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PART 1- General Information

1.1 Introduction

The Alexander City Housing Authority (hereinafter, "HA" or "ACHA") is a public entity that was formed to provide federally subsidized housing and housing assistance to low-income families, within Alexander City, Alabama. The HA is headed by an Executive Director (ED) and is governed by a five-person board of commissioners and is subject to the requirements of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (hereinafter, "CFR") and the HA's procurement policy.

1.2 Purpose

The Alexander City Housing Authority (ACHA) seeks proposals from qualified, licensed individuals and/or firms to provide Labor and Equipment to Replace Old Water Line Cut-Off Valves, Laurel Heights Site, Amp 2. (See Scope of Work in Section 3.2 of this Request for Proposals).

1.3 Method of Solicitation

ACHA is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified individuals and/or firms with a documented record of accomplishments providing the required services. The Request for Proposals (RFP) seeks to identify potential providers for the scope of services listed herein.

1.4 Obtain Copies of this Solicitation

Single copies of the RFP package may be obtained, at no cost by:

1. Visiting the ACHA's website at: www.alexcityhousing.org
2. Downloading at the Housing Agency Marketplace (E-procurement) at <https://ha.internationaleprocurement.com>
3. Requesting via email to michellewingler@alexcityhousing.org

Part II-Instructions for Submitting Proposals

2.1 Submission of Proposals

Respondents should submit **one (1) Hard Copy** of their proposal. The original submission shall be dated and signed by an authorized official of the company. Proposals must be submitted in a **sealed envelope** that shows the firm's name and address, and **clearly** written on the outside of the sealed envelope must be the words "**Labor and Equipment to Replace Old Water Line Cut-off Valves-(RFP 2402142)- Thursday, February 28, 2024, at 2:00 pm (CST)**". The individual's/firm name must be enclosed in the sealed envelope with the hard copy.

Proposals received after the deadline date and time **may be** determined unacceptable. Refer to form **HUD 5369 B, Section 6**, regarding late submissions and withdrawals.

All proposals must be submitted in accordance with the conditions and instructions provided herein and must remain open for acceptance for one hundred and eighty (180) days from the due date. Proposals should demonstrate detailed plans on how the Respondent intends to provide the required services in a manner that will result in the successful and timely completion of the service(s). In addition, the proposal should demonstrate the Respondent's capacity and readiness to perform the Scope of Services immediately upon execution of a contract with ACHA. Finally, the proposal should include evidence of the Respondent's previous experience and qualifications, relative to the provision of such services.

2.2 Interpretation/Questions

During the period between issuance of this RFP and the proposal due date, no oral interpretation of the RFP's requirements will be given to any prospective respondent. Requests for interpretation must be made, in writing, by the questions due date and time as indicated on the coversheet (first page) of the RFP and sent to: Email: michellewingler@alexcityhousing.org

2.3 Addendum and Update Procedures for the RFP

During the period of advertisement for this RFP, ACHA may wish to amend, add to, or delete from, the contents of this RFP. In such situations, ACHA will issue an addendum to the RFP setting forth the nature of the modification(s). ACHA will email (or send via regular postal mail or fax upon request) any addenda to Respondents of this RFP solicitation. Interested parties may also view addenda on ACHA's website www.alexcityhousing.org or at the Housing Agency Marketplace at <https://ha.internationaleprocurement.com>. It shall be the responsibility of each Respondent to ensure they have any/all addenda relative to this RFP.

2.4 Proposal Format

All proposals shall be submitted in 8 ½ x 11-inch format, preferably in three (3) ring binders. Larger size pages or inserts may be used, provided they fold into 8 ½ x 11 inches. Inserts shall not be stapled together. All copies of the submittal must be identical in content and organization. The format of the Respondent's proposal should be structured the same as the format of the RFP. Proposals should be organized into sections and tabbed for ease of review. Respondents must provide a comprehensive Table of Contents at the front of the proposal. The proposal also must be organized in response to the Submission Requirements. The front cover of the proposal should bear the name and number of the RFP, the date, and the Respondent's name, address, phone number and email address.

2.5 Submittal Forms

Provided, as a part of the proposal, all required certifications and HUD forms, ACHA forms, licenses, and proof of insurance. All forms that require a signature or initials must bear an original initial or signature.

