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QUALIFICATION BASED SOLICITATION (QBS) 21-33

The Houston Housing Authority ("HHA") has issued this solicitation with the intent to establish a contract with a qualified Firm to serve as a Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) Engineer in accordance with the requirements and terms and conditions specified herein.

Interested parties who wish to respond to this solicitation must submit the required documents to the below individual by **2 P.M. Central Standard Time (CST) July 13, 2021 to:**

**Houston Housing Authority
Attn: Austin Y. Crotts, MA
RE: QBS 21-33 Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) Engineer - DO NOT OPEN
2640 Fountain View Drive Houston, Texas 77057**

The face of the sealed envelope/package must contain the above information, and once it is in the possession of HHA, their contents will not be publicly opened or revealed until after a contract is awarded.

Interested parties are highly encouraged to check HHA's website prior to the submission of their sealed responses to ensure they are aware of any Amendment(s) that may affect this solicitation. They should also send an e-mail acknowledgement to Purchasing@housingforhouston.com, that they have downloaded this solicitation from HHA's website. Doing so will allow HHA to notify interested parties of any Amendments that may affect this solicitation.

Late submissions will be handled in accordance with Section 6 of Attachment H Instruction to Offerors Non-Construction Form HUD-5369-B.

Interested parties who have questions about this solicitation, or who need additional information should send an e-mail (preferably) to Purchasing@housingforhouston.com with "**QBS 21-33**" in the subject line by **4 P.M. CST, July 1, 2021.** As an alternative, interested parties have the option of sending a fax to 713-260-0810. Any changes to the requirements specified will be communicated to all interested parties via an addendum.

6-15-2021

Date

**Austin Y. Crotts, MA
Procurement Specialist,
Houston Housing Authority**



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I. ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

1.0 PROFILE OF THE HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 HHA is currently governed by the Housing Authorities Law, codified in the Texas Local Government Code. It is a unit of government and its functions are essential governmental functions. It operates and manages its housing developments to provide decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing to low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled, and implements various programs designed and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HHA is a Public Housing Agency.
- 1.2 The property of HHA is used for essential public and governmental purposes, and its property are exempt from all taxes, including sales tax on all its purchases of supplies and services.
- 1.3 HHA enters into and executes contracts and other instruments that are necessary and convenient to the exercise of its powers.
- 1.4 HHA maintains contractual arrangements with HUD to manage and operate its Low Rent Public Housing program and administers the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments programs. HHA's programs are federally funded, and its revenues are received from federal funds, administrative fees, development grants and rental income.
- 1.5 HHA provides affordable homes and services to more than 60,000 low-income Houstonians, including over 17,000 families housed through the Housing Choice Voucher Program and another 5,500 living in 25 public housing and tax credit developments around the city. HHA also administers the nation's third largest voucher program exclusively serving homeless veterans.

END OF SECTION I

II. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.0 OVERVIEW

- 2.1 The Houston Housing Authority (HHA) is in the process of ensuring the development of its properties is safe for its occupants.
- 2.2 To accomplish 2.1, HHA is soliciting proposals from qualified MEP Engineering Firms to perform site development services based upon guidance provided by HHA. The selected Firm(s) will be working independently on projects in conjunction with Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Teams.
- 2.2.1 The qualified MEP Engineering Firm(s) will possess the professional qualifications, proven experience regarding project execution, project experience, and partnerships working with low-income housing institutions of similar size, mission, and financial resources as HHA.

3.0 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

- 3.1 Any contract executed as a result of this solicitation may have an initial period of performance of one (1) year, with HHA having the option to extend the contract two (2) additional years in one (1) year increments.

4.0 PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The anticipated procurement schedule for this solicitation is as follows:

| EVENT | DATE |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Date Solicitation Advertised | June 18, 2021 |
| Deadline for the Receipt of Written Questions to Purchasing@housingforhouston.com | 4 P.M. CST July 1, 2021 |
| Deadline Answers to Written Questions will be posted on HousingforHouston.com | 5 P.M. CST July 7, 2021 |
| Deadline for the Receipt of Sealed Responses | 2 P.M. CST July 13, 2021 |
| Estimated Contract Award Date | August / September 2021 |

5.0 SELECTION CRITERIA

- 5.1 HHA will convene an Evaluation Panel, who will have the responsibility of evaluating and scoring all responses using a Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) method. Utilizing a QBS method of procurement allows the Evaluation Panel to first select the highest-ranked Firm on technical factors, and then negotiate a price.

5.1.1 Exhibit B contains the Evaluation Criteria and maximum points that will be used by the Evaluation Panel to evaluate and rank responses to this solicitation.

5.2 During the evaluation process, HHA reserves the right to call for supplementary information from interested Firms, and to meet with them to clarify points of uncertainty or ambiguity. All Firms agree to promptly provide supplementary information, and participate in any requested meetings to clarify their proposal.

5.3 Sealed responses delivered to HHA by the specified due date will be evaluated and ranked. The most responsive and responsible Firm(s) may be invited to enter into discussions to refine the SOW and negotiate a fee for service. If negotiations are successful and a contract is awarded, it will be awarded to the responsive and responsible Firm(s) whose qualifications, price, and other factors are deemed most advantageous to HHA.

5.4 If an agreement cannot be reached, HHA will terminate negotiations with said Firm, and proceed to the next-highest rated Firm until a price determined to be fair and reasonable to both parties is obtained. Once negotiations have been terminated with a Firm, HHA will not go back to that Firm for additional negotiations – even if the next lower ranked Firm is higher in price.

5.5 HHA reserves the right to make multiple award(s), reject responses at its discretion, request additional information from interested Firm(s), select the successful Firm(s) at its sole discretion, and conduct negotiations to establish a contract that is advantageous and beneficial to HHA.

5.6 In the event services are initiated prior to the processing of a fully executed contract, such services are provided without guarantee of compensation.

6.0 **SCOPE OF WORK (SOW)**

6.1 Refer to Exhibit A Scope of Work (SOW) attached herein.

6.2 HHA and the Firm(s) will define the final Scopes of Work once the top ranked Firm is selected.

7.0 **SUBMITTALS**

7.1 All responses must conform to the requirements specified herein.

7.1.1 HHA is not responsible for any costs that may be incurred if HHA cancels this solicitation, or any costs that may be incurred in the development or submittal of any responses to this solicitation.

7.1.2 All submissions will become a part of HHA's official files, and HHA is not obligated to return any submission(s) once it is in the possession of HHA.

7.2 **ALL ITEMS IN SECTION 7.3 MUST BE DOWNLOADED ON A FLASH DRIVE, AS ONE COMPLETE ADOBE FILE, AND SUBMITTED WITH THE COMPLETED DOCUMENTS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.**

7.2.1 **THE CONTENTS AND ACCURACY OF THE FLASH DRIVE SHOULD BE CHECKED BEFORE IT IS SUBMITTED TO HHA.**

- 7.3 **One (1) original (clearly marked in a three-ring binder), and (1) copy (clearly marked in a three-ring binder) of the responses may be hand delivered, or mailed to the location specified on page 1. Each section of the response must be separated by a numerically sequential “Tab” (i.e., Tab 1, Tab 2, etc.) and contain the following:**

7.3.1 **Cover Letter**

7.3.1.1 The Cover Letter must:

- Acknowledge the receipt, review of this solicitation, and any Amendment(s) issued by HHA; and,
- Be on company letterhead, manually signed by an authorized official of the company (who can negotiate, and contractually bind the company to perform the services specified herein), along with their title, phone number, and e-mail address.

7.3.2 **Table of Contents listing the subject matter of each “Tab”.**

7.3.3 **Tab 1 (Firms History)**

7.3.3.1 Include:

- A non-technical overview of the Firm’s business, its resource capabilities, organizational structure / chart; and,
- A list of completed projects relating to Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Public Housing Authorities (PHA), and/or Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), along with their respective project numbers.

Note: HHA’s Evaluation Committee will use this information to assign a score per item 1 of Exhibit B Evaluation Criteria.

7.3.4 **Tab 2 (Personnel Qualifications)**

- 7.3.4.1 List key personnel, consultant(s), subcontractor(s), and M/WBE’s who will perform the work specified herein. Include their role(s) and respective resumes. The latter should include any specialized skills, training, or credentials.

- 7.3.4.2 Describe in detail their experience(s) in performing the services specified herein.

Note: HHA’s Evaluation Committee will use this information to assign a score per item 2 of Exhibit B Evaluation Criteria.

7.3.5 Tab 3 (General Experience)

- 7.3.5.1 Describe your Firm's experience in the areas identified in item 3 of Exhibit B Evaluation Criteria.

Note: HHA's Evaluation Committee will use this information to assign a score per item 3 of Exhibit B Evaluation Criteria.

7.3.6 Tab 4 (Regulatory Experience)

- 7.3.6.1 Describe your Firm's experience and knowledge of current Federal, State and local laws applicable to public housing developments, FEMA, HUD regulations and requirements, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Note: HHA's Evaluation Committee will use this information to assign a score per item 4 of Exhibit B Evaluation Criteria

7.3.7 Tab 5 (Project Planning)

- 7.3.7.1 Describe in detail, any experience(s) in planning and managing projects.

Note: HHA's Evaluation Committee will use this information to assign a score per item 5 of Exhibit B Evaluation Criteria.

7.3.8 Tab 6 (Budget Experience)

- 7.3.8.1 Describe in detail, your Firm's experience(s) in managing and/or administering project-related budgets.

