET	1449 Jericho Circle Aurora, IL 60506
HP LASERJET PRO M1536DNF MFP	VACANT OFFICE	1449 Jericho Circle Aurora, IL 60506
BROTHER COLOR LASERJET MFC-L8900CDW	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RALPH JORDAN	1449 Jericho Circle Aurora, IL 60506
HP LaserJet M1530 MFP Series PCL 6	OCCUPANCY DEPT. VANESSA GONZALEZ DIANA SIMMONS	1449 Jericho Circle Aurora, IL 60506
HP LaserJet M1530 MFP Series PCL 6	HCV SPECIALIST MARIA CELIS	1449 Jericho Circle Aurora, IL 60506
XEROX WORK CENTRE 7835	HCV DEPARTMENT SECTION 8 OFFICE	1449 Jericho Circle Aurora, IL 60506
HP LaserJet 600 M601 M602 M603 PCL6	HCV DEPARTMENT SECTION 8 OFFICE	1449 Jericho Circle Aurora, IL 60506

BROTHER MFC-L5900DW	ROSS COORDINATOR ALEXANDRA SHUCK	1630 W. Plum Street Aurora, IL 60506
BROTHER COLOR LASERJET MFC-L8900CDW	PROPERTY MANAGER - CH JEREMIAH CLIFTON	1630 W. Plum Street Aurora, IL 60506
BROTHER MFC-L5900DW	INVENTORY/HCV INSPECTOR ROD HILL	Warehouse 1630 W. Plum Street Aurora, IL 60506
HP LASERJET 4250	MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR CARLOS GUILLEN	TECH OFFICE 1630 W. Plum Street Aurora, IL 60506
BROTHER MFC-8910DW	PROPERTY MANAGER – EW JEREMIAH CLIFTON	1644 Grove Street Aurora, IL 60505
BROTHER MFC-8910DW	PROPERTY MANAGER – IT ETNI SANTANA	417-D Indian Trail Road Aurora, IL 60505
BROTHER MFC-L5900DW	PROPERTY MANAGER – SW ETNI SANTANA	1223 Pearl Street Aurora, IL 60505
BROTHER MFC-L5900DW	PROPERTY MANAGER – MT TERESA CRAFT	905 Second Avenue Aurora, IL 60505
XEROX WORK CENTRE 7835	Maple Terrace Office Main Office	905 Second Avenue Aurora, IL 60505

** At any given time, copier location might change.

The submittal shall be arranged in the following format and sequence:

Submission Requirements:

Submit one unbounded original and three (3) copies, of your proposal in a sealed envelope clearly marked: “RFP – COPIER SERVICES” envelope to:

Mr. Ralph Jordan
Executive Director
Aurora Housing Authority
1449 Jericho Circle
Aurora, IL 60506
rjordan@auroraha.org

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION:

The complete company name, address, contact person, and telephone number should be provided. Company background information. (Attachment A)

CLIENT REFERENCES

Contact name, address and value of project completed (Attachment B)

AUTHORIZED NEGOTIATOR

The complete name, title and telephone number of the person authorized to negotiate and bind the company contractually should be provided.

AHA RESERVES THE RIGHT

- A. To waive informalities required herein;
- B. To request additional information;
- C. To supplement, amend or otherwise modify the terms or schedules set forth herein;
- D. To conduct all investigations and background checks necessary for adequate evaluation;

PROPOSAL EVALUATION FACTORS

Evaluation will be based on written proposals submitted in response to this RFP. The Agency may choose to conduct interviews before choosing a company with which to contract for copier services, but it retains the right to select solely based on the written proposals. Consequently, responses are encouraged to be as comprehensive as possible. Some or All respondents may be invited in for interviews to present their proposals in more detail or answer any questions the evaluation panel may have.

EVALUATION FACTORS

1. Contractor has prior experience in servicing copiers.	10 pts.
2. Contractor shall supply all parts, labor, service, supplies and preventative maintenance needed on any copier. AHA will supply the paper.	15 pts.
3. Contractor shall respond to service calls within a 4-hour period.	15 pts.
4. Contractor shall sign in with AHA Staff personnel at whichever site they may be called to perform service. All work shall be done during AHA working hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. When work has been completed, a service ticket shall be provided detailing the work performed.	10 pts.
5. In the event an AHA copier cannot be repaired in a reasonable period, (48 hours), a "loaner" will be made available.	20 pts.
6. All work will be completed in a professional manner and warranted.	5 pts.
7. Contractor shall provide proof of dealer documentation including certification of training from manufacturers.	10 pts.
8. Pricing	15 pts.
TOTAL POINTS	100 pts.