2.6 Acceptance of Proposals

Proposals must be signed, sealed, and received in a completed form at ACHA, no later than the proposal closing date and time. Proposals submitted after the designated closing date and time could potentially not be accepted and could potentially be returned unopened to the originator.

ACHA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to take exception to these RFP specifications or to waive any formalities. Respondents may be excluded from further considerations for failure to comply with the specifications of this RFP.

ACHA reserves the right to reject the proposal of Respondents, who have previously failed to perform properly or to complete on time, a contract of a similar nature. ACHA also reserves the right to reject proposals of Respondents who habitually, without just cause, neglect the payment of bills, or disregard their obligations to subcontractors, providers of materials, or employees.

2.7 Time for Reviewing Proposals

Proposals received prior to the closing date and time will be securely kept unopened until the closing date and time. Proposals received after the closing date and time could potentially not be considered. ACHA's Evaluation Committee, appointed by the Executive Director, will evaluate all proposals properly received.

The Evaluation Committee will analyze proposals within the 180 days of the date and time due and make a recommendation for award of contract or not to award, to the ACHA Executive Director.

2.8 Withdrawal of Proposals

Proposals may be withdrawn by written notice received any time before the contract award. Proposals may be withdrawn in person by Respondent or its authorized representative if the identity of such representative is established and a signed receipt of the withdrawn proposal is received by ACHA prior to the contract award.

2.9 Award of Contract

ACHA reserves the right to make an award based solely on the proposals or to negotiate further with the Respondent(s). The Respondent(s) selected for the award will be chosen based on an assessment of the greatest benefit to the ACHA, not necessarily based on lowest cost. ACHA also reserves the right to negotiate and award any element of the RFP, make multiple awards, reject any or all proposals or waive any minor irregularities or technicalities in proposal received as in the best interest of ACHA. Contract shall be awarded to the Respondent(s) submitting a proposal according to the evaluation criteria contained herein. ACHA reserves the right to interview or receive demonstrations of products/services from one or more Respondent(s) whose submittals are evaluated above the acceptable 75 points as detailed in Section 5.1 Proposal Evaluation/Contract Award. The Respondent(s) to whom the award is made will be notified at the earliest practical date.

Contract Terms

This is a closed end Contract meaning that this Contract will be for the completion of this project.

2.10 HUD Debarment and Suspension List

The Respondent and all subcontractors' names or businesses must not appear on the HUD's Debarment and Suspension list.

2.11 Certification of Legal Entity

Prior to execution of the contract agreement, the Respondent shall certify that joint ventures, partnerships, team agreements, new corporations, or other entities that either exist or will be formally structures are, or will be, legal and binding under the Alabama State Law.

2.12 Cost Borne by Respondent

All costs related to the preparation of this RFP and any related activities are the responsibility of the Respondent. ACHA assumes no liability for any costs incurred by the Respondent throughout the entire selection process.

2.13 Best Available Data

All information contained in the RFP is the best data available to ACHA at the time the RFP was prepared. The information given in the RFP is not intended as representation having binding legal effect. This information is furnished for the convenience of Respondents and ACHA assumes no liability for any errors or omissions.

2.14 Contact with ACHA Staff, Board Members and Residents

Beyond the above referenced written communications, Respondents and their representatives may not make any other form of contact with ACHA staff, Board members, or residents. Any improper contact by or on behalf of Respondents may be grounds for disqualification.

2.15 Licenses and Insurance

The awarded individual/firm shall have and maintain all required licenses necessary to conduct business in the City of Alexander City and the State of Alabama. All licenses must be kept up to date for the duration of any ensuing contract. Copies of all licenses must be in the Procurement/Contract office prior to contract execution.

Prior to contract award and for the duration of the contract, the successful proposer will be required to provide proof of insurance (as outlines) and the ACHA shall be named as an additional insured.

Professional Liability (and/or Errors & Omissions) Coverage	\$1,000,000 each occurrence
General Liability Coverage	\$1,000,000 each occurrence
Comprehensive Automobile Liability Coverage	\$1,000,000 each occurrence
Workers' Compensation with Statutory Limits of the State of AL	

2.16 Respondent Responsibilities

Each Respondent is presumed by ACHA to have thoroughly studied this RFP and become familiar with the contents, locations, and nature of requests. Any failure to understand completely any aspect of this RFP is the responsibility of the Respondent.