Note: HHA's Evaluation Committee will use this information to assign a score per item 6 of Exhibit B Evaluation Criteria.

7.3.9 Tab 7 (References)

- 7.3.9.1 Include the names and contact information of three (3) business references that have been provided with the same type of services described herein.

7.3.10 Attachment A Declaration

7.3.11 Attachment B Non-Collusive Affidavit

7.3.12 Attachment C Requirements for Subcontracting with Small Businesses and Minority Businesses, Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms

Note: HHA's Evaluation Committee will use this information to assign a score per item 7 of Exhibit B Evaluation Criteria.

7.3.13 Attachment D Section 3 Requirements & Commitment

Note: HHA's Evaluation Committee will use this information to assign a score per item 8 of Exhibit B Evaluation Criteria.

7.3.14 Attachment E Conflict of Interest (CIQ) Form

7.3.15 Attachment F Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders Public and Indian Housing Programs (Form HUD 5369-A)

7.3.16 Attachment G Vendor Profile Form

7.3.16.1 The VPF is required if the interested party responding to this solicitation is not on the HHA's Bidders/Vendor List. This List can be viewed by going to:

- www.Housingforhouston.com
- Doing Business with HHA
- Forms
- Bidders/Vendor List

7.4 HHA will not evaluate responses that do not comply with the submittal requirements specified herein. Responses received after the specified date and time will be considered non-responsive.

END OF SECTION II

III. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8.0 AMENDMENTS

8.1 Any interpretation(s) affecting this solicitation will be issued in the form of an amendment by HHA prior to the specified due date on page 1. HHA will not be bound by, or responsible for any other explanations or interpretations of this solicitation other than those given in writing as set forth herein. Oral instructions, interpretations, or representations will not be binding upon HHA or representatives of HHA. All amendments shall be binding in the same way as if originally written in this solicitation.

9.0 AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS

9.1 The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Inspector General of the United States, the HHA, and any duly authorized representatives of each shall have access to and the right to examine any and all pertinent books, records, documents, invoices, papers, and the like of the firm(s) office, that relates to any work that is performed as a result of this solicitation.

10.0 BASIS FOR AWARD

10.1 See Section 6.0.

10.2 Interested parties are responsible for ensuring they have all documents referenced and incorporated in this solicitation, and are familiar with the contents of those documents. Failure to do so shall be at the sole risk of the offeror, and no relief shall be given for errors or omissions by the offeror.

11.0 CANCELLING THE SOLICITATION

11.1 HHA may cancel this solicitation at any time, and when it is in its best interests to do so. (See Section 7.1.1)

12.0 CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUBMITTALS

12.1 As stated on page 1, responses to this solicitation will not be opened publicly. All submittals and information shall remain confidential until all negotiations are completed and a Notice of Award is issued. All submittals received by HHA shall be included as part of the official file, and any part of the submittal that is not considered confidential, privileged or proprietary under any applicable Federal, State or local law shall be available for public inspection upon completion of the procurement process. Material submitted by an Offeror that is to be considered as confidential must be clearly marked as such; however, the applicable provisions of Federal, State and local laws shall govern the confidentiality of submittals despite anything contrary to this provision stated in the submittal.

13.0 **ETHICAL BEHAVIOR**

13.1 Interested Firms shall not:

13.1.1 Offer any gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value to any official or employee of HHA for the purpose of influencing consideration of a submission; and,

13.1.2 Engage in any practice which may restrict or eliminate competition (i.e., collusion), or otherwise restrain trade.

13.1.2.1 The above is not intended to preclude joint ventures or subcontracts.

13.2 Ethical violations will cause a response to this solicitation to be rejected.

14.0 **FEDERAL REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

14.1 The requirements of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, relating to prohibitions against discrimination in housing and the benefits of federally funded programs because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin must be met by the successful bidder(s) or proposer(s).

14.2 The successful bidder(s) or proposer(s) will:

14.2.1 Adhere to federal regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and prohibit discrimination against handicapped individuals under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

14.2.2 Meet the requirements of:

14.2.2.1 Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, relating to the training and employment of individuals, and contracting for business opportunities in metropolitan areas in which federally funded programs are being operated

14.2.2.2 Executive Orders (EO's):

- EO 11246 relating to equal employment opportunity in connection with federally funded programs
- EO's 11625, 12432, and 12138 relating to the use of minority and women's business enterprises in connection with federally funded programs

15.0 **INFORMALITIES**

15.1 HHA reserves the right to waive a minor informality, and make an award that is in the best interest of HHA.

- 15.1.1 Minor informalities are matters of form rather than substance. They are insignificant mistakes that can be waived or corrected without prejudice to the other bidders or proposers and have little or no effect on price, quantity, quality, delivery, or contractual conditions. Examples include failure to: return the number of signed bids required by the bid package; sign the bid, provided that the unsigned bid is accompanied by other documents indicating the bidder's intent to be bound (e.g., a signed cover letter or a bid guarantee); complete one or more certifications; or acknowledge receipt of an amendment or addendum, provided that it is clear from the bid that the bidder received the amendment/addendum and intended to be bound by its terms, or the amendment/addendum had a negligible effect on price, quantity, quality, or delivery.

16.0 **INSURANCE**

- 16.1 HHA will specify the amount of insurance that will be required during the term of the contract.

17.0 **MINORITY WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (M/WBE) PARTICIPATION**

- 17.1 See Attachment C Requirements for Subcontracting with Small Businesses and Minority Businesses, Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms

18.0 **MISTAKES IN BIDS**

18.1 General

- 18.1.1 While proposers/bidders will be bound by their submittals (the "firm bid rule"), circumstances may arise where correction or withdrawal of their bid or proposal is proper and may be permitted. Correction or withdrawal of a bid or proposal will be done in a manner that will protect and maintain the integrity and fairness of the competitive solicitation process.

18.2 Mistakes Discovered Before Solicitations Are Opened

- 18.2.1 Interested parties may withdraw or modify their submittals by written or facsimile notice prior to the opening of the solicitations. (See Attachment H Form HUD-5369-B item 6)

18.3 Review of Mistakes

- 18.3.1 After the solicitations are opened, HHA will review all submittals to ensure there are no obvious mistakes, e.g., the sum of individual bid line items does not equal the total price. If a submittal appears to have a mistake, HHA will notify the interested of any apparent mistake(s) in his/her submittal, and request verification of the total price as submitted.

18.4 Mistakes After Solicitations Are Opened

- 18.4.1 If this solicitation is soliciting bids, then in general, bidders will not be permitted to change a bid after bid opening. In rare cases, HHA may permit the revision of a bid if the bidder is able to present clear and convincing evidence, acceptable to HHA, of a mistake and the intended bid price. Allowing changes to bids without appropriate evidence may compromise the integrity of the public bid process and serve to undermine public confidence in HHA's bidding process. Therefore, HHA will request as much evidence as it deems necessary. Examples of evidence may include: original work papers, bids from suppliers and subcontractors used to develop the bid, bonding or insurance evidence supporting a different bid price, etc. Failure or refusal by a bidder to provide adequate evidence shall result in the original bid remaining unchanged. Consultation with HHA's Legal Dept. will occur before authorization is given change a bid. If justified, a low bidder can be replaced with the next lowest bidder.

19.0 **PAYMENTS**

- 19.1 HHA will process all invoices after the work has been approved by HHA's Project Manager. Payment terms are net 30 days.
- 19.2 Irrespective of any default hereunder, HHA may at any time cancel the contract in whole or in part. Should this occur, the successful bidder(s) or proposer(s) shall be entitled to equitable compensation for all work completed and accepted by HHA's Project Manager prior to such termination or cancellation.

20.0 **PERMITS**

- 20.1 The successful bidder(s) or proposer(s) shall obtain and pay (independent of HHA), all permits, certificates, and licenses required and necessary for the performance of the work specified herein. Furthermore, they shall post all notices required by law, and shall comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations which may affect their performance.

21.0 **PROJECT MANAGER**

- 21.1 HHA will designate a Project Manager who will be the initial point-of-contact on all matters during the Period of Performance.

22.0 **QUESTIONS**

- 22.1 Interested parties should follow the instructions on page 1 should they have any questions about this solicitation.
- 22.2 Interested parties are prohibited from querying HHA personnel or members of its Board of Commissioners regarding this solicitation except through written questions submitted in the manner and within the time frame indicated on page 1 of this solicitation.

23.0 **REMOVAL OF EMPLOYEES**

23.1 HHA may request the successful bidder(s) or proposer(s) to remove immediately from the contract/project any employee found unfit to perform their duties due to one or more of the following reasons, which includes, but is not limited to:

23.1.1 Negligence, being disorderly, using abusive or offensive language, quarreling or fighting, stealing, vandalizing property; and,

23.1.2 Engaging in immoral or inappropriate behavior (e.g., being intoxicated, or under the influence of mind-altering substances), or pursuing criminal activity (e.g., selling, consuming, possessing or being under the influence of illegal substances).

24.0 **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

24.1 Depending upon the circumstance(s), HHA reserves the right to change, modify, or alter any Draft Contract associated with this solicitation.

25.0 **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

25.1 During the Period of Performance, the employees of the successful bidder(s) or proposer(s) shall conduct themselves in a responsible and professional manner, and may be removed from the project if they display behavior that is unacceptable to HHA.

