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QUALIFICATION BASED SOLICITATION ("QBS") 22-38

The Houston Housing Authority (HHA) has issued this solicitation with the intent to establish a contract with an Architectural and/or Engineering Firm, who can provide HHA with architectural and engineering related services 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 27, 2022 to:**

Houston Housing Authority
Attn: Austin Y. Crotts, MA.
Subject: QBS 22-38 A&E Services- DO NOT OPEN
2640 Fountain View Drive Houston, Texas 77057

The face of the sealed envelope/package must contain the above information.

Interested parties are also highly encouraged to check HHA's website prior to the submission of their sealed response 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 G 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 22-38" in the subject line by **4 P.M. CST, May 24, 2022.** 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.

7-1-2022
Date

Austin Crotts
Austin Y. Crotts, MA
Interim Procurement Manager,
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 INTENT

- 2.1 The intent of this solicitation is to establish a contract with a “pool” of Design Professionals that can provide various Architectural and Engineering (A&E) services to HHA, for the purposes of facilitating various projects in accordance with the requirements and terms and conditions specified herein.

3.0 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

- 3.1 Any contract executed as a result of this solicitation may have an initial period of performance of three (3) years, 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	July 5, 2022
Deadline for the Receipt of Written Questions to Purchasing@housingforhouston.com	4 PM “CST” July 12, 2022
Deadline Answers to Written Questions will be posted on HousingforHouston.com	4 PM “CST” July 15, 2021
Deadline for the Receipt of Sealed Responses	2 PM “CST” July 27, 2021
Estimated Contract Award Date	August/September 2022

NOTE: INTERESTED PARTIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING HHA’S WEBSITE TO ENSURE THEY STAY ABREAST OF ANY AMENDMENTS THAT MAY AFFECT THIS SOLICITATION.

5.0 SCOPE OF WORK (SOW)

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

6.0 SELECTION CRITERIA

- 6.1 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 bidder on technical factors, and then negotiate a price.

- 6.1.1 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.
- 6.2 During the evaluation process, HHA reserves the right to call for supplementary information from all bidders, and to meet with them to clarify points of uncertainty or ambiguity. All bidders agree to promptly provide supplementary information, and participate in any requested meetings to clarify their proposal.
- 6.3 Sealed responses delivered to HHA by the specified due date will be evaluated and ranked. The most responsive and responsible bidder(s) will 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 bidder(s) whose qualifications, price, and other factors are deemed most advantageous to HHA.
- 6.4 If an agreement cannot be reached, HHA will terminate negotiations with said bidder, and proceed to the next-highest rated bidder until a price determined to be fair and reasonable to both parties is obtained. Once negotiations have been terminated with a bidder, HHA will not go back to that bidder for additional negotiations – even if the next lower ranked bidder is higher in price.
- 6.5 HHA reserves the right to make multiple award(s), reject responses at its discretion, request additional information from the bidder(s), select the successful bidder(s) at its sole discretion, and conduct negotiations to establish a contract that is advantageous and beneficial to HHA.
- 6.6 In the event services are initiated prior to the processing of a fully executed contract, such services are provided without guarantee of compensation.

7.0 **SUBMITTALS**

- 7.1 All responses to this solicitation 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.
- 7.1.3 **ALL RESPONSES MUST BE DELIVERED IN A SEALED BOX OR ENVELOPE, ANY RESPONSE THAT IS NOT SEALED WILL BE CONSIDERED NON-RESPONSIVE.**
- 7.2 **ALL ITEMS IN SECTION 7.3 MUST BE DOWNLOADED ON A USB 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 SUBMITTALS SHOULD BE CHECKED BEFORE THEY ARE SUBMITTED TO HHA.**

7.3 **ONE (1) ORIGINAL (CLEARLY MARKED IN A THREE RING BINDER), OF THE RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED 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, TAB 3, ETC.) AND CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:**

7.3.1 **Cover Letter**

7.3.1.1 The Cover Letter must:

- Must be on company letterhead, manually signed by 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. It should also acknowledge the receipt, review of this solicitation, and any Amendment(s) issued by HHA; and,

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

7.3.3 **Tab 1 (Firm’s History)**

7.3.3.1 Provide a non-technical overview of the firm’s business, its resource capabilities, and organizational structure / chart.

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 (Qualifications of Assigned Personnel)**

7.3.4.1 List all members, consultant(s), subcontractor(s), and M/WBE’s who will be assigned to this project, their role(s), and respective resumes.

- Resumes should include any specialized skills, training, or credentials. (Refer to the SOW.)

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 (Demonstrated Experience)**

7.3.5.1 Describe the Firm’s experience in the areas identified in Exhibit A Scope of Work (SOW) and 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 (Budget Experience)**

- 7.3.6.1 Describe in detail, any experience(s) in managing / administering project-related budgets.

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 (Regulatory Experience)**

- 7.3.7.1 Describe experience and knowledge of current Federal, State and local laws applicable to public housing developments, Housing and Urban Development (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 5 of Exhibit B Evaluation Criteria.