2.17 No Claim Against ACHA

The Respondent shall not obtain, by submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, any claim against ACHA or ACHA's property for reason of all or any part of any of the following: the selection process; the rejection of any or all offers; the acceptance of any offer; entering into any agreements or the failure to enter any agreements; any statement, representations, acts or omissions of ACHA or any person or entity acting on its behalf; the exercise of any discretion set forth in or concerning any of the foregoing; and any other matters arising out of the foregoing.

PART III- SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Tabbed Proposal Submittal

The Agency intends to retain the Contractor pursuant to a "Best Value" basis, not a "Low Bid" basis ("Best Value", in that the Agency will, as detailed within the following Section 5.2, consider factors other than cost in making the award decision). Therefore, so that the Agency can properly evaluate the offers received, all proposals submitted in response to this RFP must be formatted in accordance with the sequence noted within the table below. Each category must be separated by numbered index dividers, which number extends so that each tab can be located without opening the proposal and labeled with the corresponding tab reference also noted below. Inserts shall not be stapled together. None of the proposed services may conflict with any requirement the Agency has published herein or has issued by addendum.

RFP Section	Tab No.	Description
3.1.1	1	Form of Proposal. This 2-page Form must be fully completed. Executed where provided thereon and submitted under this tab as a part of the proposal submittal.
3.1.2	2	Form HUD-5369-C Certifications and Representations of Offers Non-Construction, Form HUD SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, Form HUD 50071 Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions, Form HUD 50070 Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace, Form HUD 2530 Previous Participation Certification, Certificate as to Corporate Principle Form, Non-Collusive Form These forms must be fully completed, executed where provided thereon and submitted under this tab as a part of the proposal submittal, where applicable.
3.1.3	3	Profile of Firm Form. This 2-page Form must be fully completed, executed, and submitted under this tab as a part of the proposal submittal.
3.1.4	4	Proposed Services. Respondent shall place under this tab documentation further explaining the firm's services and showing how the firm intends to fulfill the requirements of the Scope of Services listed in the preceding Section Part IV herein, including, but not limited to:
3.1.4.1		The proposer's DEMONSTRATED UNDERSTANDING of the AGENCY'S REQUIREMENTS and REQUESTED SERVICES .
3.1.4.2		APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL APPROACH and the QUALITY of the SERVICES PROPOSED . Provide a detailed narrative that demonstrates the approach or how the Respondent will engage with ACHA staff. Outline its anticipated approach/engagement for each element of work identified in the Scope of Services. The outlined approach/engagement should be consistent with the objectives and requirements set forth in the RFP and should address how services will be immediately provided upon execution of a contract.
3.1.4.3		TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES (in terms of personnel) and the MANAGEMENT PLAN (including the ability to provide the services detailed herein). Describe professional competence and experience with the use of Labor and Equipment to Replace old Water Line Cut-off Valves.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) NO. 240214, Replace Old Water Line Cut-Off Valves, by Size LH Site
Amp 2 1480.9520.03**