Section 3 Certification	YES ___ NO ___
Equal Employment Opportunity Certification (92010)	YES ___ NO ___
Certification of Debarment and Suspension (2992)	YES ___ NO ___
Evidence of Certificate of Liability Insurance	YES ___ NO ___
Representations, Certifications and Other Statements (HUD 5369-C)	YES ___ NO ___

HUD SECTION 3 REQUIREMENTS

The proposal shall indicate the Company(s) plan to provide opportunities for employment and training for lower income residents within the project area, and to award subcontracts for work in connection with the project to business concerns which are located, or owned in substantial part, by persons residing in the area of the project, as described in HUD Regulations 24 CFR 135, if possible.

INQUIRIES

Requests for clarification regarding the RFP should be email to rjordan@auroraha.org no later than: _____.

Submission Deadline

The proposal submission deadline is stated on cover page

REJECTION

AHA reserves the right to reject any and all submittals and/or to waive any informality in the solicitation process or parts thereof and to re-solicit.

AHA does not guarantee that any contract(s) will be awarded as a result of this Request for Proposals.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The Offeror by submitting a proposal shall intend (a) that he/she will comply with all applicable rules and regulations of Federal, State, and Local governing entities and (b) that they are not excluded from Federal procurement programs.

The Offeror must ensure that the proposal meets all applicable rules, regulations, and licensing requirements, whether Local, State or Federal. It is the responsibility of the potential firm or firm(s) to determine the applicability of any rule, regulation, or other requirement.

The following shall be essential Terms and Conditions of a Contract resulting from this solicitation:

TERMINATION

The AHA shall have the right to terminate the Contract at any time with a 30-day written notice.

In the event the company fails to comply with any provision of this Contract, or if the progress or quality of the work is unsatisfactory, the AHA may serve written notice upon the company and if the company fails within a period of ten (10) days thereafter to correct failure, AHA may terminate the Contract upon written notice to the company. Upon such termination, the company shall immediately cease its performance of the Contract and shall deliver to AHA all completed or partially completed work. AHA shall determine and pay to the company the amount due for such satisfactory work.

AHA reserves the right to terminate this Contract for its convenience. Such termination shall be accomplished by written notice delivered to the company. Upon receipt of notice, the company shall immediately cease work and deliver to AHA all completed or partially

completed work. Payment to the company shall be made for work performed prior to receipt of the termination notice, together with the company cost for closing down its work, and the company shall have no claim for loss of anticipated profits or any additional compensation.

BREACH OF CONTRACT

If the Company fails to fulfill its obligations under this Contract in a timely and proper manner or if it shall violate any of the terms of this Contract, AHA shall have the right to immediately terminate such contract and withhold payments in excess of fair compensation for work completed. The term “breach of Contract” specifically includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with any applicable Federal, State or Local laws or regulations.

Notwithstanding the above, the Company shall not be relieved of liability to AHA for damages sustained by virtue of any breach by the Company.

MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT:

Such Contract may be modified only by written amendment executed by all parties.

GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS:

GRATUITIES - It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement of a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefore.

KICKBACK-It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor of higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

INSURANCE

The Firm shall carry Professional Liability Insurance and such other forms of insurance in such coverage amounts as may be appropriate for engagements of this nature and shall provide to AHA certificates of such insurance.

LICENSING AND BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

The Offeror is responsible to comply with all licensing requirements and associated business regulations whether Local, State, or Federal. It is the responsibility of the potential firm to determine the applicability of any rule, regulation, or other requirement.

END OF RFP

ATTACHMENT A

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

I. SECTION 3 DEFINITIONS:

A. Section 3 Resident:

A public housing resident **or** a low- or very low-income person who resides in the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) in which Section 3 covered assistance is expended. MSA consists of Kane County.

B. Section 3 Business Concern:

A business concern that is:

1. Fifty one percent (51%) or more owned by Section 3 residents; **or**
2. Whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least thirty percent (30%) of whom are currently Section 3 residents, or were Section 3 residents within three years of the date of first employment with the business concern: **or**
3. That provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of twenty five percent (25%) of the total bid/proposal price awarded to business concerns that meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs 1 or 2 in this definition of a Section 3 business concern.