7.3.8 **Tab 6 (Planning / Methodology / Approach)**

- 7.3.8.1 Describe your Firm's experience in planning and managing projects.
- 7.3.8.2 Describe how your Firm will perform the services in Exhibit A Scope of Work (SOW).
- 7.3.8.3 Provide sample timelines to perform the services specified in Exhibit A Scope of Work (SOW) .

(For example, the time required to respond to a site, collect samples, perform tests, submit reports and mitigation plans.)

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 (Other Considerations)**

- 7.3.9.1 Provide information on the circumstances and status of any past or present civil or criminal investigations, pertinent litigation, regulatory action, and/or disciplinary action taken or pending against the proposer or any of its employees with state regulatory bodies or professional organizations that could impact the proposer's role or ability to provide the services specified herein. If none, include a statement that there are no past or present civil or criminal legal investigations, or pertinent litigation and/or regulatory actions that could impact your ability to provide the services specified herein.

7.3.10 **Tab 8 (References)**

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

7.3.11 **Tab 9 (Attachment A Declaration)**

7.3.12 **Tab 10 (Attachment B Non-Collusive Affidavit)**

7.3.13 **Tab 11 (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.

7.3.14 **Tab 12 (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.

7.3.15 **Tab 13 (Attachment E Conflict of Interest [CIQ] Form)**

7.3.16 **Tab 14 (Attachment F Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders Public and Indian Housing Programs (Form HUD 5369-A)**

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, 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 OF PROPOSAL

- 10.1 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 FEDERAL REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- 12.1 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).
- 12.2 The successful bidder(s) or proposer(s) will:
- 12.2.1 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.

12.2.2 Meet the requirements of:

12.2.2.1 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

12.2.2.2 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

13.0 **INFORMALITIES**

13.1 HHA reserves the right to waive minor informalities, which 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.

14.0 **INSURANCE**

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

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

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

16.0 **MISTAKES IN BIDS**

16.1 General

16.1.1 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.

16.2 Mistakes Discovered Before Solicitations Are Opened

- 16.2.1 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)

16.3 Review of Mistakes

- 16.3.1 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 submitter of any apparent mistake(s) in their submittal, and request verification of the total price as submitted.

16.4 Mistakes After Solicitations Are Opened

- 16.4.1 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.

17.0 **PAYMENTS**

- 17.1 HHA will process all invoices after the work has been approved by HHA's Project Manager. Payment terms are net 30 days.
- 17.2 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.

18.0 **PERMITS**

- 18.1 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.

19.0 **PROJECT MANAGER**

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

20.0 **QUESTIONS**

- 20.1 Interested parties should follow the instructions on page 1 should they have any questions about this solicitation.
- 20.2 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.

21.0 **REMOVAL OF EMPLOYEES**

- 21.1 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:
- 21.1.1 Negligence, being disorderly, using abusive or offensive language, quarreling or fighting, stealing, vandalizing property; and,
- 21.1.2 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).

22.0 **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

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

23.0 **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

- 23.1 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.

24.0 **SUBCONTRACTING**

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

25.0 **TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENTS**

- 25.1 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.

26.0 **VALIDITY OF PROPOSALS**

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

27.0 **SUPPLEMENTS**

- 27.1 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: Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction (Form HUD-5369-B)
Attachment H: Model Form of Agreement Between Owner and Design Professional (Form HUD-51915-A)
Exhibit A: Scope of Work (SOW)
Exhibit B: Evaluation Criteria
Exhibit C: Draft Contract

- 27.2 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

SUBMITTAL 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 publically 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
		<i>Total</i>		

Note: Attach additional sheets if necessary.

WBEs	Name of MBE Subcontractor	Certification(s)	Amount of Subcontract	Percent of Contract Total
		<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: A&E Services	Solicitation #: QBS 22-38

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 \$ _____

<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 of Authorized Individual

HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE REPORT

Submission Date:	Reporting Period:
_____ Primary Contractor	_____ Subcontractor
Company Name:	
Person completing invoice	
Project Name:	RFP #:
Amount of Contract	Amount of Current Invoice:

# participants hired					

Training Commitment	# Trained this Report Period	YTD Trained during Contract	List Individuals Employed		
			Name	Training Title	Stipend Amount Paid
# of participants engaged in training/ apprenticeship					

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).