26.0 **SUBCONTRACTING**

26.1 Any contract issued as a result of this solicitation will not be subcontracted unless it has been previously approved by HHA in writing.

27.0 **TAXES**

27.1 HHA is exempt from State of Texas, and Local Taxes.

28.0 **TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENTS**

28.1 Any prices/fees mutually agreed upon shall include all necessary out-of-pocket expenses needed to perform the work specified herein. HHA will not issue any reimbursements for travel, lodging, meals, or other miscellaneous or ancillary expenses, unless it has been defined in the final negotiated contract.

29.0 **VALIDITY OF PROPOSALS**

29.1 Responses will not be unilaterally withdrawn or modified for a period of ninety (90) days after they have been received and opened by HHA.

30.0 **SUPPLEMENTS**

30.1 The following documents are incorporated herein, and considered part of this solicitation:

Attachment A: Declaration
Attachment B: Non-Collusive Affidavit
Attachment C: Requirements for Subcontracting with Small Businesses and Minority Businesses, Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms
Attachment D: Section 3 Requirements & Commitment
Attachment E: Conflict of Interest (CIQ) Form
Attachment F: Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders Public and Indian Housing Programs (Form HUD 5369-A)
Attachment G: Vendor Profile Form
Attachment H: Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction (Form HUD-5369-B)
Attachment I: Model Form of Agreement Between Owner and Design Professional (Form HUD-51915)
Exhibit A: Scope of Work (SOW)
Exhibit B: Evaluation Criteria

- 30.2 Interested parties are responsible for ensuring they have all documents referenced and incorporated in this solicitation, and are familiar with the contents of those documents. Failure to do so shall be at the sole risk of the offeror and no relief shall be given for errors or omissions by the offeror.

END OF SECTION III

ATTACHMENT A

DECLARATION

The undersigned declares the following:

- This response is being submitted in good faith, and without collusion or fraud
- The only person(s) interested in the aforementioned solicitation is listed below, and that this response is being submitted without connection or arrangement with any other person
- They have complied with the requirements of the aforementioned solicitation, have read all addenda (if any), and is satisfied that they fully understand the intent of the aforementioned solicitation, and the terms and conditions that will govern any award issued by HHA as a result of this solicitation
- They agree to execute an agreement with HHA based on the latter accepting the submittals required by the aforementioned solicitation

Persons Interested in this Response:

Name

Identity of Interest

1.

2.

3.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR/FIRM/INDIVIDUAL/CORPORATION

MANUAL OR E-SIGNATURE

TITLE

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NO. / E-MAIL ADDRESS

DATE

ATTACHMENT B

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is

(a partner or officer of the firm of, etc.)

the party making the foregoing proposal or bid, that such proposal or bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference with any person to fix the bid price or affiant or of any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of said bid price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against

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of any person interested in the proposed Contract; and that all statements in said proposal or bid are true.

Signature of Bidder, if Bidder is an Individual

Signature of Bidder, if Bidder is a Partnership

Signature of Officer, if Bidder is a Corporation

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2021

Notary Public

My Commission expires _____

ATTACHMENT C

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH SMALL BUSINESSES AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS.

I. INSTRUCTIONS.

Any Prime Contractor awarded a contract pursuant to this procurement must agree to comply with the subcontracting requirements set forth below. Please note that the capitalized terms used in this document are defined below in § VII.

(1) Please read this document carefully; (2) sign the acknowledgement; and (3) complete and sign the attached “Bidder’s Proposed M/WBE Participation Form.”

II. OVERVIEW.

Any contract resulting from this procurement must comply with: (1) the requirements in HHA’s Procurement Policy (the “Policy”) and the Code of Federal Regulations (the “Code”) regarding Subcontracting with small and minority owned businesses, women business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms (the “Policy Requirements”); and (2) HHA’s goal regarding Subcontracting with minority business enterprises and women business enterprises (the “HHA’s Goal”). Any person or firm that receives an award pursuant to this procurement must take affirmative steps to comply with the Policy Requirements and must use their best efforts to meet HHA’s Goal. The Policy Requirements and HHA’s Goal are described in detail below.

III. THE POLICY REQUIREMENTS.

Pursuant to the Policy, at § 15, and the Code, at 2 CFR § 200.321, if a Prime Contractor awarded a contract pursuant to this procurement lets Subcontracts, then the Prime Contractor must take affirmative steps to assure that, when possible, Subcontracts are let to Small Business Enterprises (“SBEs”), Minority Businesses Enterprises (“MBEs”), Women Business Enterprises (“WBEs”), and Labor Area Surplus Firms (“LASFs”). The affirmative steps a Prime Contractor who lets Subcontracts must take are:

- Placing SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs, on solicitation lists;
- Assuring that SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs, are directly solicited for bids or proposals whenever such entities are potential sources to perform Subcontracts;
- Dividing total job requirements, whenever economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantifies to permit maximum participation by SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs, in a given project;
- Establishing delivery schedules, when the requirement permits, that encourage participation by SBEs, MBEs, and WBEs;
- Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce; and,

- Including in Subcontracts, to the greatest extent feasible, a clause that requires Subcontractors to provide opportunities for training and employment for lower income persons who reside in the project area.

The affirmative steps listed above shall remain in effect for the duration of the Prime Contract awarded pursuant to this procurement. HHA encourages Prime Contractors to implement these steps when acquiring the materials they need to perform their obligations under the Prime Contract.

IV. HHA'S GOAL.

A. Overview of HHA's Goal and related requirements.

In addition to taking the affirmative steps outlined above in § III, a Prime Contractor who anticipates using Subcontracts to complete any work associated with this procurement must use its best efforts to satisfy HHA's Goal regarding the participation of MBEs and WBEs in work under contracts awarded by HHA. HHA's Goal, as adopted by its Board of Commissioners, is that when Subcontracts are being let, at least 30% of the Prime Contract's total dollar amount is subcontracted to MBEs or WBEs, with at least 15% of the Prime Contract's total dollar amount being subcontracted to MBEs, and at least 15% being subcontracted to WBEs.

In furtherance of HHA's Goal, a Prime Contractor awarded a contract under this procurement who intends to let Subcontracts must use its best efforts to Subcontract with MBEs and WBEs. **Specifically, a Prime Contractor letting Subcontracts must use its best efforts (1) to Subcontract at least 15% of the Prime Contract's total dollar amount to MBEs, and (2) to Subcontract at least 15% of the Prime Contract's total dollar amount to WBEs. A Prime Contractor's obligation to use its best efforts to subcontract with MBEs and WBEs in accordance with HHA's Goal shall remain in effect for the duration of the Prime Contract, shall apply in any instance that the Prime Contractor lets Subcontracts, and shall apply equally to all Prime Contractors letting Subcontracts, regardless of whether the Prime Contractor is itself a MBE or WBE.**

- A Prime Contractor must document its use of best efforts to meet HHA's Goal. Generally, written evidence of a Prime Contractor's attempts to Subcontract with MBEs and WBEs shall suffice to document a Prime Contractor's best efforts. Written evidence may include, but is not necessarily limited to, emails, phone logs, or correspondence showing that a Prime Contractor attempted to Subcontract with MBEs and WBEs by, at a minimum, soliciting bids or quotes. Contractors may access a list of designated MBEs and WBEs at:

1. State of Texas Website: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/>
2. Houston Housing Authority (HHA) Website: <http://www.housingforhouston.com/doing-business-with-hha/bidder-registration--bidder's-list.aspx>

Note: The following is the path to HHA's website:

- HousingforHouston.com
- Doing Business with HHA
- Bidder's Registration / Bidder's List

Additionally, upon request, HHA may assist contractors in identifying MBEs and WBEs (but, requesting such assistance, standing alone, is not sufficient to show best efforts).

- A Prime Contractor's duty to document its best efforts to meet HHA's Goal shall remain in effect for the duration of the Prime Contract and shall apply to all Prime Contractors awarded a contract pursuant to this procurement. HHA encourages Prime Contractors to use their best efforts to procure from MBEs and WBEs the materials necessary for the Prime Contractor to perform its obligations under the Prime Contract.

V. CONTRACTOR'S AGREEMENT TO COMPLETE REQUIRED FORMS AND TO COOPERATE WITH HHA REGARDING THE POLICY REQUIREMENTS AND HHA'S GOAL.

All respondents to this procurement who anticipate letting subcontracts must complete and return the attached "Bidders Proposed M/WBE Participation Form" (the "Form").

Respondents should include the Form in their response to this procurement; in addition, information documenting the respondent's use of best efforts to subcontract with MBEs and WBEs should accompany the Form. If it does not anticipate letting subcontracts, a respondent must, along with its response, inform HHA of same, and provide a brief explanation of why no subcontracts will be let. HHA will consider as non-responsive any response that fails to include a completed Form; HHA will, however, allow respondents an opportunity to cure a failure to include the Form with a response.

In addition to completing and submitting the Form to HHA, any entity awarded a contract by HHA pursuant to this procurement must provide "M/WBE Confirmation of Payment Form(s)," as necessary or as requested by HHA. Prime Contractor must also to submit proof of payments to SBEs, MBEs, WBEs, and LASFs, as requested by HHA, or as otherwise is required by law.

VI. CONSEQUENCES FOR FAILING TO TAKE THE AFFIRMATIVE STEPS MANDATED BY THE POLICY REQUIREMENTS OR USING BEST EFFORTS TO MEET HHA'S GOALS.