C. Section 3 Covered Assistance:

1. Public and Indian housing development assistance provided pursuant to Section 5 of the 1937 Act;
2. Public and Indian housing operating assistance provided pursuant to Section 9 of the 1937 Act;
3. Public and Indian housing modernization assistance provided pursuant to Section 14 of the 1937 Act;
4. Assistance provided under any HUD housing or community development program. Assistance expended for housing rehabilitation (including reduction and abatement of lead-based paint hazards, but excluding routine maintenance, repair and replacement), housing construction or other public construction projects.

D. Section 3 Covered Contract

A contract or subcontract (including a professional service contract) awarded by a recipient or contractor for work generated by the expenditure of Section 3 covered assistance, or for work arising in connection with a Section 3 covered project. "Section 3 covered contracts" do not include contracts awarded under HUD's procurement program, which are governed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation System (see 48 CFR Chapter 1). "Section 3 covered contracts" also do not include contracts for the purchase of supplies and materials. However, whenever a contract for materials includes the installation of the materials, the contract constitutes a Section 3 covered contract. For example, a contract for the purchase and installation of a furnace would be a Section 3 covered contract because the contract is for work (i.e. the installation of the furnace) and is thereby covered by Section 3.

II. ORDER OF PROVIDING PREFERENCES

A. Section 3 Residents

Efforts shall be directed to providing training and employment opportunities to Section 3 residents in the following order of priority:

1. Residents of the Housing Authority development or developments for which the Section 3 covered assistance is expended (category 1 residents).
2. Residents of other Housing Authority developments managed by the Housing Authority (category 2 residents).
3. Participants in HUD Youth build programs being carried out in the MSA (category 3 residents).
4. Other Section 3 residents of Kane County (category 4 residents).
5. Other Section 3 residents of Aurora, IL (category 5 residents).

A Section 3 resident seeking employment provided by this part shall certify, in a form suitable to the Housing Authority, that they are a Section 3 resident as defined in paragraph I.A. of this document.

B. Section 3 Business Concerns

Efforts shall be directed to award contracts to Section 3 business concerns in the following order of priority.

1. Business concerns that are fifty one percent (51%) or more owned by residents of the Housing Authority developments for which the Section 3 covered assistance is expended, or whose full-time, permanent work force includes thirty percent (30%) of these persons as employees (category 1 business);
2. Business concerns that are fifty one percent (51%) or more owned by residents of other Housing Authority developments where Section 3 covered assistance is expended, or whose full-time, permanent work force includes thirty percent (30%) of these persons as employees (category 2 business);
3. HUD Youthbuild programs being carried out in the MSA in which the Section 3 covered assistance is expended (category 3 business); and
4. Business concerns that are fifty one percent (51%) or more owned by Section 3 residents or whose permanent, full-time work force includes no less than thirty percent (30%) Section 3 residents, or that subcontract in excess of twenty five percent (25%) of the total amount of subcontracts to business concerns identified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this section. (category 4 business).

A business concern seeking to qualify for a Section 3 contracting preference shall certify, in a form suitable to Housing Authority, that the business concern is a Section 3 concern as defined in paragraph I.B. of this document.

III. SECTION 3 GOALS

A. Employment Opportunities

Thirty percent (30%) of the aggregate number of new hires for the one-year period beginning in FY 1997 (October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997), and **continuing each year thereafter.**

B. Contracting Goals

1. At least ten percent (10%) of the total dollar amount of all Section 3 covered contracts for building trades work, for maintenance, repair, modernization or development of public housing, or for

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building trades work arising in connection with housing rehabilitation, housing construction and other public construction; and

2. At least three percent (3%) of the total dollar amount of all other Section 3 covered contracts.

C. Good Faith Effort

Each contractor and subcontractor seeking to establish that a good faith effort, as required by Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u, has been made to fill all training positions with lower income area residents; and fill all employment positions identified during this project, and shall attempt to recruit from the appropriate areas, the necessary number of lower income residents through local advertising media, signs placed at the proposed site, and community organizations, and public and private institutions operating within or serving the service area.

CONTRACTOR'S Section 3 COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

The undersigned makes this certification with full knowledge that its contents will be used in the expenditure of funds provided by the United States Government. Under penalty of perjury I hereby state:

1. I am the _____ of _____,
(Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative, Agent)
the Bidder that has submitted the attached Bid; and

2. My company adheres to Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u which requires, to the greatest extent feasible, that a "good faith effort" is given to identifying small businesses located within the boundaries of the Section 3 service area, making them aware of contracting opportunities, encouraging their participation and actually awarding contracts to Section 3 business concerns.