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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

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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)

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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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:

- o Architecture
- o Site Planning
- o Structural Engineering
- o Mechanical Engineering
- o Electrical Engineering
- o Civil Engineering
- o Landscape Architecture
- o Cost Estimating
- o 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:

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

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

- o Solicitation for Bids
- o Form of Contract
- o Special Conditions
- o General Conditions
- o Technical Specifications
- o Plans and drawings
- o 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:

- o Responding to inquiries
- o Drafting and issuing addendum approved by Owner
- o Attending prebid conference(s)
- o Attending public bid openings
- o Reviewing and tabulating bids
- o Recommending list of eligible bids
- o Recommending award
- o 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 telephone 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 required 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

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
<div></div> <div>(Housing Authority)</div>	<div></div> <div>(Firm)</div>
<div></div> <div>(Signature)</div>	<div></div> <div>(Signature)</div>
<div></div> <div>(Print Name)</div>	<div></div> <div>(Print Name)</div>
<div></div> <div>(Print Title)</div>	<div></div> <div>(Print Title)</div>

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 _____

Owner	Design Professional
_____	_____
(Housing Authority)	(Firm)
_____	_____
(Signature)	(Signature)
_____	_____
(Print Name)	(Print Name)
_____	_____
(Print Title)	(Print Title)

EXHIBIT A

Scope Of Work (SOW)

At a minimum, the successful A/E Firm(s) will be required to furnish all the necessary, personnel, supervision, supplies, tools, materials, equipment, resources, and any other ancillary item(s) or service(s) needed to perform:

1.0 Planning Services

- 1.1 Discuss and determine HHA's project requirements.
- 1.2 Prepare preliminary cost estimates and cost alternatives to include documentation establishing the basis and methodology for all estimates.
- 1.3 Meet with HHA's staff and property management to review project details, and provide cost estimates.
- 1.4 Review development strategies with the Real Estate Investment and Development (REID) team.
- 1.5 Prepare detailed construction plans, specifications, and scope of service for demolition, if any, and construction to achieve the highest efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

2.0 Design Development Services

- 2.1 Prepare the architectural and engineering documents necessary for completing local, state, and federal applications and submittals.
- 2.2 Investigate the problem areas identified and provide detailed solutions as required by HHA.
- 2.3 Review and modify, as required, contract drawings and specifications for the project. All plans and drawings will not exceed 24 inches by 36 inches in overall dimensions.
- 2.4 Prepare detailed cost estimates.
- 2.5 Prepare electronic plans and specifications to be provided to interested bidders, and for HHA's records.
- 2.6 Assist in the tabulation and analysis of bids and furnish recommendations.
- 2.7 Implement sustainable practices/cost-effective design practices.

3.0 Construction Documentation Services

- 3.1 In broad terms, the documentation for the project will include the following:
 - 3.1.1 Construction drawings and specifications (copies as needed) fully coordinated with the owner and architectural consultants.
 - 3.1.2 All documentation will be coordinated with HHA's Real Estate Investment and Development Department (REID).

4.0 Construction Administration Services

- 4.1 Assist in the architectural and engineering phases of the preparation of formal contract documents for the award of a contract.
- 4.2 Make visits to the site to determine if the work is proceeding in accordance with the contract documents. In performing these services, the successful A/E Firm(s) will endeavor to protect HHA against defects and deficiencies in the work product of the contractors.
- 4.3 Based on site observations and the application for payment, determine the amount owed to the contractor, and issue certificates of payment in such amounts.
 - 4.3.1 Certificate of payments represents to HHA that the work has progressed to the point indicated (based on site observations and data comprising the application for payment).
 - 4.3.2 Represent to HHA (that to the best of its knowledge, information, and belief, and observations), the quality of work is in accordance with the contract document.
 - 4.3.3 Conduct inspections to determine the status of substantial and final completion develops a list of deficiencies (punch list) and issue a final certificate of acceptance of the project.
- 4.4 Inform HHA regarding the status of the construction in the weekly reports.
- 4.5 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).
- 4.6 Review laboratory, shop and mill tests of material and equipment.
- 4.7 Prepare and review payments to contractors.
- 4.8 Assist HHA in performance tests required by specifications.

- 4.9 Perform final inspections of the project, in the company of HHA's representatives.
- 4.10 After final inspection and approval of the construction by HHA, the selected candidate will furnish reproducible drawings, if applicable, brought up to "as-built" condition. Each sheet shall be initiated by the person responsible for making corrections or additions.

5.0 **Other Services**

- 5.1 Coordinate all work with REID
- 5.2 All documentation must provide the basis, source and methodology for arriving at estimates, projections and assumptions.
- 5.3 Meet with REID, and other federal, state, and local agencies, as may be necessary.
- 5.4 Ensure all applicable codes of the jurisdiction, including but not limited to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), and all other guidelines deems applicable to the project.

- 6.0 HHA reserves the right to add or delete work during the term of the contract.

Exhibit B
Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Maximum Points
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• LEED Design	5 5 5 5
4. Budget, cost-control experience and results	15
5. Understanding of HUD and TDHCA requirements, City, state and Federal codes, and regulations applicable to the work	15
6. Project planning, scheduling, and methodology/strategy to accomplish task	5
7. M/WBE Participation	5
8. Section 3 Participation	5
TOTAL POINTS	100

Architectural & Engineering Design Related Services

Agreement Between

Houston Housing Authority

and

DRAFT

QBS 22-38

Agreement

This **Agreement** is made the ____ day of _____, 2022, with an Effective Date of the date of execution by Houston Housing Authority (the “**Owner**”).