3.1.4.4		The proposer's DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE in performing similar work and DEMONSTRATED SUCCESSFUL PAST PERFORMANCE . Identify similar or related work performed for public housing authorities or other companies that has been completed to date.
3.1.4.5		If appropriate, how staff are retained, screened, trained and monitored.
3.1.4.6		Approach to QUALITY CONTROL
3.1.5	5	Managerial Capacity/Financial Viability/Staffing Plan. The proposer's entity must submit under this tab a concise description of its managerial and financial capacity to deliver the proposed services, including brief professional resumes for the persons identified within areas (5) and (6) of the <i>Profile of Firm Form</i> .
3.1.6	6	Client Information. The proposer shall submit a listing of former or current clients, including any other Public Housing Authority, for whom the proposer has performed similar or like services to those being proposed herein. The listing shall, at a minimum, include:
3.1.6.1		The client's name;
3.1.6.2		The client's contact name;
3.1.6.3		The client's telephone number and email address;
3.1.6.4		A brief description and scope of the service(s) and the dates the services were provided
3.1.7	7	Equal Employment Opportunity/Supplier Diversity. The proposer must submit under this tab a copy of its Equal Opportunity Employment Policy and a complete description of the positive steps it will take to ensure supplier diversity (e.g., small, minority, and women-owned businesses).
3.1.8	8	Subcontractor/Joint Venture Information. The proposer shall identify hereunder whether he/she intends to use any subcontractors for this job, if awarded, and/or if the proposal is a joint venture with another firm. Please remember that all information required from the proposer under the preceding tabs must also be included for any major subcontractors (10% or more) or from any joint venture. If the Respondent is a joint venture, or another entity formed solely for responding to this RFP, provide evidence of prior successful collaborations. Proposer will submit under tab 3 a Profile of Firm for each subcontractor /joint venture that he/she intends on utilizing.
3.1.9	9	Section 3 Plan, Clause Compliance Commitment Form and Participation Election Form Documentation. All respondents must read the attached Section 3 Plan (Exhibit A). All respondents must read, sign, and submit the Section 3 Clause Compliance Commitment Form and Section 3 Participation Election Form. Any respondent who is Certified Section 3 Business must include the certification, along with the Section 3 Business Concern Certification Form. These forms shall be included under this tab and be fully completed and executed. These forms are attached hereto as Exhibit A1.
3.1.10	10	Other Information. The proposer may include hereunder any other general information that the proposer believes is appropriate to assist the Agency in its evaluation.
3.1.11		No Information Placed under a Tab. If no information is to be placed under any of the above noted tabs, please place there under a statement such as "NO INFORMATION IS BEING PLACED UNDER THIS TAB" or "THIS TAB LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK". DO NOT eliminate any of the tabs
3.1.12		Proposal Submittal Binding Method. It is preferable and recommended that the proposer bind the proposal submittals in such a manner that the Agency can, if needed, remove the binding (i.e., "comb-type;" etc.) or remove the pages from the cover (i.e., 3-ring binder; etc.) to make copies, and then conveniently return the proposal submittal to its original condition.

3.2 Proposal Pricing/Cost

Respondents shall provide a fixed proposed cost for the Statement/Scope of Work (SOW) listed below.

- **A Site Visit is required**
 - The Site Visit shall be scheduled with the Modernization Supervisor
- Remove and replace all site cut-off valves in Laurel Heights as indicated on utilities blueprint for the site
- Blueprints indicate a total of 29 valves as follows:
 - 1-2"
 - 5-3"
 - 11-4"
 - 12-6"
- Contractor shall provide a start date for each valve in sufficient time to notify the tenants of water outages
- If tenant's parking areas are affected, 48 hr. notification must be given so tenant can move their vehicle(s).
- All tools and equipment (including safety barricades and toilet facilities) will be provided by the Contractor
- All material will be provided by ACHA
- Valves will be purchased as a KIT, valve compatible for malleable iron pipe plus accessories as recommended by the city water utility department
- Any additional fittings or materials needed will need to be communicated in a timely manner so as not to delay work progress
- Contractor to install new plumbing with the least number of fittings as possible
- Contractor to ensure all underground utilities are properly marked before digging
- When concrete walks or parking areas are encountered, they may be cut or tunneled under. If the concrete is cut, it must be replaced in a professional way using proper reinforcement and thickness. Attention must also be given to grade so as not to create a safety hazard or trap water
- Contractor shall dig all lines to each valve before cutting water off to prevent long water outages for tenants
- Contractor shall replace valves in an order that will cause the least amount of impact to residents as work progresses
- Contractor shall have adequate sump pumps to handle any water bypass or backflow from higher elevations
- Contractor shall use care to keep residuals out of new water lines which may cause issues in the apartments
- Contractor to ensure that new lines are properly supported to prevent stress to lines when covered with dirt
- Contractor shall, before restoring pressure to lines, open an adequate number of outside faucets to prevent shocking older lines still existing and to help remove residual trash in lines
- Contractor shall Pressure-test all new lines and check for leaks before covering with dirt
- If leaks are found repair immediately
- Contractor shall ensure new valve stems are easily accessible and properly protected by barrier pipe and covers
- Once new lines are covered with dirt and area is properly leveled, Contractor shall cover with straw to prevent washout of soil
- Contractor shall keep area barricaded and safe at all times and ensure that area is clean once work is complete
- Any issues or questions that arise during process, should be immediately brought to the attention of ACHA

- **HUD Maintenance Wage Rates Determination (MWRD)**- HUD has determined that, for non-construction maintenance work (work not covered by Davis-Bacon requirements), the HA must ensure that contractors do not pay its employees that perform such work for the HA at a rate less than the rates listed on the HUD MWRD. Therefore, by submitting a bid, each bidder thereby agreeing to and verifying that he/she will not pay his/her employees at rates less than designated rates from HUD.