If a Prime Contractor letting subcontracts does not take the affirmative steps mandated by the Policy Requirements, use its best efforts to meet HHA's Goal, or cooperate with HHA with respect to the requirements set forth herein, HHA reserves the right to refuse to award a contract to the Prime Contractor, to deem the Prime Contractor's response to a solicitation non-responsive, to terminate an existing contract with the Prime Contractor, and to bar the Prime Contractor from being awarded any future contracts by HHA.

VII. DEFINITIONS.

- "Code" means the Code of Federal Regulations.
- "Form" means the "Bidders Proposed M/WBE Participation Form" included with this procurement.
- "HHA" means the Houston Housing Authority, and, for the purposes of the requirements set forth herein, HHA's affiliates and any property management company procuring work or services for the benefit of a property owned by HHA or its affiliates.

- LASFs” refers to Labor Area Surplus Firms. Labor Area Surplus Firms are businesses that will expend more than fifty percent of the cost of performing a contract in areas of concentrated unemployment or underemployment, as defined by the Department of Labor and promulgated at 20 CFR Part 654.
- “MBE(s)” refers to minority business enterprises. Minority business enterprises are businesses that are at least fifty-one percent owned by one or more minority group members, or, in the case of a publicly owned business, a business where at least fifty-one percent of the business’s 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. Minority group members include, but are not necessarily limited to: (a) Black Americans; (b) Hispanic Americans; (c) Native Americans; (d) Asian-Pacific Americans; (e) Asian-Indian Americans; and (f) Hasidic Jewish Americans.
- “Policy” means the Houston Housing Authority’s Procurement Policy.
- “Policy Requirements” shall have the meaning set forth in § II above.
- “Prime Contract(s)” means the contract awarded pursuant to this procurement that is between a respondent to the solicitation and HHA. For all purposes herein, the term is inclusive of all change orders or amendments to the initial contract entered between the Prime Contractor and HHA.
- “Prime Contractor(s)” means the person or entity who responds to this procurement and is awarded a contract by HHA.
- “SBEs” refers to small business enterprises. Small business enterprises are businesses that are independently owned, not dominant in their field of operation, and not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business that is dominant in its field of operation.
- “Subcontract(s)” means the contract between the Prime Contractor and a Subcontractor entered to accomplish all or a part of the Prime Contractor’s obligations under its contract with HHA that results from this procurement.
- “Subcontractor(s)” means a person or entity who the Prime Contractor contracts with to perform a part or all of the Prime Contractor’s obligations under the Prime Contractor’s contract with HHA that results from this procurement.
- “WBEs” refers to women business enterprises. Women business enterprises are businesses that are at least fifty-one percent owned by a woman who is a United States citizen, or by women who are United States citizens and who control and operate the business.

VIII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

The undersigned has read the foregoing “Requirements for Subcontracting with Small Businesses, Minority Businesses, Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Area Surplus Firm,” and understands and accepts the requirements and obligations set forth therein. When Subcontracting any portion of the work associated with this procurement, the undersigned agrees to take the affirmative steps stated in § III above, and agrees to use its best efforts to meet HHA’s Goal, as stated in § IV above. The undersigned understands and acknowledges that failure to comply the requirements set forth herein may result in HHA refusing to award a contract to the undersigned or the termination of an existing contract.

Name of Firm

Complete Address

Name of Individual Completing this Form

Title

Direct Phone Number / Cell Phone Number

Direct Fax Number

E-Mail Address

Date

Manual or E-Signature

Bidder's Proposed M/WBE Participation Form

Instructions

- HHA requires bidders (Prime Contractors) who let Subcontracts to use their best efforts to Subcontract at least 30% of a Prime Contract's total dollar amount to Minority Business Enterprises ("MBEs") or Women Business Enterprises ("WBEs").
- It is HHA's Goal, that Prime Contractors letting Subcontracts award at least 15% of the Prime Contract's total amount to MBEs **and** at least 15% of the Prime Contract's total amount to WBEs.
- The requirement that Prime Contractors letting Subcontracts use their best efforts to Subcontract with MBEs and WBEs applies to all Prime Contractors, regardless of their own status as a MBE or WBE.
- Please complete and sign the form below indicating firm Subcontracting commitments from MBEs and WBEs. Use additional pages, if necessary.
- For detailed information on HHA's MBE and WBE Subcontracting requirements, see Attachment C.

| MBEs | Name of MBE Subcontractor | Certification(s) | Amount of Subcontract | Percent of Contract Total |
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| | | <i>Total</i> | | |

Note: Attach additional sheets if necessary.

| WBEs | Name of MBE Subcontractor | Certification(s) | Amount of Subcontract | Percent of Contract Total |
|------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
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| | | <i>Total</i> | | |

Note: Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name of Firm

Printed Name

Date

Manual or E-Signature

ATTACHMENT D

HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY SECTION 3 REQUIREMENTS & COMMITMENT

| | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Company Name: | |
| Name of Contact Person for Section 3 Commitment: | |
| Title: | Contact Number: |
| Contact Person E-Mail: | |
| Solicitation Title: Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) Engineer | Solicitation #: QBS 21-33 |

I. Background

Section 3 of the Housing & Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (hereinafter “Section 3”) requires the Houston Housing Authority (“HHA”), to the greatest extent feasible, to provide employment opportunities to residents of HHA and other low-income individuals, within the City of Houston. These employment opportunities are provided by contracts funded by HHA. The goal is to utilize HHA’s contracts to promote economic self-sufficiency, among low-income populations.

II. Solicitation Requirements

Interested parties responding to a solicitation issued by HHA are required to include in their submission, this Form (Section 3 Requirements & Commitment), which describes the efforts that will be taken to engage Section 3 Participants in employment and training opportunities “to the greatest extent feasible.” While low-income individuals who are not clients of HHA are eligible candidates for Section 3 opportunities, HHA expects consideration to be given to individuals who are clients of HHA’s affordable housing programs (public housing & voucher-holders).

III. Section 3 Expectations

Below are examples of acceptable Section 3 opportunities that will comply with HHA’s Section 3 requirements:

1. Preferred Options (All responses to HHA solicitations shall include at least one of these options)

- Hire low-income participants preferably clients of HHA, and/or
- Provide paid job training/apprenticeship opportunities for low-income participants, preferably clients of HHA.

2. Secondary Options (Should be considered only when circumstances impact the availability of jobs/training)

- Subcontract at least 25% of the contract amount to a Section 3 Business which is defined as 51% ownership held by a low-income individual(s), preferably a client of HHA.
- Provide evidence that the company is a Section 3 Certified firm which, demonstrated by the company’s ownership is at least 51% owned by low-income individual(s), preferably a client of HHA.
- In the event employment and training opportunities are not available, a cash contribution shall be provided to HHA’s Self-Sufficiency Fund for support of viable workforce development programs.



A Fair Housing and Equal Employment Opportunity Agency. For assistance: Individuals with disabilities may contact the 504/ADA Administrator at 713-280-0353, TTY 713-280-0547 or 504ADA@housingforhouston.com

IV. Section 3 Contract Expectations

Pursuant to Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, 12 U.S.C. 1701u, and its implementing regulations, 24 CFR Part 135 (“**Section 3**”), if additional job training, employment and other economic opportunities are generated by a contract administered directly or indirectly by **Houston Housing Authority** then, to the greatest extent feasible, these opportunities must be directed to low-income and very low-income persons. In addition to employment and training opportunities, Section 3 also seeks to benefit businesses owned by public housing residents and other low-income persons. The following provisions of 24 CFR 135.38 shall apply to all contracts involving Section 3 covered work with HHA or its property managers:

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

V. Section 3 Commitment

Identify what efforts will be taken to comply with HHA's Section 3 Requirements to the greatest extent feasible:

(Must select at least one option below)

| PRIMARY OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS "TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE" |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PRIMARY OPTION 1 Hire Section 3 participants to fill employment opportunities listed in the solicitation | Title: _____ # of Positions: _____ Pay _____ Duties: _____ Qualifications: _____ Title: _____ # of Positions: _____ Pay _____ Duties: _____ Qualifications: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PRIMARY OPTION 2 Provide paid job training/apprenticeship opportunities to train Section 3 participants | Title: _____ # of Positions: _____ Pay _____ Duties: _____ Qualifications: _____ Title: _____ # of Positions: _____ Pay _____ Duties: _____ Qualifications: _____ |
| SECONDARY OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS "TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SECONDARY OPTION 3 Subcontract at least 25 % of the contract to a Section 3 Business (<i>51% ownership held by a low-income individual(s), preferably a HHA client</i>). | Provide the name of Section 3 company(ies) awarded subcontracts (totaling at least 25% of the contract amount) Company Name _____ Contract Amount \$ _____ Company Name _____ Contract Amount \$ _____ Company Name _____ Contract Amount \$ _____ |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>SECONDARY OPTION 4</u> Demonstrate that the company's ownership (at least 51%) is owned by low-income individual(s), preferably a client of HHA. | <p>The majority of the company (at least 51%) is owned by a low-income individual:</p> <p>Owner's Name: _____</p> <p>% of Ownership: _____</p> <p>Owner's Name: _____</p> <p>% of Ownership: _____</p> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>SECONDARY OPTION 5</u> Due to unavailability of jobs/training opportunities, a cash contribution will be provided to a Self-Sufficiency Compliance Fund to support economic self-sufficiency opportunities and/or job training opportunities <p><u>(NOTE: IF THIS OPTION IS SELECTED, HHA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITHHOLD THE CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT FROM PROGRESS PAYMENTS, IF ANY, OR FROM THE TOTAL AMOUNT OWED TO THE CONTRACTOR.)</u></p> | <p>If this Secondary Option is selected, the Contractor must explain why job/training opportunities are not available:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Contracts awarded up to \$100,000 shall contribute a minimum of 5% of the total contract amount in to the Section 3 Compliance Fund, while contracts exceeding \$100,000 shall contribute a minimum of 3% of the total contract amount into the Section 3 Compliance Fund. Indicate how much will be contributed:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR CONTRACTS VAULUED UP TO \$100,000.00: I pledge to contribute _____% of the total contract amount to comply with a minimum of 5% of the contract amount to be contributed into a Self-Sufficiency Compliance Fund maintained by HHA.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR CONTRACTS VAULUED IN EXCESS OF \$100,000.00: I pledge to contribute _____% of the total contract amount to comply with a minimum of 3% of the contract amount to be contributed into a Self-Sufficiency Compliance Fund maintained by HHA.</p> <p>Indicate how contribution pledge(s) will be fulfilled, during the contract period:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Payments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Payments</p> |

I understand the federal regulations governing HHA's Section 3 requirements and commit to honoring the obligations listed in this Section 3 Plan, upon the execution of a contract with HHA.