Between the **Owner:** Houston Housing Authority
2640 Fountain View
Houston, TX 77057

and

the **Design Professional:**

for the following **Project:**

Environmental engineering firm(s) for architectural and engineering related services at various HHA properties in accordance with Qualification Based Solicitation #22-27 (“QBS 22-27”), issued on or about May 9, 2022, including any amendments, modifications, or addenda (which is incorporated herein and made part of this Agreement). In the event that this Agreement or QBS 22-27 shall conflict or contradict with respect to any item or provision, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

This Agreement shall become effective on the date that it is executed by Owner, and shall continue in effect for ____ (__) years from the effective date, unless terminated sooner. Owner retains the option to extend this Agreement for ____ (__) additional year(s). Design Professional shall perform all of the services and obligations described herein:

The Scope of Work (“SOW”) is as follows:

I. GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK:

See Exhibit A, the “Scope of Work”, attached and incorporated herein by reference.

The Owner and Design Professional agrees as set forth below:

Article A: Services

A.1.1. Areas of Design Professional’s Basic Services. 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 construction 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 plans
- 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 include in a detailed manner 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 pre-bid 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 required 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:

- Administer the Construction Contract.
- Conduct pre-construction conference and attend dispute resolution conferences and other meetings when requested by the Owner.
- Review and approve Design Professional's shop drawings and other Submittals for conformance to the requirements of the contract documents.
- At the Owner's written request, and as Additional Service, procure testing from qualified parties.
- Monitor the quality and progress of the work and furnish a written field report at least weekly. 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.

- 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.
- Review, approve and submit to Owner the Design Professional Requests for Payment.
- Conduct all job meetings and record action in a set of minutes which are to be provided to the Owner.
- Make modifications to Construction Contract Documents to correct errors, clarify intent or to accommodate change orders.
- Make recommendations to Owner for solutions to special problems or changes necessitated by conditions encountered in the course of construction.
- Promptly notify Owner in writing of any defects or deficiencies in the work, or of any matter of dispute with the Design Professional.
- Negotiate, prepare cost or price analysis for, and countersign, change orders.
- Prepare written punch list, certificates of completion and other necessary construction close-out documents.
- 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 Design Professional 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:

- Consult with and make recommendations to Owner during warranties regarding construction, and equipment warranties.
- Perform an inspection of construction work, material, systems and equipment no earlier than nine (9) months and no later than ten (10) 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.
- 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 non-warranty 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:

- Schematic Design/Preliminary Study Documents within _____ calendar days from the date of the receipt of a Notice to Proceed.
- Design Development Documents within _____ calendar days from the date of receipt of written approval by the Owner of Schematic Design/Preliminary Study documents.
- 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. Generally, 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 provided for by this agreement shall be agreed to through either a written addendum or written amendment to this Agreement.

Article B: Compensation and Payment

B.1.0. Basic Services

B.1.1. Fixed Fee for Basic Services. In consideration of the Basic Services described herein, the Owner will pay the Design Professional for Basic Services performed as defined by A.1.2, _____ 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. A summary of fees allocated by category is as follows:

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:	\$_____

Article B: Expenses & Invoicing

B.2.0. Reimbursable Expenses.

B.2.1 Reimbursable Expenses. There are no reimbursable expenses.

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. Should Design Professional receive payment by wire or electronic means, Design Professional must provide Owner written confirmation and instructions signed by Design Professional's duly authorized official before any type of electronic or wire payment will be made by Owner. Any changes to wire or electronic payment information must be submitted to Owner in writing and signed by Design Professional's duly authorized official.

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 (30) days of the Owner's receipt of the proper 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 Section I General Scope of Work and Article A Services.

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. If this Agreement is extended at the Owner's sole discretion, the Design Professional shall perform services required under this Agreement 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's 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 and Regulations. The Design Professional shall comply with 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. If the Project is within an Indian reservation, tribal laws, codes and regulations shall be substituted for state and local laws, codes, ordinances and regulations. However, on such a Native American Projects, the Owner may additionally designate that some or all state and local codes shall apply. In some of these circumstances, a model national building code may be selected by the Indian or Native American 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.

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 or when the project is located on an Indian Reservation.

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 "as 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 for any other purpose. If the Owner re-uses the subject data without the Design Professional's written verification, such 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.

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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 waiver of the Design Professional's rights to

make such a claim. Any dispute not resolved by the parties to this Agreement 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 required 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

See herein "Article F: Other Owner Requirements"

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 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 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 24 CFR 85.36(f).

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

cost information in sufficient detail to permit the Owner to perform the required cost or price analysis.

E.1.3. Restrictive Drawings and Specifications. In accordance with 24 CFR 85.36(c)(3)(i), 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 968.235), the Design Professional shall provide such a certification to the Owner.

E.1.5. Retention and Inspection of Records. Pursuant to 24 CFR 85.36(i)(10) and (11), access shall be given by the Design Professional to the Owner, HUD, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Design Professional which are directly pertinent to that specific Contract for the purpose of making an audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions. All required records shall be retained for three years after the Owner or Design Professional and other subgrantees make final payments and all other pending matters are closed.