3.3 Required Certifications/Forms

Each proposal shall contain an executed copy, if applicable, of the following HUD and ACHA forms, which are attached herein. If a form does not apply, please state 'not applicable' and include in the proposal submission:

	Section 3 Clause Compliance Commitment Form (included in Exhibit A1)
	Section 3 Participation Election Form (included in Exhibit A1)
	Form of Proposal
	Profile of Firm Form
	Certificate as to Corporate Principle Form
	Non-Collusive Form
Form HUD 5369-B	Instructions to Offerors-Non-Construction
Form HUD 5369-C	Certifications and Representations of Offerors-Non-Construction Contract
Form HUD SF-LLL	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
Form HUD 50071	Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions
Form HUD 50070	Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace
Form HUD 2530	Previous Participation Certification

PART IV- SCOPE OF SERVICES

4.1 The Respondent shall perform such services as required by ACHA to complete the work as defined herein and shall provide labor, and equipment necessary to perform and complete, in an acceptable manner. Scope Of Work is listed below.

- **A Site Visit is required**
 - The Site Visit shall be scheduled with the Modernization Supervisor
- **Remove and replace all site cut-off valves in Laurel Heights as indicated on utilities blueprint for the site**
- **Blueprints indicate a total of 29 valves as follows:**
 - 1-2"
 - 5-3"
 - 11-4"
 - 12-6"
- **Contractor shall provide a start date for each valve in sufficient time to notify the tenants of water outages**
- **If tenant's parking areas are affected, 48 hr. notification must be given so tenant can move their vehicle(s).**
- **All tools and equipment (including safety barricades and toilet facilities) will be provided by the Contractor**
- **All material will be provided by ACHA**
- **Valves will be purchased as a KIT, valve compatible for malleable iron pipe plus accessories as recommended by the city water utility department**
- **Any additional fittings or materials needed will need to be communicated in a timely manner so as not to delay work progress**
- **Contractor to install new plumbing with the least number of fittings as possible**
- **Contractor to ensure all underground utilities are properly marked before digging**
- **When concrete walks or parking areas are encountered, they may be cut or tunneled under. If the concrete is cut, it must be replaced in a professional way using proper reinforcement and thickness. Attention must also be given to grade so as not to create a safety hazard or trap water**
- **Contractor shall dig all lines to each valve before cutting water off to prevent long water outages for tenants**
- **Contractor shall replace valves in an order that will cause the least amount of impact to residents as work progresses**
- **Contractor shall have adequate sump pumps to handle any water bypass or backflow from higher elevations**
- **Contractor shall use care to keep residuals out of new water lines which may cause issues in the apartments**
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- **Contractor shall, before restoring pressure to lines, open an adequate number of outside faucets to prevent shocking older lines still existing and to help remove residual trash in lines**
- **Contractor shall Pressure-test all new lines and check for leaks before covering with dirt**

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- Contractor shall ensure new valve stems are easily accessible and properly protected by barrier pipe and covers
- Once new lines are covered with dirt and area is properly leveled, Contractor shall cover with straw to prevent washout of soil
- Contractor shall keep area barricaded and safe at all times and ensure that area is clean once work is complete
- Any issues or questions that arise during process, should be immediately brought to the attention of ACHA

PART V-PROCUREMENT PROCESS

5.1 Proposal Evaluation/Contract Award

Proposals received in response to this solicitation will be evaluated using the following evaluation process.

