



Request for Proposal

Document Imaging Solution

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1.0 Introduction

The Housing Authority of The City of Providence, Rhode Island (aka Providence Housing Authority or PHA) is a public agency soliciting proposals from qualified entities/organizations to provide a **Document Imaging Solution** as outlined in the scope of services specified in this Request for Proposals (RFP).

Proposals will be received until **12:00 PM EST on October 24, 2022** at the PHA's Procurement Office, at 40 Laurel Hill Ave., Providence, RI 02909. Responses must be labeled **Providence Housing Authority: Document Imaging Solution**. Proposers must deliver one original and a copy of their proposal on a USB drive addressed to the attention of:

**Annette Malkhassian
Procurement Officer
Providence Housing Authority
40 Laurel Hill Avenue
Providence, RI 02909**

PHA will not accept proposals submitted by fax or email.

The criteria for evaluating these proposals will be based on the items set forth in the Request for Proposals (RFP). If an award is made based on this solicitation, it will be made to the top rated responsive and responsible "Offeror" which in the judgment of the Agency, best meets the factors presented in this RFP and the long-term goals and needs of the Agency. Additionally, a Contract resulting from this RFP shall be subject to all other requirements or restraints that may be imposed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Providence Housing Authority:

1. Reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informality in the RFP process, or to terminate the process at any time, if deemed to be in its best interest.
2. Reserves the right not to award a contract pursuant to this RFP.
3. Reserves the right to terminate a contract award pursuant to this RFP, at any time for its convenience upon 10 days written notice to the successful proposer(s).
4. Reserves the right to determine days, hours, and locations that the successful proposer(s) shall provide services called for in this RFP.
5. Reserves the rights to retain all proposals submitted in response to this RFP, and no firm shall be allowed to withdraw said proposal for a period of 60 days after the deadline for receiving proposals without the written consent of the PHA Contracting Officer (CO).
6. Reserves the right to negotiate the fees proposed by the proposer entity.
7. Reserves the right to reject and not consider any proposal that does not meet the requirements of this RFP, including but not necessarily limited to incomplete proposal and/or proposals offering alternate or non-requested services.
8. Shall have no obligation to compensate any proposer for any costs incurred in responding to this RFP.

2.0 Background

Founded in 1939, the Providence Housing Authority (PHA) provides and develops quality and safe affordable housing opportunities and services to address the needs of Rhode Island residents. We are committed to the core values of excellence, accountability, innovation, respect, and equity in all that we do.

Today, the PHA provides affordable housing to more than 12,000 residents in the City of Providence. We administer 2,601 public housing units that are home to about 5,613 residents – making us one of the largest landlords in the State. Units are designated as elderly/disabled, family, and scattered sites developments. We also oversee the administration of more than 2,700 tenant-based and project-based Section 8 vouchers, most of which allow low-income families to rent in the private market and host a variety of support programs to help our residents and participants meet their wellness, financial, and employment goals no matter what their age or ability. In addition to in-house services, the PHA provides a wide array of referrals to partners across the state.

The PHA is a quasi-governmental organization, governed by a Board of Commissioners appointed by the Mayor and Providence City Council, and an Executive Director who reports to the Board.

Vision Statement: PHA, working with its residents, will be a best-in-class leader in creating safe, vibrant communities that promote pathways to opportunities and will be a place where people are proud to live and work.

Mission Statement: PHA provides and develops quality and safe affordable housing opportunities and services to address the needs of Rhode Island Residents.

Overview of Current PROVIDENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY

- All PHA properties are within Providence, RI
- The current environment supports approximately 150 network users working at multiple locations within Providence RI
- The PHA currently has images stored in Joseph Merritt & Company and MHC (formerly Vanguard Solutions) software. MHC software will not be available after March 31, 2023, unless MHC is the selected vendor for this project.
- PHA utilizes Fujitsu FI-6130 and FI-7160 scanners for our Document Imaging needs

3.0 Scope of Services

As stated in the introduction, the PHA seeks responses from entities/organizations with expertise and experience in Document Imaging. The focus of the RFP is to select a single entity/organization to provide a Document Imaging Solution for a term of one (1) year, renewable annually up to five (5) years. Proposal must include any proposed annual price increases (dollar/percentage), between 1 and 5 years.