E.1.6. Copyrights and Rights in Data. HUD has no regulations pertaining to copyrights or rights in data as provided in 24 CFR 85.36. HUD requirements, Article 45 of the General Conditions to the Contract for Construction (form HUD-5370) requires that Design Professionals 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 Design Professional to fulfill the requirements of the construction contract.

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

Such a conflict would arise when:

- (i) The employee, officer or agent,
- (ii) Any member of his or her immediate family,
- (iii) His or her partner, or
- (iv) An organization that employs, or is about to employ, any of the above, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award. The grantee's or subgrantee's officers, employees or agents will neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from Design Professionals, or parties to subagreements. 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 Design Professionals 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 Design Professionals or their subDesign Professionals 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 (24 CFR 85.36(i)(1)), this Design Professional Agreement, unless it is a small purchase contract, has administrative, contractual, or legal remedies for instances where the Design Professional violates or breaches Agreement terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate.

E.1.9. Termination. In part because of HUD regulations (24 CFR 85.36(i)(2)), this Design Professional Agreement, unless it is for an amount of \$10,000 or less, has requirements regarding termination by the Owner when for cause or convenience. These include the manner by which the termination will be affected 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 appropriate 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 of Low-Income Persons, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.

A. The work to be performed under this contract may be 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. To the extent required by law, the parties to this contract will 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 part 135 of the regulations.

C. The Design Professional agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the Design Professional has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the Design Professional'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 Design Professional 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 subDesign Professional is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The Design Professional will not subcontract with any subDesign Professional where the Design Professional has notice or knowledge that the subDesign Professional has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.

E. The Design Professional will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the Design Professional 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 Design Professional'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.

E.1.13. Reserved.

E.1.14. Clean Air and Water. (Applicable to contracts in excess of \$100,000). Because of

24 CFR 85.36(i)(12) and Federal law, the Design Professional shall comply with applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 1857h-4 transferred to 42 USC § 7607, section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15), on all contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000.

E.1.15. Energy Efficiency. Pursuant to Federal regulations (24 CFR 85.36 (i)(13)) and Federal law, except when working on an Indian housing authority Project on an Indian reservations, 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 section 905.115(b) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d–2000d-4), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in federally assisted programs, and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3620), which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status in the sale or rental of housing do not apply to Indian Housing Authorities established by exercise of a Tribe's powers of self-government.

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 & Miscellaneous Provisions.

F.1 Additional Documents Incorporated into this Agreement.

- F.1.1 QBS #22-27, as published by the Owner on or about May 9, 2022, and all of its amendments, exhibits, attachments, and addenda, is hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement as if set forth fully herein and is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- F.1.2 In the event of a conflict between or among them, this Agreement shall control over QBS #22-27.

F.2 Insurance.

- F.2.1 The Design Professional shall maintain the following insurance for the duration of this Agreement unless otherwise noted:

- a. Workers' compensation insurance in accordance with State of Texas rules and regulations for all employees providing work and services hereunder. This policy must be endorsed to contain a waiver of subrogation and a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation or non-renewal in favor Owner.
- b. Commercial/Comprehensive general liability insurance with a single limit for bodily injury of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and property damage limit of no less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. The insurance may have a combined aggregate of coverage amounting to no less than \$2,000,000.00. Such insurance shall protect the Design Professional against claims of bodily injury or death, including specifically such claims resulting from any form of sexual misconduct and for property damage to others. Such insurance shall also include coverage for completed operations and contractual liability. The insurance shall cover the use of all equipment, hoists and vehicles used on any work site(s) not covered by automobile liability under (c) below. If the Design Professional has a "claims made policy," then the following additional requirements apply. The policy must provide a "retroactive date" which must be on or before the execution date of the Agreement and the extended reporting period may not be less than five years following the completion date of the Agreement. The Owner must be named as an additional insured under this policy and this policy must be endorsed to be primary/noncontributory and contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement in favor the Owner. This policy must also be endorsed with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation/nonrenewal in favor of Owner.
- c. Automobile liability insurance covering owned, non-owned, hired and all vehicles used by the Design Professional with a combined single limit of not less than \$1,000,000.00 applicable to bodily injury, sickness or death and loss of, or damage to, property in any one occurrence. The Owner must be named as an additional insured under this policy and this policy must be endorsed to be primary/noncontributory and contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement in favor the Owner. This policy must also be endorsed with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation/nonrenewal in favor of Owner.
- d. Umbrella/Excess Liability Insurance in the amount of \$_____ providing excess limits over Workers' Compensation, Automobile Insurance, Professional Liability and General Liability Insurance. The Owner must be named as an additional insured under this policy and this policy must be endorsed to be primary/noncontributory and contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement in favor the Owner. This policy must also be endorsed with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation/nonrenewal in favor of Owner.