Name of Firm

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Date

Manual or E-Signature

HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE REPORT

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Submission Date: | Reporting Period: |
| _____Primary Contractor | _____Subcontractor |
| Company Name: | |
| Person completing invoice | |
| Project Name: | RFP #: |
| Amount of Contract | Amount of Current Invoice: |

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| # participants hired | | | | | |
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| Training Commitment | # Trained this Report Period | YTD Trained during Contract | List Individuals Employed | | |
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| | | | Name | Training Title | Stipend Amount Paid |
| # of participants engaged in training/ apprenticeship | | | | | |
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| Contribution Commitment | Amount Pledged | Amount Paid | Pledge Balance |
|---|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Amount contributed to Self-Sufficiency Fund | \$ | \$ | \$ |

| Section 3 Business Concerns | Company Name | Contract Amount Provided |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|
| Indicate how at least 25% was subcontracted to Section 3 business(es) | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |

Print Name of Person Completing Report

Title

Signature of Person Completing Report

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**FORM CIQ****For vendor doing business with local governmental entity****This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.**

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 ☐ **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.** (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 ☐ Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

7

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

- (2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

- (a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

- (1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

- (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

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

Office of Public and Indian Housing

**Representations, Certifications,
and Other Statements of Bidders
Public and Indian Housing Programs**

Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders

Public and Indian Housing Programs

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1. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

(a) The bidder certifies that--

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

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

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

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

(1) Is the person in the bidder's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; or

(2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.

[insert full name of person(s) in the bidder's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the bidder's organization];

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Contingent Fee Representation and Agreement

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

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

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

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

(1) [] has, [] has not employed or retained any person or company to solicit or obtain this contract; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the awarding of a contract resulting from this solicitation;

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds (including profit or fee received under a covered Federal transaction) have been paid, or will be paid, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with this solicitation, the bidder shall complete and submit, with its bid, OMB standard form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities;" and

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

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

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

4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Certification

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

(a) Result in an unfair competitive advantage to the bidder; or,
(b) Impair the bidder's objectivity in performing the contract work.
[] In the absence of any actual or apparent conflict, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, no actual or apparent conflict of interest exists with regard to my possible performance of this procurement.

5. Bidder's Certification of Eligibility

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

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

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

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

6. Minimum Bid Acceptance Period

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) [] is, [] is not a small business concern. "Small business concern," as used in this provision, means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding, and qualified as a small business under the criteria and size standards in 13 CFR 121.

(b) [] is, [] is not a women-owned business enterprise. "Women-owned business enterprise," as used in this provision, means a business that is at least 51 percent owned by a woman or women who are U.S. citizens and who also control and operate the business.

(c) [] is, [] is not a minority business enterprise. "Minority business enterprise," as used in this provision, means a business which is at least 51 percent owned or controlled by one or more minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its voting stock is owned by one or more minority group members, and whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more such individuals. For the purpose of this definition, minority group members are:

(Check the block applicable to you)

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| [] Black Americans | [] Asian Pacific Americans |
| [] Hispanic Americans | [] Asian Indian Americans |
| [] Native Americans | [] Hasidic Jewish Americans |

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

The bidder represents and certifies that it:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Obtain identical certifications from the proposed subcontractors;

(2) Retain the certifications in its files; and

(3) Forward the following notice to the proposed subcontractors (except if the proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods):

Notice to Prospective Subcontractors of Requirement for Certifications of Nonsegregated Facilities

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

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

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

The bidder certifies that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. Bidder's Signature

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

(Signature and Date)

(Typed or Printed Name)

(Title)

(Company Name)

(Company Address)



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VENDOR PROFILE FORM

Instructions:

- 1) Complete both pages (2) of this form electronically.
- 2) Print
- 3) Sign on page 2.
- 4) Attach a completed W-9.
- 5) Scan all documents and email to Purchasing@housingforhouston.com. See Page 2 for other submission options.

GENERAL BUSINESS INFORMATION

Name of Business, Organization, or Name of Person (if payment is to an individual)

Mailing Address for Payments

City

State

Zip

Telephone No.

Fax No. (mandatory)

Toll Free No.

E-Mail Address (mandatory)

How Long in Business

Federal Employment Identification No.

Business SIC Code

President/General Manager

Type of
Ownership:

Corporation

Sole Proprietorship

Partnership

Joint Proprietorship

Limited Partnership

Number of Employees: Regular (Full Time)

Part-Time

Account Contacts

Account Rep:

Phone

E-Mail

Invoice Matters:

Phone

E-Mail

Status (check all that apply)If Minority,
What Status

Black American

Hispanic American

Native American

Asian Indian American

Asian Pacific American

Hasidic Jew

MBE Certified

Small Business

Women-Owned Business

Note: A completed W-9 must accompany this Form when you submit it to HHA.



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**Please use this space to list the product(s) or service(s) your company offers.
Please attach additional pages if necessary.**

SIGN BELOW

Signature of Authorized Representative of Vendor

Date

The applicable terms and conditions that are referenced on HHA's purchase orders can be found at:

<http://www.housingforhouston.com/doing-business-with-hha/forms.aspx>.

HHA prefers that vendors return this form via email to Purchasing@housingforhouston.com. However, you may also return the form via the following methods:

Delivery

Houston Housing Authority
Procurement Department
2640 Fountain View Dr., Suite 408
Houston, TX 77057

Fax

(713) 260-0810

If you have questions, you may contact the Procurement Department at Purchasing@housingforhouston.com.



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:]

Model Form of Agreement Between Owner and Design Professional

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and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing

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Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and an applicant is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. These contracts between a HUD grantee (housing agency (HA)) and an architect/engineer (A/E) for design and construction services do not require either party to submit any materials to HUD. The forms provide a contractual agreement for the services to be provided by the A/E and establishes responsibilities of both parties pursuant to the contract. The regulatory authority is 2 CFR 200. These contractual agreements are required by Federal law or regulation pursuant to 2 CFR Part 200. Signing of the contracts is required to obtain or retain benefits. The contracts do not lend themselves to confidentiality.

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Introduction to Agreement

Agreement

made as of the _____ day of _____ in the year (yyyy) of _____

Between the **Owner** (Name & Address)

and the **Design Professional** (Name, Address and Discipline)

For the following **Project** (Include detailed description of Project, Location, Address, Scope and Program Designation)

The Owner and Design Professional agree as set forth below.

Article A: Services

A 1.0 Design Professional's Basic Services

A. 1.1 Areas of Professional's Basic Services. Unless revised in a written addendum or amendment to this Agreement, in planning, designing and administering construction or rehabilitation of the Project, the Design Professional shall provide the Owner with professional services in the following areas:

- Architecture
- Site Planning
- Structural Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Landscape Architecture
- Cost Estimating
- Construction Contract Administration

A 1.2 Phases and Descriptions of Basic Services.