- Solution must be Web-Based
- Solution must include a stylus with an electronic signature pad to e-sign documents, include costs
- Prefer a solution that can scan directly into our Authority Wide Software – MRI/HAB. Otherwise, we need a searchable field for document retrieval
- Solution must have the ability to merge all documents from our previous two Document Imaging systems (mentioned above) into your solution, then staff can view and print these documents from your solution
- Prefer a solution that can detect single-sided or double-sided documents
- Prefer a solution that can email PDF images directly from our desktop scanner software or MFD's (Multi-function Device)
- Prefer a solution that scans images in B/W or Color
- Prefer a solution that can clearly scan documents such as but not limited to Licenses, ID's, SS Cards, Passports and Immigration paperwork
- Prefer a solution that merges our Tenant Applicant documents to Tenant files once the Applicant is housed
- Prefer a solution that can export/email images in a PDF format
- Solution must be compatible with Fujitsu FI-6130 and FI-7160 scanners
- Solution must have the ability to implement; MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication) per user, SSO (Single Sign-On), encryption at rest, roles based on users (i.e. download / view only)
- Must provide SOC2 report with their proposal

4.0 Offeror Requirements

- Offeror's proposal must be detailed and clear as to the cost to provide a Document Imaging solution, all costs associated with this project must be included in the proposal.
- Offeror's proposal must include detailed costs for all software and hardware necessary for a fully operational Document Imaging solution.
- Offeror offices must reside within the United States. Offeror cannot outsource to a 3rd party that is located outside of the United States. Indicate where your support center is located – United States, outside of the United States.
- Offeror must include in their proposal how long after executing a contract they need to begin project and expected project completion date.
- Offeror to provide three references where they provided a Document Imaging solution within the past year, that we can contact.
- Rates for any customized or recommended work outside of the proposed support solution must be included in your response and approved by PHA.
- Service calls made during business hours (8am to 6pm EST) will be included in the contract price and not an additional cost.

5.0 Information Requirements

For the purposes of understanding more about your company and your ability to successfully fulfill PHA's requirements; please provide the information below as part of your response, clearly referencing each specific question.

Corporate Information

Will you subcontract any components of this project to third-party companies? If so, please describe the components to be subcontracted and provide details of any agreement in place with the subcontracted firm/individuals as well as a summary of work that you have successfully completed together; include offices/locations of third-party organizations. All costs associated with any third-party will be the responsibility of the offeror, not the PHA.

6.0 Proposal Contents and Format

Please complete all sections of the RFP and provide the information requested. If additional material is required for one or more questions, please label attachments clearly and reference them in your response. Your response to this RFP will serve as the basis for the consideration of your potential as the vendor for providing a Document Imaging solution.

All research and work performed hereunder must be done in an independent and unbiased manner. Entities or parties having business, personal or social ties to affordable housing will not be precluded from submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP, but all Proposals must be unbiased toward any special interest group, housing variable category, or population demographic. Any connection to a specific group must be disclosed in the Proposal.

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Providence Housing Authority: Document Imaging Solution

Proposers must deliver one original and a copy of their proposal on a USB drive to our Procurement Officer, Annette Malkhassian. PHA will not accept proposals submitted by fax or email.

The Original submittal is to be marked on the outside of the proposal "**Original**".

Original proposal and USB drive must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the attention of:

**Annette Malkhassian
Procurement Officer
Providence Housing Authority
40 Laurel Hill Avenue
Providence, RI 02909**

The following Information and fully executed Attachments shall be included with Proposals:

- A. Company Information**
- B. 3 Client References for Document Imaging Solution issued within the last 6 months**
- C. Fair Employment Practice Statement**
- D. Contingent Fees Statement**
- E. Non-Collusive Affidavit**
- F. Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loan and Cooperative Agreement**
- G. Vendor Disclosure Statement**
- H. SOC 2 Report completed within the past year**
- I. Form HUD-5369-B**
- J. Form HUD-5369-C**
- K. Forms HUD-5370-C**

7.0 Proposal Evaluation Factors

The submittal must include page numbers and shall be arranged in the following format and sequence together with required attachments specified in Section 6.0. Proposals will be evaluated using the four factors and their respective assigned values as follows:

- A. Letter of Interest (5%)** - The letter should: specify the proposer's interest in the Project; demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of PHA's current and future needs; and briefly explain why the proposer feels it is best qualified to undertake this engagement. Please also identify the principal staff who would be assigned to this engagement.
- B. The Technical Approach and the Response Plan(s) (25%)** - A detailed description of the approach, proposed work plan, and time frame. Please explain how you propose to transition the PHA's documents from our existing systems to your solution, any training you will provide for staff, and whether you meet the PHA's preference to integrate with our HAB/MRI software. Bidders whose programs do not integrate should provide alternate solutions to ensure PHA is able to organize and easily access scanned documents in areas including Public Housing and Section 8 resident data; landlord data; procurement records; Work Orders, HR documents, financial documents.
- C. Demonstrated Experience and Capacity in Similar Engagements (30%)** - The prior experience identified by the proposer in similar engagements, including, but not limited to, experience transitioning medium sized and large organizations from other scanning solutions. The proposer will provide contact information on three (3) references (if possible, Housing Authorities, non-profit agencies, or governmental entities) from prior clients with similar engagements and provide a brief description of the role the proposer played in each engagement. Please include resumes of key staff identified in section A.
- D. Cost Proposals (40%)** – PHA requests: a detailed cost proposal not to exceed total costs and reimbursable expenses; including proposed hourly fees and expenses, along with the total number of hours and time that would be required to complete this engagement. Include detailed setup costs, annual costs, annual cost increases, hourly fees and additional fees outside of the contract.
- E. Women and Minority Business Enterprises (W/MBE) (6 bonus points)** – An additional six (6) points will be added to the final score for companies that are registered as such. A small business which is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals or in the case of a publicly owned business, at least fifty-one (51%) of the stock of which is owned by one more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more such individuals. Businesses registered as such are required to submit a copy of their Certification to earn these additional points. The State of Rhode Island Office of Diversity, Equity & Opportunity website has more information regarding the certification process and defines the category of individuals that can certify as a W/MBE.

8.0 Cost Incurred in Responding

- All costs directly or indirectly related to preparation of a response to the Request for Proposal, or any oral presentation required to supplement and/or clarify the submittal which may be required by the PHA shall be the sole responsibility of and shall be borne by Offeror.
- Each firm by submitting its proposal waives any claim for liability against the PHA as to loss, injury and costs or expenses, which may be incurred as a consequence of its response to this document.

9.0 Pre-Bid Meeting

A pre-bid meeting is not scheduled for this RFP. Please direct all questions to ANNETTE MALKHASSIAN; contact information provided in Section 10.0 Inquiries.

10.0 Inquiries

Questions submitted via e-mail will be accepted **until 12:00PM EST on October 13, 2022**. Direct all questions to:

Annette Malkhassian
Procurement Officer
Providence Housing Authority
40 Laurel Hill Avenue
Providence, RI 02909
amalkhassian@provhousing.org

11.0 Submission Deadline

Proposals will be received until **11:00 AM EST on October 24, 2022** at the PHA, Procurement Office, 40 Laurel Hill Ave., Providence, RI 02909.

12.0 Rejection

- PHA reserves the right to reject any and all submittals, waive any informality in the solicitation process or parts thereof, and/or to re-solicit new Proposals.
- PHA does not guarantee that a contract will be awarded as a result of this Request for Proposal.

13.0 Contract Compliance Statement

- The Offeror shall state their compliance with all applicable rules and regulations of Federal, State and Local governing entities and that they are not excluded from Federal procurement programs. Offeror must state compliance with terms of this Request for Proposal (see attachments).
- The Offeror must demonstrate that the proposal meets **all** applicable rules, regulations, permitting, registration, and licensing requirements, whether Local, State or Federal. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to determine the applicability of any rule, regulation, or other requirement.

14.0 Agreement for Services Form

(This is the PHA contract that would need to be signed by selected vendor)

THIS AGREEMENT, Contract Number XX-XXX, is made and entered into this Month, Day, Year by and between VENDOR NAME located on Address, a [State of Incorporation] Corporation, hereinafter called the "**Contractor**" and **The Housing Authority of the City of Providence, Rhode Island**, a public body and a body corporate and politic existing under the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, hereinafter called the "**Authority.**"

WITNESSETH, that the Contractor and the Authority for the considerations stated herein mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Statement of Work.

The Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, and services to perform and complete in a timely manner, all work required for XXX the Authority at XXX location(s) XXX the City of Providence in accordance with: all applicable HUD rules and regulations, Part II – Additional Terms and Conditions, the Authority's Request for Proposal, dated **XX/XX/XXXX**, and the Contractor's Proposal, dated **XX/XX/XXXX**, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

The specific deliverables are:

ARTICLE 2. The Contract Price.

The Authority shall pay the Contractor for the performance of this entire contract, in current funds, subject to additions and deductions as provided herein, the **XXX** and 00/100 Dollars (**\$XXXXX.00**).

ARTICLE 3. Method of Payment.

Portions of the contract price, as stated in ARTICLE 2., shall be paid within thirty (30) days after receipt of an approved invoice. If the delivery of any services and/or material purchased under this contract, is provided in stages, then, for each of the agreed stages, a partial payment will be made. The Contractor is issued **Contract Number XX-XXX** by the Authority. This number must be indicated on all invoices in order to be processed for payment.

Billing Address: Providence Housing Authority, 100 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02903; email invoices to: Finance@provhousing.org

ARTICLE 4. Time of Performance.

Work will commence on or about **XX/XX/XXXX** and shall be completed on or before **XX/XX/XXXX**.

ARTICLE 5. Contract Documents.

The Contract shall consist of the following component parts:

- a. This Instrument
- b. Part II – Additional Terms and Conditions
- c. Request for Proposal dated **XX/XX/XXXX**
- d. Contractor's Proposal dated **XX/XX/XXXX**
- e. HUD-required forms
- f. State of RI required forms
- g. Parties' Addendum, if applicable

ARTICLE 6. Additional Compliance.

Contractor shall comply with all pertinent Federal, state, and municipal laws and regulations, and all pertinent Amendments thereto, including but not limited to:

- Federal and State Confidentiality, Privacy and Data Security;
- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- The Pregnancy Discrimination Act;
- The Equal Pay Act of 1963;
- The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967;
- Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;
- Sections 102 and 103 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991;
- Sections 501 and 505 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008; and
- Executive Order 11246 as Amended, including Parts I through IV.

Vendors, Non-Affiliated Third Parties, and Contractors shall implement and maintain reasonable data security procedures and practices appropriate to the size and scope of the organization, the nature of the information, and the purpose for which the information was collected to protect the Personal Information (PI) from Unauthorized Access, Use, Modification, Destruction, or Disclosure.

THIS INSTRUMENT, together with the other documents enumerated in Article 5, are fully a part of the Contract as if hereto attached, and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. This Agreement shall not be modified except in writing signed by both parties. If any provision in any component part of this Contract conflicts with any provision of any other component part, the provision(s) required by HUD, and/or provision(s) most beneficial to the Authority, shall govern.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

Witness:

The Housing Authority of the City of Providence, RI

By: _____

By: _____

Melissa Sanzaro,
Executive Director
100 Broad Street
Providence, R.I. 02903

Witness:

Contractor Name

By: _____

By: _____

Name

Title

Address

CERTIFICATION

I, _____, certify that I am the _____ of the corporation named as Contractor herein: that

_____ who signed this contract on behalf of the Contractor, was then _____ of said corporation, that said contract was duly signed for and in behalf of this corporation by authority of its governing body, and is within the scope of its corporate powers:

[Corporate Seal]

By: _____

15.0 Terms and Conditions

15.1 Termination of Contract for Cause

If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner the obligations under this Contract, or if the Contractor shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Contract, the Authority shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Contract by giving written notice to the Contractor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least five days before the effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, and reports prepared by the Contractor under this Contract shall, at the option of the Authority, become its property and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents.

Despite the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the Authority for damages sustained by the Authority by virtue of any breach of the Contract by the Contractor, and the Authority may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due the Authority from the Contractor is determined.