- a. The evaluation process will be used to determine the firms that will comprise the short list, from which final selection for contract award will ultimately be made.
 - 1) During the evaluation process, technical proposals will be evaluated and scored by an Evaluation Committee.
 - 2) Each member of the Evaluation Committee will score each proposal.
 - 3) Scoring will be based on predetermined Evaluation Criteria. The available points associated with each area of consideration are shown below in item 5.2.
 - 4) The results of the evaluation, of both technical and cost proposals, will be used to determine those proposals to be considered in the competitive range.
 - 5) Proposals will be considered acceptable if they have a minimum score of 75 points and above.
 - 6) The Authority may require that proposers, whose submittals are above the minimum score of **75 points**, be interviewed by the Authority's Evaluation committee if deemed necessary. The Respondent should be prepared to field questions concerning their qualifications and/or the required services to the Authority's Evaluation Committee. The Authority reserves the right to have one or more respondent(s) subject to an interview.
 - 7) Cost proposals will be considered acceptable if the proposed cost is clearly not excessive compared to the proposed costs of other Respondents with acceptable technical proposals.
 - 8) Respondents with acceptable technical and cost proposals may be requested to supply additional information to assist in completing the due diligence review. Failure to satisfactorily complete the due diligence review within the timeframe established by ACHA will result in disqualification of Respondents proposals.
- b. Scoring will be based upon how well the proposal meets the criteria established in this RFP.
- c. ACHA reserves the right to make no award or decline to enter negotiations should it believe that no Respondent to this RFP would be capable of delivering the necessary level of service within an acceptable price range and/or the time period.
- d. The Evaluation Committee will evaluate the merits of proposals received in accordance with the criteria stated in the RFP and formulate a recommendation. However, while a numerical rating system may be used to assist the Evaluation Committee in selecting the competitive range (if necessary) and making an award recommendation decision, the award decision is ultimately a business decision that will reflect an integrated assessment of the relative merits of the proposal using the criteria and their relative weights disclosed in the RFP.

5.2 Evaluation Criteria

- a. Proposed Costs : 10 Points**
 - 1) The proposed costs the proposer proposes to charge the HA to provide the required work.
- b. Demonstrated Understanding of the Requirements: 20 Points**
 - 1) How the Proposer demonstrates the understanding of all the requirements and work involved in this RFP.
- c. Appropriateness of the Technical Approach/ Quality of Work: 35 Points**
 - 1) The Proposer's business background (number of years in business), any special license obtained. The appropriateness of the labor categories estimated hours and skill mix.
 - 2) The Proposer's quality of work as noted by the previous clients and references listed in RFP.
 - 3) The Proposer's demonstrated ability to meet costs, schedules, and any other requirement of this RFP.
- d. Technical Capabilities: 35 Points**
 - 1) The proposer noted personnel, equipment, and materials to be used for the requirements of this RFP. The proposer's noted management plan includes staffing, method of assigning work and maintaining level of service.

5.3 Summary of Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Criteria Points

Technical and Cost:

Proposed Costs	10 Points
Demonstrated Understanding of the Requirements:	20 Points
Appropriateness of the Technical Approach/ Quality of Work:	35 Points
Technical Capabilities:	35 points
Total	100 Points



COST PROPOSAL FORM

TYPE OF PROJECT: The Alexander City Housing Authority (“ACHA”) seeks proposals from qualified, licensed individuals and/or firms to Replace Water Lines Cut-Off Valves LH Site

DATE ISSUED: Wednesday, February 14, 2024

CONTACT PERSON: Michelle Wingler, Procurement/Contract Manager
michellewingler@alexcityhousing.org

LAST DAY FOR QUESTIONS: Wednesday, February 21, at 2:00 pm (CST)

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 2:00 pm (CST)

FILL IN BELOW AND SIGN. PRICES ARE GUARANTEED FOR A MINIMUM OF 180 DAYS FROM PROPOSAL DEADLINE DATE.

COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT: _____

Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Title _____

ADDRESS: _____

Street/POB _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

Date Signed: _____

FORM OF PROPOSAL

(This Form must be fully completed and placed under Tab No. 1 of the "hard copy" tabbed proposal submittal.)