A. 1.2.1 Schematic Design/Preliminary Study Phase. After receipt of a Notice to Proceed from the Owner, the Design Professional shall prepare and deliver Schematic Design/Preliminary Study Documents. These documents shall consist of a presentation of the complete concept of the Project, including all major elements of the building(s), and site design(s), planned to promote economy both in construction and in administration and to comply with current program and cost limitations. The Design Professional shall revise these documents consistent with the requirements and criteria established by the Owner to secure the Owner's written approval. Additionally, the Design Professional shall make an independent assessment of the accuracy of the information provided by the Owner concerning existing conditions. Documents in this phase shall include:

- Site plan(s)
- Schedule of building types, unit distribution and bedroom count
- Scale plan of all buildings, and typical dwelling units
- Wall sections and elevations
- Outline specifications
- Preliminary construction cost estimates
- Project specific analysis of codes, ordinances and regulations
- Three dimensional line drawings

A. 1.2.2 Design Development Phase. After receipt of written approval of Schematic Design/Preliminary Study Documents, the Design Professional shall prepare and submit to the Owner Design Development Documents. The Design Professional shall revise these documents consistent with the requirements and criteria established by the Owner to secure the Owner's written approval. These documents shall include the following:

- Drawings sufficient to fix and illustrate project scope and character in all essential design elements
- Outline specifications
- Cost estimates and analysis
- Recommendations for phasing of construction
- Site plan(s)
- Landscape plan
- Floor plans
- Elevations, building and wall sections
- Updated three dimensional line drawings
- Engineering drawings

A. 1.2.3 Bidding, Construction and Contract Document Phase. After receipt of the Owner's written approval of Design Development Documents, the Design Professional shall prepare Construction Documents. After consultation with the Owner and Owner's attorney, if requested by the owner, the Design Professional shall also prepare and assemble all bidding and contract documents. The Design Professional shall revise these Bidding, Construction and Contract documents consistent with the requirements and criteria established by the Owner to secure the Owner's written approval. They shall, in a detailed manner, include all work to be performed; all material; workmanship; finishes and equipment required for the architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, and site work; survey maps furnished by Owner; and direct reproduction of any logs and subsurface soil investigations. These documents shall include:

- Solicitation for Bids
- Form of Contract
- Special Conditions
- General Conditions
- Technical Specifications
- Plans and drawings
- Updated cost estimates

A. 1.2.4 Bidding and Award Phase. After written approval of Bidding, Construction and Contract Documents from the Owner, the Design Professional shall assist in administering the bidding and award of the Construction Contract. This shall include:

- Responding to inquiries
- Drafting and issuing addendum approved by Owner
- Attending prebid conference(s)
- Attending public bid openings
- Reviewing and tabulating bids
- Recommending list of eligible bids
- Recommending award
- Altering drawings and specifications as often as required to award within the Estimated Construction Contract Cost

A. 1.2.5 Construction Phase. After execution of the Construction Contract, the Design Professional shall in a prompt and timely manner administer the Construction Contract and all work re-quired by the Bidding, Construction and Contract Documents. The Design Professional shall endeavor to protect the Owner against defects and deficiencies in the execution and performance of the work. The Design Professional shall:

- o Administer the Construction Contract.
- o Conduct pre-construction conference and attend dispute resolution conferences and other meetings when requested by the Owner.
- o Review and approve contractor's shop drawings and other submittals for conformance to the requirements of the contract documents.
- o At the Owner's written request, and as Additional Service, procure testing from qualified parties.
- o Monitor the quality and progress of the work and furnish a written field report ☐ weekly, ☐ semi monthly, ☐ monthly, or ☐ This service shall be limited to a period amounting to 110% of the construction period as originally established under the construction contract unless construction has been delayed due to the Design professional's failure to properly perform its duties and responsibilities. The Owner may direct additional monitoring but only as Additional Services.
- o Require any sub-consultant to provide the services listed in this section where and as applicable and to visit the Project during the time that construction is occurring on the portion of the work related to its discipline and report in writing to the Design Professional.
- o Review, approve and submit to Owner the Contractor Requests for Payment.
- o Conduct all job meetings and record action in a set of minutes which are to be provided to the Owner.
- o Make modifications to Construction Contract Documents to correct errors, clarify intent or to accommodate change orders.
- o Make recommendations to Owner for solutions to special problems or changes necessitated by conditions encountered in the course of construction.
- o Promptly notify Owner in writing of any defects or deficiencies in the work or of any matter of dispute with the Contractor.
- o Negotiate, prepare cost or price analysis for and counter-sign change orders.
- o Prepare written punch list, certificates of completion and other necessary construction close out documents.
- o Prepare a set of reproducible record prints of Drawings showing significant changes in the work made during construction, including the locations of underground utilities and appurtenances referenced to permanent surface improvements, based on marked-up prints, drawings and other data furnished by the contractor to the Design Professional.

A. 1.2.6 Post Completion/Warranty Phase. After execution of the Certificate of Completion by the Owner, the Design Professional shall:

- o Consult with and make recommendations to Owner during warranties regarding construction, and equipment warranties.
- o Perform an inspection of construction work, material, systems and equipment no earlier than nine months and no later than ten months after completion of the construction contract and make a written report to the Owner. At the Owner's request, and by Amendment to the Additional Services section of this contract, conduct additional warranty inspections as Additional Services.
- o Advise and assist Owner in construction matters for a period up to eighteen months after completion of the project, but such assistance is not to exceed forty hours of service and one nonwarranty trip away from the place of business of the Design Professional.

A. 1.3 Time of Performance. The Design Professional's schedule for preparing, delivering and obtaining Owner's approval for Basic Services shall be as follows:

- o Schematic Design/Preliminary Study Documents within _____ calendar days for the date of the receipt of a Notice to Proceed.
- o Design Development Documents within _____ calendar days from the date of receipt of written approval by the Owner of Schematic Design/Preliminary Study documents.
- o Bidding, Construction and Contract Documents within _____ calendar days from the date of receipt of written approval by the Owner of Design Development Documents.

A. 2.0 Design Professional's Additional Services

A. 2.1 Description of Additional Services. Additional Services are all those services provided by the Design Professional on the Project for the Owner that are not defined as Basic Services in Article A, Section 1.2 or otherwise required to be performed by the Design Professional under this Agreement. They include major revisions in the scope of work of previously approved drawings, specifications and other documents due to causes beyond the control of the Design Professional and not due to any errors, omissions, or failures on the part of the Design Professional to carry out obligations otherwise set out in this Agreement.

A. 2.2 Written Addendum or Contract Amendment. All additional services not already expressly required by this agreement shall be agreed to through either a written addendum or amendment to this Agreement.

Article B: Compensation and Payment B.

1.0 Basic Services

B. 1.1 Fixed Fee for Basic Services. The Owner will pay the Design Professional for Basic Services performed as defined by A.1.2, a Fixed Fee (stipulated sum) of \$ _____ plus Reimbursable Expenses identified in Article B.2.0. Such

payment shall be compensation for all Basic Services required, performed, or accepted under this Contract.

B. 1.2 Payment Schedule. Progress payments for Basic Services for each phase of work shall be made in proportion to services performed as follows:

| Phase | Amount |
|---|----------|
| Schematic Design/Preliminary Study Phase | \$ _____ |
| Design Development Phase | \$ _____ |
| Bidding, Construction & Contract Document Phase | \$ _____ |
| Bidding & Award Phase | \$ _____ |
| Construction Phase | \$ _____ |
| Post Completion/ Warranty Phase | \$ _____ |
| Total Basic Services | \$ _____ |

B. 2.0 Reimbursables

B. 2.1 Reimbursable Expenses. The Owner will pay the Design Professional for the Reimbursable Expenses listed below up to a Maximum Amount of \$ _____ Reimbursable Expenses are in addition to the Fixed Fee for Basic Services and are for certain actual expenses incurred by the Design Professional in connection with the Project as enumerated below.

B. 2.1.1 Travel Costs. The reasonable expense of travel costs incurred by the Design Professional when requested by Owner to travel to a location that lies outside of a 45 mile radius of either the Project site, Design Professional's office (s), and Owner's office.

B. 2.1.2 Long Distance Telephone Costs. Long distance tele-phone calls and long distance telefax costs.

B. 2.1.3 Delivery Costs. Courier services and overnight delivery costs.

B. 2.1.4 Reproduction Costs. Reproduction and postage costs of required drawings, specifications, Bidding and Contract documents, excluding the cost of reproductions for the Design Professional or Subcontractor's own use.

B. 2.1.5 Additional Reimbursables. The Design Professional and Owner may agree in an addendum or amendment to this Agreement to include certain other expenses not enumerated above as Reimbursable Expenses. These Reimbursables shall not be limited by the Maximum Amount agreed to above. A separate Maximum Amount for these Reimbursables shall be established.

B. 3.0 Additional Services

B. 3.1 Payment for Additional Services. The Owner will pay the Design Professional only for Additional Services agreed to in an addendum or amendment to this Agreement executed by the Owner and the Design Professional pursuant to A.2. Payment for all such Additional Services shall be in an amount and upon the terms set out in such amendment or addendum and agreed upon by the parties. Each such amendment or addendum shall provide for a fixed price or, where payment for such Additional Services is to be on an hourly basis or other unit pricing method, for a

maximum amount; each such amendment or addendum shall also provide for a method of payment, including, at a minimum, whether payment will be made in partial payments or in lump sum and whether it will be based upon percentage of completion or services billed for.

B. 4.0 Invoicing and Payments

B. 4.1 Invoices. All payments shall require a written invoice from the Design Professional. Invoices shall be made no more frequently than on a monthly basis. Payments for Basic Services shall be in proportion to services completed within each phase of work. When requesting such payment, the invoice shall identify the phase and the portion completed. All invoices shall state the Agreement, name and address to which payment shall be made, the services completed and the dates of completion, and whether the invoice requests payment for Basic Services, Reimbursable or Additional Services. Invoices seeking payment for Reimbursable or Additional Services must provide detailed documentation.

B. 4.2 Time of Payment. Upon the Design Professional's proper submission of invoices for work performed or reimbursable expenses, the Owner shall review and, if the work is in conformance with the terms of the Agreement, make payment within thirty days of the Owner's receipt of the invoice.

Article C: Responsibilities

C. 1.0 Design Professional's Responsibilities

C. 1.1 Basic Services. The Design Professionals shall provide the Basic Service set out in Article A.1.0.

C. 1.2 Additional Services. When required under this Agreement or agreed to as set out in A.2.0, the Design Professional shall provide Additional Services on the Project.