15.2 Termination for Convenience of Authority

The Authority may terminate this Contract any time by a notice in writing from the Authority to the Contractor. If the Contract is terminated by the Authority for Convenience, the Contractor will be paid an amount that bears the same ratio to the total compensation as the services actually performed bear to the total services covered by this Contract, less payments of compensation previously made: Provided, however, that if less than sixty per cent (60%) of the services covered by this Contract have been performed upon the effective date of such termination, the Contractor shall be reimbursed (in addition to the above payment) for that portion of the actual out-of-pocket expenses (not otherwise reimbursed under this Contract) incurred by the Contractor during the Contract period that are directly attributable to the uncompleted portion of the services covered by this Contract. If this Contract is terminated due to the fault of the Contractor, Section 1 (above) or Section 2 (this provision) may apply; to be determined by the Authority in its sole discretion.

15.3 Changes

The Authority may, from time to time, request changes in the Scope of Services from the Contractor to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Contractor's compensation, shall only be effective if prior written agreement by the Authority's Contracting Officer is obtained. Such agreement(s) shall be considered written amendments to this Contract.

15.4 Personnel

- a. The Contractor represents that they have, or will secure at their own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Contract. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the Authority.
- b. All the services required hereunder will be performed by the Contractor or under their supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under State and local law to perform such services.
- c. No person who is serving sentence in a penal or correctional institution shall be employed on work under this Contract.

15.5 Anti-Kickback Rules

Salaries of architects, draftsmen, technical engineers, and technicians performing work under this Contract shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a month without deduction or rebate on any account except only such payroll deductions as are mandatory by law or permitted

by the applicable regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the "Anti-Kickback Act" of June 13, 1934 (48 Stat. 948; 62 Stat. 740; 63 Stat. 108; title 18 U.S.C., section 874; and title 40 U.S.C., section 276c). The Contractor shall comply with all applicable "Anti-Kickback" regulations and shall insert appropriate provisions in all subcontracts covering work under this Contract to insure compliance by subcontractors with such regulations and shall be responsible for the submission of affidavits required of subcontractors thereunder except as the Secretary of Labor may specifically provide for variations of or exemptions from the requirements thereof.

15.6 Withholding of Salaries

If, in the performance of this Contract, there is any underpayment of salaries by the Contractor or by any subcontractor thereunder, the Authority shall withhold from the Contractor out of payments due to him an amount sufficient to pay to employees underpaid the difference between the salaries required to be paid and the salaries actually paid such employees for the total number of hours worked. The amounts withheld shall be dispersed by the Authority for and on account of the Contractor or subcontractor to the respective employees to whom they are due.

15.7 Claims and Disputes Pertaining to Salary Rates

Claims and disputes pertaining to salary rates or to classifications of architects, draftsmen, technical engineers, and technicians performing work under this Contract shall be promptly reported in writing by the Contractor to the Authority for the latter's decision which shall be final.

15.8 Equal Employment Opportunity

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees:

- a. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or any protected class. 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, national origin or protected class. 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 by the Authority setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- b. The Contractor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants shall receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
- c. The Contractor shall cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by this Contract so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

15.9 Discrimination Because of Certain Labor Matters

No person employed on the work covered by this Contract shall be discharged or in any way discriminated against because they have filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding or have testified or are about to testify in any proceeding under or relating to the labor standards applicable hereunder to their employer.

15.10 Compliance with Local Laws

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the State and local governments, and shall commit no trespass on any public or private property in performing any of

the work embraced by this Contract.

15.11 Subcontracting

None of the services covered by this Contract shall be subcontracted without the prior written consent of the Authority. The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the Authority for the acts and omissions of their subcontractors, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them, as Contractor is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by them.

15.12 Assignability

The Contractor shall not assign any interest in this Contract, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation) without the prior written approval of the Authority: Provided, however, that claims for money due or to become due the Contractor from the Authority under this Contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution, or to a Trustee in Bankruptcy, without such approval. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the Authority.

15.13 Interest of Members of Authority

No member of the governing body of the Authority, and no other officer, employee, or agent of the Authority who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the carrying out of the Project to which this Contract pertains, shall have any personal interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract.

15.14 Interest of Other Local Public Officials

No member of the governing body of the locality in which the Project Area is situated, and no other public official of such locality, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the carrying out of the Project to which this Contract pertains, shall have any personal interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract.

15.15 Interest of Certain Federal Officials

No member of or Delegate to the Congress of the United States, and no Resident Commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this Contract or to any benefit to arise herefrom.