- e. Errors and omissions professional liability insurance in an amount no less than \$1,000,000.00 and for a period of at least two years past the date of completion of construction. The policy shall provide for coverage for all work performed by the Design Professional. The Design Professional shall ensure that any subDesign Professionals hired by the Design Professional that perform work on the Design Professional's behalf will maintain their own Errors and Omissions Professional Liability Insurance coverage in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.00 and the Design Professional shall obtain evidence of such insurance in a manner satisfactory to the Owner and provide such evidence to the Owner upon the Owner's request. This policy must also be endorsed with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation/nonrenewal in favor of Owner.

- F.2.2 Before commencing its performance of any work or services under this Agreement, the Design Professional shall provide the Owner with copies of the applicable certificates of insurance, policies, declarations, and endorsements for the required coverages listed above so that the Owner may confirm: (a) that said coverages are valid and in effect; (b) that it is named as an additional insured under the Design Professional's commercial/comprehensive general liability insurance policy ("CGL"), umbrella/excess liability insurance policy, and its automobile liability insurance policy; (c) that none of the required policies may be cancelled or non-renewed until at least thirty days prior written notice has been provided to the Owner; (d) that the Design Professional's CGL policy, umbrella/excess policy, and automobile policy are primary; and that (e) the Design Professional's CGL policy, umbrella/excess policy, worker's compensation policy and automobile policy contain waivers of subrogation in favor of the Owner.
- F.2.3 All insurance shall be carried with companies that are financially responsible and admitted to do business in the State of Texas. The Design Professional shall not permit the insurance policies required for this Agreement to lapse during any period for which this Agreement is in effect. It is Design Professional's sole responsibility to provide all requisite insurance documents to Owner in timely fashion.
- F.2.4 The insurance requirements in this section are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities or obligations assumed by the Design Professional under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, liability assumed by the Design Professional pursuant to § F.3 of this Agreement.
- F.2.5 For all required policies, the Design Professional shall be solely responsible for any premiums, deductibles, or self-insured retentions that may apply to the required coverages set forth in § F.2 of this Agreement. For all additional insured endorsements required herein, the additional insured language shall not be limited to the fault of Design Professional or those acting on its behalf, and the provisions in this Agreement requiring Owner to be provided additional insured coverage are incorporated into and made a part of Design Professional's respective policies by reference.

- F.2.6 The Design Professional shall require each of its subDesign Professionals, if any, to provide the coverages noted in this section, unless such coverages are waived or reduced in writing by the Owner.
- F.2.7 This section shall control over section D.1.7.

F.3 INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS.

- F.3.1 DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SHALL INDEMNIFY DEFEND, AND HOLD OWNER, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATED ENTITIES, COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES (THE “INDEMNIFIED PERSONS”) HARMLESS FROM ALL LIABILITY, LOSS OR DAMAGE, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND EXPENSES, RESULTING FROM ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION OF EVERY KIND AND CHARACTER ASSERTED BY ANY PERSON (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE INDEMNIFIED PERSONS’ OR DESIGN PROFESSIONAL’S EMPLOYEES), FOR PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR FOR LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO ANY AND ALL PROPERTY IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH, OR TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL’S PERFORMANCE HEREUNDER. SUCH INDEMNITY SHALL BE WITHOUT REGARD TO THE NEGLIGENCE (WHETHER ACTIVE, PASSIVE, SOLE, CONCURRENT OR GROSS), STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHER FAULT OF ANY INDEMNIFIED PERSON.**
- F.3.2 DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR, AND SHALL RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS OWNER FROM ANY LIABILITY FOR, ALL DAMAGE AND LOSS SUSTAINED BY IT TO ITS TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT UTILIZED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DESIGN PROFESSIONAL’S SERVICES HEREUNDER. DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SATISFYING ALL DEDUCTIBLES UNDER ITS POLICIES WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE OWNER AND THE DEDUCTIBLE PORTION OF ANY LOSS SHALL NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL’S INDEMNITY OBLIGATION.**
- F.3.3 OWNER SHALL NOTIFY DESIGN PROFESSIONAL OF ANY CLAIM OWNER RECEIVES NOTICE OF ASSERTED AGAINST THE INDEMNIFIED PERSONS WITH RESPECT TO WHICH INDEMNIFIED PERSONS ARE INDEMNIFIED AGAINST LOSS BY DESIGN PROFESSIONAL OR ITS SUBDESIGN PROFESSIONALS HEREUNDER WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF OWNER’S RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF SUCH CLAIM, AND SHALL PROMPTLY DELIVER TO DESIGN PROFESSIONAL THE ORIGINAL OR A TRUE COPY OF ANY SUMMONS OR OTHER PROCESS, PLEADING, OR NOTICE ISSUED OR SERVED IN ANY SUIT OR OTHER PROCEEDING TO ASSERT OR ENFORCE ANY SUCH CLAIM. IF OWNER OR ANY OF**

THE INDEMNIFIED PERSONS DO NOT PROVIDE THIS NOTICE WITHIN THE FIFTEEN (15) DAY PERIOD, IT DOES NOT WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO INDEMNIFICATION EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT DESIGN PROFESSIONAL IS PREJUDICED, SUFFERS LOSS, OR INCURS EXPENSE BECAUSE OF THE DELAY.