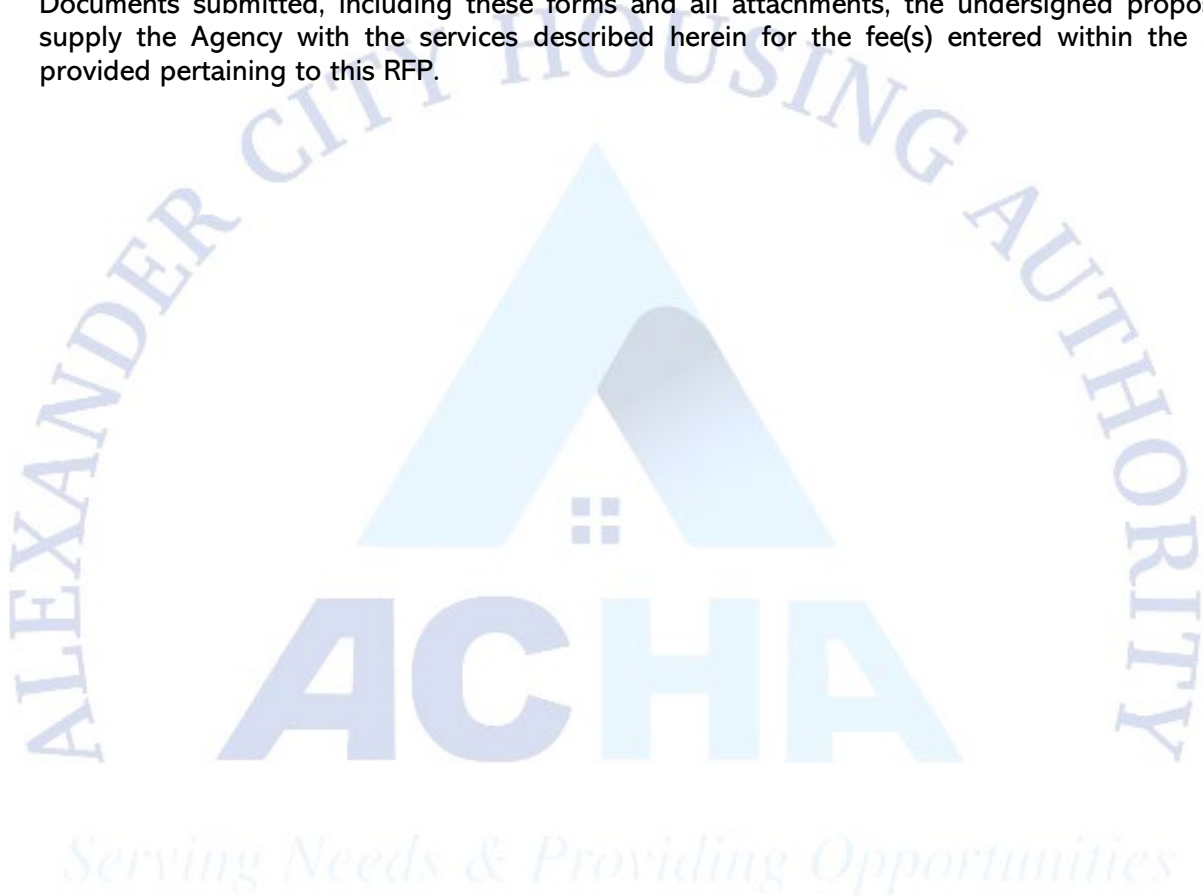
- Instructions:** Unless otherwise specifically required, the items listed below must be completed and included in the proposal submittal. Please complete this form by marking an "X", where provided, to verify that the referenced completed form or information has been included within the proposal submittal, submitted by the proposer. Also, complete the Section 3 Statement and the Proposer's Statement as noted below:

X=ITEM INCLUDED	Tab No.	SUBMITTAL ITEMS (one original signature copy of each document)
	1	Form of Proposal
	2	Form HUD-5369-C and other required forms
	3	Profile of Firm Form
	4	Proposed Services
	5	Managerial Capacity/Financial Viability/Staffing Plan
	6	Client Information
	7	Equal Employment Opportunity Statement/ Supplier Diversity
	8	Subcontractor/Joint Venture Information
	9	Section 3 Plan, Clause Compliance & Participation Election
	10	Other Information

- Debarred Statement.** Has this firm, or any principal(s) thereto, ever been debarred from providing any services by the Federal Government, or any state government, the State of Alabama, or any local government agency within or without the State of Alabama?
YES_____ or NO_____. If "YES" please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances, and current status.
- Disclosure Statement.** Does this firm/company or any principals thereof have any current, past personal or professional relationship with any Commissioner or Officer of the Agency?
YES_____ or NO_____. If "YES", please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances, and current status
- Felony Disclosure.** Has any principal(s) or any person(s) proposed to perform the work ever been convicted of a felony?
YES_____ or NO_____. If "YES", please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances, and current status. PLEASE NOTE: The Agency reserves the right to not make award to any proposer that has staff who has been convicted of a felony if the Agency feels that doing such is in its best interests.
- Non-Collusive Affidavit.** The undersigned party submitting this proposal hereby certifies that such proposal is genuine and not collusive, and that said proposer entity has not colluded, conspired, or connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any proposer or person, to put in a sham proposal or to refrain from proposing, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the proposal price or affiliate or of any other proposer, to fix overhead, profit or cost element of said proposed price or affiliate or of any other proposer or to secure any advantage against the Agency or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said proposal are true.