15.16 Interest of Contractor

The Contractor covenants that they presently have no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in the above-described Project Area or any parcels therein or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of their services hereunder. The Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Contract no person having any such interest shall be employed.

15.17 Findings Confidential

All of the reports, information, data, etc., prepared or assembled by the Contractor under this Contract are confidential and the Contractor agrees that they shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the Authority.

15.18 Royalties and Patents

The Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees. It shall defend all suits or claims for infringement of any patent rights and shall save the Authority harmless from loss on account thereof; except that the Authority shall be responsible for all such loss when a particular design,

process or the product of a particular manufacturer or manufacturers is specified and the Contractor has no reason to believe that the specified design, process, or product is an infringement. If, however, the Contractor has any reason to believe that any design, process or product specified is an infringement of a patent, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer. Failure to give such notice shall make the Contractor responsible for resultant loss.

15.19 Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

- a. The Authority, HUD, or Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives shall, until three (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 shall 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, (2) litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, or (3) costs and expenses of this contract to which the Authority, 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.

15.20 Warranty of Title

The Contractor warrants good title to all materials, supplies, and equipment incorporated in the work and agrees to deliver the premises together with all improvements thereon or any material delivered under this contract free from any claims, liens or charges, and agrees further that neither it nor any other person, firm or corporation shall have any right to a lien upon the premises or anything appurtenant thereto.

15.21 Insurance

The Contractor is required to obtain an endorsement to the comprehensive general liability policy to include owners' and contractors' protective liability coverage to protect the Authority from any claims arising from the contractor's operations. Before beginning work, the Contractor and each subcontractor shall furnish the Authority with Certificates of Insurance showing that the following insurance is in force and will insure all operations under the contract. All insurance shall be carried with companies that are financially responsible and authorized to do business in Rhode Island.

- a. **Workers' Compensation** in accordance with Rhode Island Worker's Compensation Laws for all employees engaged under this contract.
- b. **Commercial General Liability** which is comprehensive general Liability insurance with bodily injury and property damage. The minimum amount of required coverage is \$500,000 per occurrence. The policy shall cover all operations of the contractor in connection with the project.
- c. **Automobile Liability** on owned, non-owned and hired motor vehicles used on or in connection with the site(s) for a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence.
- d. The Certificates of Insurance noted in paragraphs (a) and (b) shall indicate that the policy holder has added the Authority as an Additional Insured. Within ten (10) days of Award of work, Contractor shall provide the PHA with a copy of the actual Insurer's policy endorsement evidencing it has added the PHA as an Additional Insured on Contractor's policy(ies).

- e. Hold Harmless and Indemnification. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to mean that Providence the Housing Authority assumes any liability for damages or otherwise on account of accidents to persons or property, including but not limited to accidents arising or resulting from Contractor's operations. Contractor shall be solely responsible for supervising all of its own, and its sub-contractors, and operations, including but not limited to losses arising from the willful and/or negligent actions of its own and its sub-contracted staff.

Except to the extent caused by the negligence of the Housing Authority, Contractor shall indemnify, protect and hold harmless the Housing Authority to the fullest extent permitted by law from and against all liabilities, costs (including reasonable attorney fees), losses and claims of any kind or nature imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against the Housing Authority arising out of the active or passive negligence or willful actions of Contractor, and/or its sub-contractors, in any way connected with the completion of the work and its/their operations. Contractor shall, at its own expense, pay all expenses and provide attorneys reasonably acceptable to the Housing Authority to defend and/or seek enforcement of the provisions hereof on behalf of the Housing Authority in matters regarding the indemnity contained herein. The terms and conditions of this provision shall survive the term/period of performance of this Agreement.

16.0 Miscellaneous Provisions

The resulting Contract Agreement will provide that the Offeror and the **PHA** mutually agree as follows:

- a. **Ownership of Documents.** All data and records prepared or obtained under this Agreement shall be made available, upon request, to the **PHA** without restriction or limitation on their use.
- b. **Personnel.** The Offeror represents that they have or will secure at their own expense, all personnel and staff required in performing the services under this Agreement. Such personnel and staff shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the **PHA**.
- c. **Interest of Other Local Public Officials.** No member of the governing body of the locality in which the area of the Project is situated and no other public official of such locality who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the carrying out of the Project to which this Agreement pertains shall have any personal interest, direct or indirect, in the Agreement.
- d. **Access to Records.** The Offeror shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence directly pertinent to performance of work under this Agreement in accordance with accepted professional practice and appropriate accounting procedures and practices. Audits conducted pursuant to this provision shall be in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and formally established audit regulations, procedures and guidelines of the reviewing or audit agency.
- e. The PHA shall have exclusive ownership of all proprietary interest in, and the right to full and exclusive possession of all data, information, materials, and documents obtained, discovered, or produced by Offeror pursuant to the terms of this Contract, including but not limited to reports, memoranda, letters, or other correspondence and materials obtained during the performance of services or tasks under this Contract.
- f. **Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and Findings Confidential.** Offeror agrees to comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (the Act) and all rules and regulations issued pursuant to it in the collection and use of protected Personally Identifiable Information. All reports, information, data, etc., prepared or assembled by or for the Offeror and/or Authority under this Agreement containing private or confidential information of recipients of public housing assistance (except as may be expressly authorized) or any other such protected information shall not be made available to any individual or organization other than the Authority without the prior written approval of the Authority.

17.0 Insurance

- A. **Worker's Compensation Insurance.** Providing coverage in compliance with the laws of the state in which any part of the work is to be performed, and if appropriate, Employer's Liability Coverage in the minimum amount of \$100,000 for each occurrence.
- B. **Automobile Liability Insurance.** Bodily injury and property damage combined single limit in the minimum amount of \$250,000 for each occurrence, \$500,000 aggregate.
- C. **Offeror's Professional Liability Insurance.** Bodily injury and property damage combined single limit in the minimum amount of \$1,500,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate.
- D. **Cyber Liability Insurance.** Should the Offeror's data, equipment and/or systems become compromised or breached, include in your proposal your Cyber Liability Insurance policy and state if it contains provisions for protecting the PHA from loss or damage; indicate if the coverage for the PHA includes:

Cyber Extortion Expenses. Offeror or Offeror Insurer to pay all necessary costs and ransom fees for any cyber extortion. Is this covered? If so, please list specifics.

Legal Expenses. If our clients suffer a loss after a data breach, they may have grounds for legal action against the Offeror. Is this covered? If so, please list specifics.

Notifying Clients. Will your insurer notify each PHA client whose information may have been compromised? If covered, please provide specifics.

Credit monitoring services. Will your insurer offer clients credit monitoring services for a term of (1) one year thru a leading credit monitoring service? If so, please provide specifics.

Marketing campaigns. Will your insurer pay for a good-faith marketing campaign to help our business get back in the community's good graces? If so, what are the specific coverages, deductibles, and limits?

Items labeled a. through e. shall have coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,500,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate.

18.0 Licensing & Business Requirements

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

19.0 Equal Employment Opportunity

The Offeror shall affirm that it does not have or subscribe to any personnel policy which permits or allows for discrimination in the employment promotion, demotion, dismissal or laying off of any individual due to his/her race, creed, color, national origin, age, gender, gender identity, disability, or any other protected class, and that it has not been charged or found guilty of such discriminatory practices.

20.0 Diversity Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Requirements

Consistent with Presidential Executive Orders 11625, 12138, and 12432, the proposer shall make efforts to ensure that minority, women, and small business enterprises businesses are utilized whenever possible. Efforts to achieve minority, women and small business participation shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- a. Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists.
- b. Ensuring that small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources.
- c. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises.
- d. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirements of the contract permit, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises.
- e. Using the services and assistance of the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Minority Business Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and State and local governmental small business agencies.
- f. Firms submitting proposals are encouraged to consider subcontracting portions of the engagement to small IT Consulting firms or IT Consulting firms owned or controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. If this is done, that fact and the name of the proposed subcontracting firms must be clearly identified in the proposal. Following the award of the contract, no additional subcontracting of services provided herein will be allowed without the express prior written consent of the PHA.

ATTACHMENT A
COMPANY INFORMATION

Name of Organization _____

Business Address _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Principal Owners
(Leave blank if publicly owned) _____

Number of Years in Business _____

Location of office which
would service the PHA _____

Attach any additional information regarding your firm's background, which would be useful in assessing your proposal.