3. Efforts will be made to undertake outreach activities intended to encourage participation by Section 3 residents in training and employment opportunities, to include but not limited to:
 - A. Advertising in local media;
 - B. Distributing flyers on training and job opportunities to public housing sites and posting flyers in common areas;
 - C. Informing labor organizations and private job training agencies of potential jobs and contract opportunities;
 - D. Participation in job information meetings and workshops to help Section 3 residents' complete applications and learn interviewing techniques.

Signature of Authorized Certifying Official: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Company Name: _____

**Equal Employment
Opportunity Certification**
Excerpt From 41 CFR §60-1.4(b)

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Housing
Federal Housing Commissioner

Department of Veterans Affairs

The applicant hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 CFR Chapter 60, which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, the following equal opportunity clause:

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

- (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will 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 the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (3) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (4) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (5) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

- (6) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, 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 in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (7) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: **Provided, however,** That in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work:

Provided, That if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and Federally-assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed

Firm Name and Address

By

Title

upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

Excerpt from HUD Regulations

200.410 Definition of term "applicant".

- (a) In multifamily housing transactions where controls over the mortgagor are exercised by the Commissioner either through the ownership of corporate stock or under the provisions of a regulatory agreement, the term "applicant" as used in this subpart shall mean the mortgagor.
- (b) In transactions other than those specified in paragraph(a) of this section, the term "applicant" as used in this subpart shall mean the builder, dealer or contractor performing the construction, repair or rehabilitation work for the mortgagor or other borrower.

200.420 Equal Opportunity Clause to be included in contracts and subcontracts.

- (a) The following equal opportunity clause shall be included in each contract and subcontract which is not exempt:
During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
 - (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, creed, color, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause.
 - (2) The contractor will 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 race, creed, color, or national origin.
 - (3) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notices in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
 - (4) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 10925 of March 6 1961, as amended, and of the regulations, and relevant orders of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity created thereby.

(5) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 10925 of March 6, 1961, as amended, and by the regulations, and orders of the said Committee, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by HUD and the Committee for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clause of this contract or with any of the said regulations, or orders, this contract may be cancelled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or Federally-assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 10925 of March 6, 1961, as amended, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked provided in the said Executive Order or by regulations, or order of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, or as otherwise provided by law.

(7) The contractor will include the provisions of Paragraphs(1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by regulations, or orders of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity issued pursuant to Section 303 of Executive Order 10925 of March 6, 1961, as amended, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase orders as HUD may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by HUD, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

- (b) Except in subcontracts for the performance of construction work at the site of construction, the clause is not required to be inserted in subcontracts below the second tier. Subcontracts may incorporate by reference to the equal opportunity clause.

200.425 Modification in and exemptions from the regulations in this subpart.

- (a) The following transactions and contracts are exempt from the regulations in this subpart:
 - (1) Loans, mortgages, contracts and subcontracts not exceeding \$10,000.
 - (2) Contract and subcontracts not exceeding \$100,000 for standard commercial supplies or raw material;
 - (3) Contracts and subcontracts under which work is to be or has been performed outside the United States and where no recruitment of workers within the United States is involved. To the extent that work pursuant to such contracts is done within the United States, the equal opportunity clause shall be applicable;
 - (4) Contracts for the sale of Government property where no appreciable amount of work is involved; and
 - (5) Contracts and subcontracts for an indefinite quantity which are not to extend for more than one year if the purchaser determines that the amounts to be ordered under any such contract or subcontract are not reasonably expected to exceed \$100,000 in the case of contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies and raw materials, or \$10,000 in the case of all other contracts and subcontracts.

General Contract Conditions

Non-Construction

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

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1. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this contract:

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

2. Changes

- (a) The HA may at any time, by written order, and without notice to the sureties, if any, make changes within the general scope of this contract in the services to be performed or supplies to be delivered.
- (b) If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the hourly rate, the not-to-exceed amount of the contract, or the time required for performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, or otherwise affects the conditions of this contract, the HA shall make an equitable adjustment in the not-to-exceed amount, the hourly rate, the delivery schedule, or other affected terms, and shall modify the contract accordingly.
- (c) The Contractor must assert its right to an equitable adjustment under this clause within 30 days from the date of receipt of the written order. However, if the HA decides that the facts justify it, the HA may receive and act upon a proposal submitted before final payment of the contract.
- (d) Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute under clause **Disputes**, herein. However, nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed.
- (e) No services for which an additional cost or fee will be charged by the Contractor shall be furnished without the prior written consent of the HA.