F.3.4 FOLLOWING SUCH NOTIFICATION, AND EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BELOW, DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SHALL DEFEND ANY SUCH SUIT AT ITS SOLE COST AND EXPENSE WITH ATTORNEYS OF ITS OWN SELECTION WHO ARE REASONABLY SATISFACTORY TO OWNER.

F.3.5 NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN TO THE CONTRARY, ANY LEGAL LIMITATIONS AFFECTING THE SCOPE OF PERMISSIBLE INDEMNITY SHALL BE READ INTO THESE CLAUSES SUCH THAT THE CLAUSE PROVIDES THE MAXIMUM INDEMNITY PURSUANT TO ITS TERMS WHILE STILL COMPLYING WITH THE LEGAL LIMITATIONS.

F.4 Independent Design Professional.

F.4.1 In performing services under this Agreement, Design Professional is an independent Design Professional of Owner and not an employee of Owner. Nothing contained in this Agreement will be deemed or construed to create a partnership between the Design Professional and Owner. Design Professional will have no authority to create any obligation or make representations or warranty binding on Owner. All personnel supplied or used by Design Professional in connection with this Agreement will be deemed employees, agents, or subDesign Professionals of Design Professional and will not be considered employees, agents, or subDesign Professionals of Owner for any purpose whatsoever. Design Professional is solely responsible for payment of wages and/or overtime to Design Professional's employees. By entering into this contract Design Professional and Owner are not entering into a joint employment relationship.

F.5 Texas Labor Code Notice.

F.5.1 Design Professional will observe and abide by all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and procedures, including, but not limited to, state and federal law, and those of Owner relative to conduct on its premises. To the extent applicable, Design Professional understands that as of January 1, 2014, the Texas Labor Code is amended with the addition of Section 214.008, which states that a person who contracts with a governmental entity to provide a service as defined by Section 2155.001, Government Code, shall properly classify, as an employee or independent Design Professional in accordance with Chapter 201, any individual the person directly retains and compensates for services performed in connection with the contract. Under this section, penalties apply to misclassification of certain workers.

F.6 Non-Appropriation.

- F.6.1 The Design Professional understands that the Owner is a governmental entity and should it not be funded for any period during the term of this Agreement any sums due for the remainder of the term shall be forgiven and the Owner shall not be liable for payment. The Owner is required to give the Design Professional written notice within thirty days after learning that the funds will not be available. Upon such written notice from the Owner, this Agreement will automatically terminate.

F.7 Non Waiver.

- F.7.1 No covenant or condition of this contract may be waived except by written consent of the waiving party. Forbearance or indulgence by one party in any regard whatsoever shall not constitute a waiver of the covenant or condition to be performed by the other party to which the same may apply and until complete performance of any covenant or condition, the aggrieved party shall be entitled to invoke any remedy available to it under this contract or by law or in equity despite said forbearance or indulgence.

F.8 Notices.

- F.8.1 Service of all notices under this contract shall be sufficient if given personally or mailed to the party involved at its respective address herein set forth, or at such address as such party may provide in writing for time to time. Any such notice mailed to such address shall be effective when deposited in the United States mail, duly addressed, and with postage prepaid. Notices delivered in person shall be deemed communicated at the time of actual delivery.

The contact person(s) for **OWNER** is/are

David A. Northern, Sr.
President & CEO
Houston Housing Authority
2640 Fountain View, Suite 400
Houston, Texas 77057
Phone: (713) 260-0754

The contact person(s) for the **DESIGN PROFESSIONAL** is/are

Name:
Title:
Company Name:
Address:
Phone:
Facsimile:

F.9 Miscellaneous Provisions.

- F.9.1 Legal Construction. If any provision in this Agreement is for any reason unenforceable, then the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall be enforced, to the extent possible, consistent with the intent of the Parties as evidenced by this Agreement and this Agreement shall be enforced as if the unenforceable provision had never been included herein. Whenever context requires, the singular will include the plural (and vice-versa) and references to gender shall include the masculine and feminine. Article and section headings in this Agreement are for reference only and are not intended to restrict or define the text of any section or article herein. This Agreement shall not be construed more or less favorably by reason of the authorship or origin of its language; this Agreement shall not be construed against the drafter in the event of an ambiguity (or otherwise).
- F.9.2 Own Investigation. The Design Professional represents and warrants that it entered this Agreement based solely on its own investigation and due diligence and not on reliance on any statements, representations, or omissions of the Owner unless otherwise noted in this Agreement. The Design Professional represents and warrants that it is fully satisfied that it has received any information it requested from the Owner in order to determine whether to enter this Agreement. The Design Professional expressly disclaims any reliance on any representation, statement, or omission by the Owner with respect to this Agreement, including the Design Professional's decision to enter this Agreement, unless otherwise noted in this Agreement.
- F.9.3 Attorneys' Fees. In the event of any controversy, claim, or dispute between the Owner and the Design Professional affecting or relating to the subject matter or the performance of the Contract, the prevailing party will be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party all the prevailing party's reasonable expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, expert witness fees, and court costs, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 271.159, or as otherwise permitted by law. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the preceding sentence shall not apply to attorney's fees incurred which are subject to the Design Professional's obligations to indemnify and defend any indemnitee.
- F.9.4 Venue and Choice of Law. Venue for any legal action arising from or relating to this Agreement shall exclusively lie in Harris County, Texas. This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and all the obligations of the parties created hereunder are enforceable in Harris County, Texas. Its validity and the interpretation of its terms shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.
- F.9.5 Integration. This Agreement contains the complete agreement of the parties and cannot be varied except by the parties' written agreement. The parties agree that there are no oral agreements, representations, or warranties that are not expressly set forth in this Agreement.