ATTACHMENT B

CLIENT REFERENCES

PLEASE PROVIDE ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER LABELED ATTACHMENT B, THREE (3) CLIENT REFERENCES. INFORMATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

Customer Name

Address

Contact Person

Phone Number

E-mail Address

A brief description of the role the entities/organizations played in the engagement(s) for this client and the current implementation status of such project(s).

ATTACHMENT C

FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE STATEMENT AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

After being first duly sworn according to law, the undersigned (Affiant) states that he/she is _____ of _____ (Offeror) and that by its employment policy, standards and practices the Offeror does not subscribe to any personnel policy which permits or allows for the promotion, demotion, employment, dismissal of, laying off of any individual due to his/her race, creed, color, national origin, age sex, or handicapping condition.

Any further Affiant sayeth not.

Signature

Type/Print Name

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

ATTACHMENT D
CONTINGENT FEES STATEMENT

State of _____

County of _____

In accordance with the Providence Housing Authority's policy, it is a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to upon an agreement or understanding for a contingent commission, percentage, or brokerage fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business. After being first duly sworn according to law, the undersigned (affiant) states that he/she is the _____, of _____ (Offeror) and that the Offeror has not retained anyone in violation of the foregoing.

And further Affiant sayeth not.

By: _____
Title: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this ____ day of _____, 20__

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

ATTACHMENT E

FORM OF NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

State of _____

County of _____

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

(1) He/She is _____ of _____, the Offeror that has submitted the attached Proposal:

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

(3) Such Proposal is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said offeror 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 communications or conference, with any person, agreed to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said bid price, or that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the Providence Housing Authority or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said proposal of bid are true; and;

(4) Any professional fees arrived at during negotiations must be fair and proper and are not to be tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the Professional or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit.

(Signed) _____

Title

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

ATTACHMENT F

CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOAN AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any persons, 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 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) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with it instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20_____

By: _____
(Signature of Authorized Official)

(Printed Name of Authorized Official)

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this ____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

ATTACHMENT G
VENDOR DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Entity Completing Form: _____

Company Contact Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

The Providence Housing Authority requires the following written disclosure:

Every contractor, union, or vendor that is seeking or has previously obtained a contract, change order, or individual transactions in an aggregate of \$3,000, shall provide to the Procurement Office a written disclosure of any conflicts of interest that may exist.

Relationship to a Providence Housing Authority employee, Board Member, or Agent* involved in making the award. A relationship can be defined as: father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister; a domestic partner; or an organization which employs or is negotiating to employ, or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment of any of the above.

* Agent is defined as the Providence Housing Authority legal counsel

- I certify that I am not related to a Providence Housing Authority employee, Board Member, or Agent
- I am not aware of any relatives being employed by the Providence Housing Authority
- I am related to an individual and disclose the following information:

Name(s) of Individual: _____

Address(es) of Individual: _____

I certify that all the information above is true and complete. I also understand that if my situation changes during any contractual period, that I will disclose the change in writing to the Procurement Officer at the PHA.

Signature _____

Date _____

ATTACHMENT H
SOC 2 REPORT COMPLETED WITHIN THE PAST YEAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Check the block applicable to you)

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

3. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

(a) The bidder/offeror certifies that—

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

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

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

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

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

4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Certification

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

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

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

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

(b) The Contractor agrees that if after award he or she discovers an organizational conflict of interest with respect to this contract, he or she shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the HA which shall include a description of the action which the Contractor has taken or intends to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. The HA may, however, terminate the Contract for the convenience of HA if it would be in the best interest of HA.

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

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

5. Authorized Negotiators (RFPs only)

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

6. Conflict of Interest

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

7. Offeror's Signature

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

Signature & Date:

Typed or Printed Name:

Title:

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

ATTACHMENT K

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

OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (exp. 3/31/2020)

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

- 1) **Non-construction contracts** (*without* maintenance) **greater than \$105,000 - use Section I;**
- 2) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance as defined at 24 CFR 968.105) **greater than \$2,000 but not more than \$150,000 - use Section II;** and
- 3) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance), **greater than \$150,000 – use Sections I and II.**

Section I - Clauses for All Non-Construction Contracts greater than \$150,000

1. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this contract:

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

2. Changes

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

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

3. Termination for Convenience and Default

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

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.

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- (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.

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.

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

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.