3. Disputes

- (a) All disputes arising under or relating to this contract, including any claims for damages for the alleged breach thereof 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 (1) given the notice within the time stated in paragraph (c) above, and (2) excepted its claim relating to such decision from the final release, and (3) 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.

4. 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: (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) 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.
- (e) If the termination is due to the failure of the Contractor to fulfill its obligations under the contract (default), the HA may (1) 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)(2) above, and compensation be determined in accordance with the Changes clause; (2) 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; and (3) withhold any payments to the Contractor, for the purpose of set-off or partial payment, as the case may be, of amounts owed 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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 (1) appeals under the clause titled **Disputes**, (2) litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, or (3) 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.

8. 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:

- (1) Award of the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage; or
- (2) 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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 therefrom, but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

12. 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.

13. 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:

- (1) The awarding of any Federal contract;
- (2) The making of any Federal grant;
- (3) The making of any Federal loan;
- (4) The entering into of any cooperative agreement; and,
- (5) 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. 4508). 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:

- (1) An individual who is appointed to a position in the Government under title 5, U.S.C., including a position under a temporary appointment;
- (2) A member of the uniformed services as defined in section 202, title 18, U.S.C.;
- (3) A special Government employee as defined in section 202, title 18, U.S.C.; and,
- (4) 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.

consistent with the amount normally paid for such services in the private sector.

"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 of 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.

- (1) 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.

- (2) The prohibition does not apply as follows:
 - (i) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.

(A) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in paragraph (1) 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)(2)(i)(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)(2)(i)(A) of this clause are permitted under this clause.

(ii) Professional and technical services.

(A) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in subparagraph (b)(1) of this clause, does not apply in the case of-

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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)(2)(ii)(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.

(O) Only those services expressly authorized by subdivisions (b)(2)(ii)(A)(1) and (2) of this section are permitted under this clause.

(iii) Selling activities by independent sales representatives.

The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in subparagraph (b)(1) 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:

(A) 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

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

(c) 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.

(d) Penalties. Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under paragraph (b) of this clause shall be subject to a civil penalty 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.

(e) 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.

14. 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 subcontract 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. Liens

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

19. Training and Employment Opportunities for Residents in the Project Area (Section 3, HUD Act of 1968; 24 CFR 135) (Applicable to contracts in excess of \$500,000)

(a) The work to be performed under this contract is on a project assisted under a program providing direct Federal financial assistance from HUD and is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u. Section 3 requires that to the greatest extent feasible opportunities for training and employment be given lower income residents of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns which are located in, or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the area of the project.

(b) The parties to this contract will comply with the provisions of Section 3 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Secretary of HUD set forth in 24 CFR part 135, and all applicable rules and orders of HUD issued thereunder prior to the execution of this contract. The parties to this contract certify and agree that they are under no contractual or other disability which would prevent them from complying with these requirements.

(c) The contractor will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, if any, a notice advising the organization of the contractor's commitments under this clause and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment or training.

(d) The contractor will include this clause in every subcontract for work in connection with the project and will, at the direction of the applicant or recipient of Federal financial assistance, take appropriate action pursuant to the subcontract upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of regulations issued by the Secretary of HUD, 24 CFR part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where it has notice or knowledge that the latter has been found in violation of these regulations and will not award any subcontract unless the subcontractor has first provided it with a preliminary statement of ability to comply with the requirements of these regulations.

(e) Compliance with the provisions of section 3, the regulations set forth at 24 CFR part 135, and all applicable rules and orders of HUD issued thereunder prior to the execution of the contract shall be a condition of the Federal financial assistance provided to the project, binding upon the applicant or recipient for such assistance, its successors, and assigns. Failure to fulfill these requirements shall subject the applicant or recipient, its contractors and subcontractors, its successors, and assigns to those sanctions specified by the grant or loan agreement or contract through which the Federal assistance is provided, and to such sanctions as are specified by 24 CFR part 135.

Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

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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 protester.

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:]

Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension

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