C. 1.3 General Responsibilities. The Design Professional shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, and other services, furnished by the Design Professional under this Agreement. The Owner's review, approval, acceptance of, or payment for Design Professional services shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement or of any cause of action for damages caused by Design Professional's negligent performance under this Agreement. Furthermore, this Agreement does not restrict or limit any rights or remedies otherwise afforded the Owner or Design Professional by law.

C. 1.4 Designing Within Funding Limitations. The Design Professional shall perform services required under this Contract in such a manner so as to cause an award of a Construction Contract(s) that does not exceed (1) \$ _____ or (2) an amount to be provided by the Owner in writing to the Design Professional prior to the commencement of Design Professional services. This fixed limit shall be called the Maximum Construction Contract Cost. The amount may be increased by the Owner, but only with written notice to the Design Professional. If the increase results in a change to the scope of work, an amendment to this Agreement will be required. The Design Professional and the Owner may mutually agree to decrease the Maximum Construction Contract Cost, but only by signing a written amendment to this Agreement. Should bids for the Construction Contract(s) exceed the Maximum Construction Contract Cost, the Owner has the right to require the Design Professional to perform redesigns,

rebids and other services necessary to cause an award of the Construction Contract within the Maximum Construction Contract Cost without additional compensation or reimbursement.

C. 1.5 Compliance with Laws, Codes, Ordinances and Regulations. The Design Professional shall perform services that conform to all applicable Federal, State and local laws, codes, ordinances and regulations except as modified by any waivers which may be obtained with the approval of the Owner. The Design Professional shall certify that Contract Documents will conform to all applicable laws, codes, ordinances and regulations. The Design Professional shall prepare all construction documents required for approval by all governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the project. The Design professional shall make all changes in the Bidding and Construction Documents necessary to obtain governmental approval without additional compensation or reimbursement, except in the following situations. If subsequent to the date the Owner issues a notice to proceed, revisions are made to applicable codes or non-federal regulations, the Design Professional shall be entitled to additional compensation and reimbursements for any additional cost resulting from such changes. The Design Professional, however, is obligated to notify the Owner of all significant code or regulatory changes within sixty (60) days of their change, and such notification shall be required in order for the Design Professional to be entitled to any additional compensation or reimbursement. Both the owner and design professional are responsible for ensuring that the design and construction comply with any applicable accessibility laws, including the Fair Housing Act (see 24 C.F.R. § 100.205), Sect. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Sect. 504), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Compliance with Sect. 504 requires adherence to the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (See <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-aba-standards/ufas>) and compliance with the ADA requires adherence to the 2010 ADA standards (See https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADASTandards/2010ADASTandards_prt.pdf).

C. 1.6 Seal. Licensed Design Professionals shall affix their seals and signatures to drawings and specifications produced under this Agreement when required by law.

C. 1.7 Attendance at Conferences. The Design Professional or designated representative shall attend project conferences and meetings involving matters related to basic services covered under this contract. Attendance at community wide meetings shall be considered an additional service.

C. 2.0 Owner's Responsibilities

C. 2.1 Information. The Owner shall provide information regarding requirements for the project, including a program that shall set forth the Owner's objectives and schedule. The Owner shall also establish and update the Maximum Construction Cost. This shall include the Owner's giving notice of work to be performed by the Owner or others and not included in the Construction Contract for the Project. The Design Professional, however, shall be responsible to ascertain and know federal requirements and limitations placed on the Project.

C. 2.2 Notice of Defects. If the Owner observes or otherwise becomes aware of any fault or defect in the construction of the project or nonconformance with the Construction Contract, the Owner shall give prompt written notice of those faults, defects or nonconformance to the Design Professional.

C.2.3 Contract Officer. The Owner shall designate a Contract Officer authorized to act on its behalf with respect to the design and construction of the Project. The Contract Officer shall examine documents submitted by the Design Professional and shall promptly render decisions pertaining to those documents so as to avoid unreasonably delaying the progress of the Design Professional's work.

C. 2.4 Duties to Furnish. The Owner shall provide the Design Professional the items listed below.

C. 2.4.1 Survey and Property Restrictions. The Owner shall furnish topographic, property line and utility information as and where required. The Owner may at its election require the Design Professional to furnish any of these items as an Additional Service.

C. 2.4.2 Existing Conditions. The Owner shall provide the Design Professional any available "built drawings of buildings or properties, architect surveys, test reports, and any other written information that it may have in its possession and that it might reasonably assume affects the work.

C. 2.4.3 Waivers. The Owner shall provide the Design Professional information it may have obtained on any waivers of local codes, ordinances, or regulations or standards affecting the design of the Project.

C. 2.4.4 Minimum Wage Rates. The Owner shall furnish the Design Professional the schedule of minimum wage rates approved by the U.S. Secretary of Labor for inclusion in the solicitation and Contract Documents.

C. 2.4.5 Tests. When expressly agreed to in writing by both the Owner and the Design Professional, the Owner shall furnish the Design Professional all necessary structural, mechanical, chemical or other laboratory tests, inspections and reports required for the Project.

C. 2.4.6 Contract Terms. The Owner or its legal counsel may provide the Design Professional text to be incorporated into Bidding and Construction Contract Documents.

Article D: Contract Administration

D. 1.0 Prohibition of Assignment. The Design Professional shall not assign, subcontract, or transfer any services, obligations, or interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Owner. Such consent shall not unreasonably be withheld when such assignment is for financing the Design Professional's performance.

D. 1.1 Ownership of Documents. All drawings, specifications, studies and other materials prepared under this contract shall be the property of the Owner and at the termination or completion of the Design Professional's services shall be promptly delivered to the Owner. The Design Professional shall have no claim for further employment or additional compensation as a result of exercise by the Owner of its full rights of ownership. It is understood, however, that the Design Professional does not represent such data to be suitable for re-use on any other project or for any other purpose. If the Owner re-uses the subject data without the Design Professional's written verification, such re-use will be at the sole risk of the Owner without liability to the Design Professional.

D. 1.2 Substitutions.

A. The Design Professional shall identify in writing principals and professional level employees and shall not substitute or replace principals or professional level employees without the prior approval of the Owner which shall not unreasonably be withheld.

B. The Design Professional’s personnel identified below are considered to be essential to the work effort. Prior to diverting or substituting any of the specified individuals, the Design Professional shall notify the Owner reasonably in advance and shall submit justification, including proposed substitutions, in sufficient detail to permit evaluation of the impact on the contract. No diversion or substitution of such key personnel shall be made by the Design professional without the prior written consent of the Owner.

D. 1.3 Suspension. The Owner may give written notice to the Design Professional to suspend work on the project or any part thereof. The Owner shall not be obligated to consider a claim for additional compensation if the Design Professional is given written notice to resume work within 120 calendar days. If notice to resume work is not given within 120 calendar days, the Design Professional shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in compensation.

D. 1.4 Subcontracts. The Design Professional will cause all applicable provisions of this Agreement to be inserted in all its subcontracts.

D. 1.5 Disputes. In the event of a dispute arising under this Agreement, the Design Professional shall notify the Owner promptly in writing and submit its claim in a timely manner. The Owner shall respond to the claim in writing in a timely manner. The Design Professional shall proceed with its work hereunder in compliance with the instructions of the Owner, but such compliance shall not be a waiver of the Design Professional’s rights to make such a claim. Any dispute not resolved by this procedure may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or by consent of the Owner and Design Professional by other dispute resolution methods.

D. 1.6 Termination. The Owner may terminate this Agreement for the Owner’s convenience or for failure of the Design Professional to fulfill contract obligations. The Owner shall terminate by delivering to the Design Professional a Notice of Termination specifying the reason therefore and the effective date of termination. Upon receipt of such notice, the Design Professional shall immediately discontinue all services affected and deliver to the Owner all information, reports, papers, and other materials accumulated or generated in performing this contract whether completed or in process. If the termination is for convenience of the Owner, the Owner shall be liable only for payment for accepted services rendered before the effective date of termination.

D. 1.7 Insurance. The Design professional shall carry Commercial or Comprehensive General Liability Insurance, Professional Liability Insurance (for a period extending two years past the date of completion of construction), and other insurance as are re-quired by law, all in minimum amounts as set forth below. The Design Professional shall furnish the Owner certificates of insurance and they shall state that a thirty day notice of prior cancellation or change will be provided to the Owner. Additionally, the Owner shall be an additional insured on all Commercial or Comprehensive General liability policies.

| Insurance | Limits or Amount |
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D. 1.8 Retention of Rights. Neither the Owner’s review, approval or acceptance of, nor payment for, the services required under this contract shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this contract or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this contract, and the Design Professional shall be and remain liable to the Owner in accordance with the applicable law for all damages to the Owner caused by the Design professional’s negligent performance of any of the services furnished under this contract.

Article E: Additional Requirements

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

E. 1.1 Contract Adjustments. Notwithstanding any other term or condition of this Agreement, any settlement or equitable adjustment due to termination, suspension or delays by the Owner shall be negotiated based on the cost principles stated at 48 CFR Subpart 31.2 and conform to the Contract pricing provisions of 2 CFR 200.

E. 1.2 Additional Services. The Owner shall perform a cost or price analysis as required by 2 CFR 200 prior to the issuance of a contract modification/amendment for Additional Services. Such Additional Services shall be within the general scope of services covered by this Agreement. The Design Professional shall provide supporting cost information in sufficient detail to permit the Owner to perform the required cost or price analysis.