- F.9.6 Waiver of Default. It is not a waiver of or consent to default if the non-defaulting party fails to declare immediately a default or delays in taking any action. Pursuit of any remedy set forth in this Agreement does not preclude pursuit of other remedies in this Agreement or that are provided by law.
- F.9.7 Concurrent Remedies. No right or remedy herein conferred on or reserved to a party hereto is exclusive of any other right or remedy herein or by law or equity provided or permitted, but each shall be cumulative of every other right or remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise, and may be enforced concurrently therewith or from time to time.
- F.9.8 Written Consent. Unless otherwise stated herein, this Agreement cannot be modified or altered in any way without the express written consent of the parties hereto.
- F.9.9 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the parties to this Agreement and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, if any. As noted, the Design Professional cannot assign this Agreement without the written consent of the Owner.
- F.9.10 No Third-Party Rights. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of third party against either the Owner or the Design Professional.
- F.9.11 Time is of the essence. Time is of the essence in this Agreement and in each and all of its provisions.
- F.9.12 Tax Exempt Clause. The **OWNER** is a housing authority formed under section 392 of the Texas Local Government Code. By virtue of section 392.005 of the Texas Local Government Code, **OWNER** and its property are exempt from taxation by the State of Texas or a municipality or other political subdivision of the State of Texas.
- F.9.13 Equal Employment Opportunity/Compliance with Federal Regulations. The **DESIGN PROFESSIONAL** shall take steps to ensure that, whenever possible, subDesign Professionals are awarded to small business firms, minority firms, women's business enterprises and labor surplus area firms.

The **DESIGN PROFESSIONAL** shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin. The **DESIGN PROFESSIONAL** shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and employees are treated during employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoffs, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

The **DESIGN PROFESSIONAL** shall comply with the requirements of Title VII 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 in the benefits of federally funded programs because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The **DESIGN PROFESSIONAL** shall comply with the requirements of Executive Order No. 11246, which relates to the Equal Employment Opportunity requirements of federally funded programs.

The **DESIGN PROFESSIONAL** shall adhere to the prohibition against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the prohibitions against discrimination against handicapped individuals under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and under the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1989.

The **DESIGN PROFESSIONAL** will meet the requirements of Executive Order No. 11625, No. 12432 and No. 12138 relating to minority and women's business enterprises.

The **DESIGN PROFESSIONAL** shall comply with all pertinent laws, federal regulations, criteria, additional instructions from **OWNER** or HUD policies, and procedures necessary to fulfill its obligations hereunder, including but not limited to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 relating to training and employment of individuals and contracting for business opportunities in metropolitan areas in which federally funded programs are being operated.

F.9.14 *Proprietary Information.*

- a. **DESIGN PROFESSIONAL** shall maintain the confidentiality of all proprietary information provided to it by **OWNER**. Information in the public domain or otherwise obtained independently by **DESIGN PROFESSIONAL** is not considered confidential.
- b. Any programs, data or other materials furnished by **OWNER** for use by **DESIGN PROFESSIONAL** concerning the services performed under this Agreement shall remain the sole property of **OWNER**.

F.9.15 *Legal and Regulatory Compliance.* All activities under this Agreement shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, ordinances and regulations. This Agreement shall automatically be amended as necessary to comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, ordinances and regulations, including incorporation of any provisions now or hereafter applicable to the subject matter hereof and/or required to be included by any federal, state or local governmental authority with relevant jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof. Any such change or incorporation of legal

and regulatory requirements shall be deemed incorporated herein, irrespective of whether or not such provisions are expressly set forth in this Agreement or any written amendment hereto.

F.9.16 Consequential Damages. In no event shall the HHA or its agents be liable to the Design Professional for any consequential, indirect, special, incidental, or exemplary damages

F.9.17 Additional Documents Addendum. Prior to commencement of any services under this Agreement, Design Professional shall provide all requisite documents evidencing that the insurance requirements herein have been satisfied. This Agreement is voidable at the sole discretion of Owner, if Design Professional fails to comply with any requirements for maintaining or providing any proof of insurance. Additionally, and without waiving anything herein, Owner further reserves the right to withhold any and all payments to Design Professional if Design Professional begins work without having procured and provided the required insurance documentation (with all proper endorsements) to Owner.

HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

“Owner”

“Design Professional”

David A. Northern, Sr.
President & CEO

Date Signed

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