E. 1.3 Restrictive Drawings and Specifications. In accordance with 2 CFR 200 and contract agreements between the Owner and HUD, the Design Professional shall not require the use of materials, products, or services that unduly restrict competition.

E. 1.4 Design Certification. Where the Owner is required by federal regulations to provide HUD a Design Professional certification regarding the design of the Projects (24 CFR 905), the Design Professional shall provide such a certification to the Owner.

E. 1.5 Retention and Inspection of Records. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200, access shall be given by the Design Professional to the Owner, HUD, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Design Professional which are directly pertinent to that specific Contract for the purpose of making an audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions. All required records shall be retained for three years after the Owner or Design Professional and other subgrantees make final payments and all other pending matters are closed.

E. 1.6 Copyrights and Rights in Data. HUD has no regulations pertaining to copyrights or rights in data as provided in 2 CFR 200. HUD requirements, Article 45 of the General Conditions to the Contract for Construction (form HUD-5370) requires that contractors pay all royalties and license fees. All drawings and specifications prepared by the Design Professional pursuant to this contract will identify any applicable patents to enable the general contractor to fulfil the requirements of the construction contract.

E. 1.7 Conflicts of Interest. Based in part on federal regulations (2 CFR 200 and Contract agreement between the Owner and HUD, no employee, officer, or agent of the Owner (HUD grantee) shall participate in selection, or in the award or administration of a contract supported by Federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.

Such a conflict would arise when:

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

Neither the Owner nor any of its contractors or their subcontractors shall enter into any Contract, subcontract, or agreement, in connection with any Project or any property included or planned to be included in any Project, in which any member, officer, or employee of the Owner, or any member of the governing body of the locality in which the Project is situated, or any member of the governing body of the locality in which the Owner was activated, or in any other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any responsibilities or functions with respect to the Project during his/her tenure or for one year thereafter has any interest, direct or indirect. If any such present or former member, officer, or employee of the Owner, or any such governing body member or such other public official of such locality or localities involuntarily acquires or had acquired prior to the beginning of

his/her tenure any such interest, and if such interest is immediately disclosed to the Owner and such disclosure is entered upon the minutes of the Owner, the Owner, with the prior approval of the Government, may waive the prohibition contained in this subsection: Provided, That any such present member, officer, or employee of the Owner shall not participate in any action by the Owner relating to such contract, subcontract, or arrangement.

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

E. 1.8 Disputes. In part because of HUD regulations (2 CFR 200, this Design Professional Agreement, unless it is a small purchase contract, has administrative, contractual, or legal remedies for instances where the Design Professional violates or breaches Agreement terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate.

E. 1.9 Termination. In part because of HUD regulations (2 CFR 200), this Design Professional Agreement, unless it is for an amount of \$10,000 or less, has requirements regarding termination by the Owner when for cause or convenience. These include the manner by which the termination will be effected and basis for settlement.

E. 1.10 Interest of Members of Congress. Because of Contract agreement between the Owner and HUD, no member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States of America or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this Contract or to any benefit to arise from it.

E. 1.11 Limitation of Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transaction. The Limitation on Use of Appropriated Funds to Influence Certain Federal Contracting and Financial Transactions Act, Section 1352 of Title 31 U.S.C., provides in part that no appropriated funds may be expended by recipient of a federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person, including the Design Professional, for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of Congress in connection with any of the following covered Federal actions: the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

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

A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.

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

D. The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.

E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.

F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

G. Reserved.

H. Reserved.

E. 1.13 Reserved.

E. 1.14 Clean Air and Water. (Applicable to contracts in excess of \$150,000). Because of 2 CFR 200) and Federal law, the Design Professional shall comply with applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 1857h-4 transferred to 42 USC § 7607, section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15), on all contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000.

E. 1.15 Energy Efficiency. Pursuant to Federal regulations (2 CFR 200) and Federal law, except when working on an Indian housing authority Project on an Indian reservation, the Design Professional shall comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163 codified at 42 U.S.C.A. § 6321 et. seq.).

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

E. 1.17 Non-applicability of Fair Housing Requirements in Indian Housing Authority Contracts. Pursuant to 24 § CFR Part 1, title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d-4), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in federally assisted programs, and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3620), which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status in the sale or rental of housing do not apply to Indian Housing Authorities established by exercise of a Tribe's powers of self-government. Pursuant to 24 CFR § 1000.12, other civil rights statutes do apply to Indian Housing Authorities such as, Section 504, the Indian Civil Rights Act, and the Age Discrimination Act. (29 USC 794; 25 USC 1301.1303; and 42 USC 6101-6107 respectively).

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

Article F: Other Owner Requirements (if any)

(Continue on additional pages as necessary)

This Agreement is entered into as of the day and year first written above.

| Owner | Design Professional |
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Addendum (If any)
(Additional Services and other modifications)

This is an Addendum to a Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Design Professional signed and dated the _____ day of _____ in the year (yyyy) of _____ between the Owner _____ and Design Professional _____ on Project _____. The parties to that Agreement agree to modify the Agreement by the above delineated Additional Services and modifications.

This Addendum is dated this _____ day of _____ in the year (yyyy) of _____

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| Owner | Design Professional |
| _____ | _____ |
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| (Signature) | (Signature) |
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| (Print Title) | (Print Title) |

Exhibit A

Scope of Work (SOW)

Responding firms will be working independently on projects and also in conjunction with A/E teams associated to new, existing, and ongoing projects. At a minimum, the successful proposer shall be required to furnish all the necessary, personnel, technical expertise, supervision, supplies, tools, materials, equipment, resources, and any other ancillary item(s), resource(s) or professional service(s) needed to perform the following services which includes, but is not limited to:

1.0 Independent Planning & Design Services

- 1.1 Meet with HHA's staff to determine HHA's project requirements.
- 1.2 Implement MEP measures to multiple properties by assessing HHA requirements and existing conditions to recommend the extent of Work to be performed during design and construction.
- 1.3 Investigate problem areas identified by HHA and City of Houston, provide detailed solutions. Make site visits as required to perform the Work.
- 1.4 Prepare preliminary cost estimates and cost alternatives, include documentation establishing the basis and methodology for all estimates.
- 1.5 Depending on project type and scope, prepare detailed drawings and specifications to aid in the development of contract documents or provide their own documentation, depending on project. Provide scope of service for demolition, if any, and construction to achieve the highest efficiency and cost effectiveness.
- 1.5 Depending on project type and scope, support a design team (architects, engineers, & consultants) in the following areas described in Section 2.0 and 3.0 herein.

2.0 Additional Design Services

- 2.1 Depending on project type and scope, submit MEP documents required for local, state and federal applications.
- 2.2 Review and modify, as required, contract drawings and specifications for the project. With the exception as required for larger complex projects with an established design team.
- 2.3 Review and provide commentary, if necessary, on all submittals related to the project.
- 2.4 Assist in preparation of formal contract documents for award of construction contractor.

3.0 Construction Administration Services

- 3.1 Make site visits to determine if the work is proceeding in accordance with the contract documents. In performing these services, take the necessary steps to protect HHA against defects and deficiencies in the work product of the contractors.
- 3.2 Depending on project, perform on site observations and the application for payment, determine the amount owed to the contractor, and aid in issuing certificates of payment in such amounts.
- 3.3 Submit a weekly report to HHA's Project Manager regarding the status of the construction.
- 3.4 Review shop drawings furnished by contractors for compliance with design concepts and with information given in the contract documents, confirm dimensions, and correlate them to the job site(s).
- 3.5 Assist HHA in performance tests required by specifications.
- 3.6 Perform final inspections of the project, in the company of HHA's representatives.
- 3.7 Depending on project, after final inspection and approval of the construction by HHA, furnish reproducible drawings, if applicable, brought up to "as-built" condition.

4.0 Other Requirements and Conditions

- 4.1 Issue a Final Summary Report that will include an executive summary, list of participants and roles, brief building description, overview of building envelope consulting services and/or commissioning and testing scope and a general description of testing and verification methods. Appendices will contain logs, meeting minutes, progress reports, deficiency lists, site visit reports, findings, unresolved issues, communications, etc.
- 4.2 Coordinate all work with HHA's Project Manager(s).
- 4.3 All documentation must provide the basis, source and methodology for arriving at estimates, projections and assumptions.
- 4.4 Meet with Real Estate Investment Development (REID) Department, and other federal, state, and local agencies, as may be necessary.
- 4.5 HHA reserves the right to add or delete work during the term of the contract. All projects may not require the same level of service or work.

Exhibit B
Evaluation Criteria

| Criteria | Maximum Points |
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| 1. Firm's history and resource capability to perform the required services | 20 |
| 2. Qualifications of assigned personnel | 15 |
| 3. Demonstrated related experience in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design Services• Construction Coordination / Administration• Rehabilitation• Mitigation/Flood Control Experience• Multi-Family Residential Housing Experience• Sustainable Design Experience | 5 5 5 5 5 5 |
| 4. Understanding of FEMA, HUD and/or City, State and Federal codes, and regulations applicable to the work | 30 |
| 5. Project planning, scheduling, and methodology/strategy to accomplish task | 10 |
| 6. Budget, cost-control experience and results | 15 |
| 7. M/WBE Participation | 5 |
| 8. Section 3 Participation | 5 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 130 |