FORM OF PROPOSAL

6. **Proposer's Statement.** The undersigned proposer hereby states that by completing and submitting this form and all other documents within this proposal submittal, he/she is verifying that all information provided herein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, true and accurate, and that if the Agency discovers that any information entered herein to be false, such shall entitle the Agency to not consider or make award or to cancel any award with the undersigned party. Further, by completing and submitting the proposal submittal, the undersigned proposer is thereby agreeing to abide by all terms and conditions pertaining to this RFP as issued by the Agency. Pursuant to all RFP documents, this Form of Proposal, and all attachments, and pursuant to all completed Documents submitted, including these forms and all attachments, the undersigned propose to supply the Agency with the services described herein for the fee(s) entered within the areas provided pertaining to this RFP.



Signature

Date

Printed Name

Company

PROFILE OF FIRM FORM



(This Form must be fully completed and placed in the submittal.)

Prime _____ Sub-Contractor _____
(Proposer must also identify his sub-contractors (if any) by providing Profile of Firm form for each)

1) Name of Firm: _____

2) Street Address, City, State, Zip: _____

3) Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

4) Email: _____

5) Proposer Diversity Statement: You must check all of the following that apply to the ownership of this Firm and enter where provided the correct percentage (%) of ownership of each:

_____ Caucasian American (Male) (%)	_____ Public-Held Corporation (%)	_____ Government Agency (%)	_____ Non-Profit Organization (%)
_____ Women-Owned (MBE) (%)	_____ Women-Owned (Caucasian) (%)	_____ Disabled Veteran (%)	_____ Other (Specify) (%)

WMBE Certification Number: _____

Certified by: _____
(NOTE: A Certification/ Number Not Required To Propose-Enter If Available)

6) Federal Tax ID No. _____
DUNS No. _____

7) Business License No. _____ State _____

8) General Liability Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy No. _____ Expiration Date _____

9) Worker's Compensation Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy No. _____ Expiration Date _____

PROFILE OF FIRM FORM

10) Professional Liability Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy No. _____ Expiration Date _____

11) Debarred Statement: Has this firm or any principal(s) ever been debarred from providing any services by the Federal Government, any State Government, the State of Alabama, or any local government agency within or without the State of Alabama? YES _____ NO _____
If "YES" please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances, and current status.

12) Disclosure Statement: Does this firm or any principals thereof have any current past personal or professional relationship with any Commissioner or Officer of ACHA? YES _____ - NO _____
If "YES" please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances, and current status.

13) Non-Collusive Affidavit: The undersigned party submitting this proposal or bid hereby certifies that such proposal or bid is genuine and not collusive and that said proposer entity has not colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any proposer or person to put in a sham proposal or bid or to refrain from proposing or bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any person, to fix the proposal or bid price, or that any other proposer or bidder or to secure any advantage against the Housing Authority or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said proposal or bids are true.

14) Verification Statement: The undersigned proposer hereby states that by completing and submitting this form he/she is verifying that all information provided herein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, true and accurate, and agrees that if ACHA discovers that any information entered herein if false, that shall entitle ACHA to not consider nor make or to cancel any award with the undersigned party.

15) Code of Alabama § 11-93-2. Maximum amount of damages recoverable against governmental entities; settlement or compromise of claims not to exceed maximum amounts.

The recovery of damages under any judgment against a governmental entity shall be limited to \$ 100,000.00 for bodily injury or death for one person in any single occurrence. Recovery of damages under any judgment or judgments against a governmental entity shall be limited to \$300,000.00 the aggregate where more than two persons have claims or judgements on account of bodily injury or death arising out of any single occurrence. Recovery of damages under any judgement against a governmental entity shall be limited to \$ 100,000.00 for damage or loss of property arising out of any single occurrence. No governmental entity shall settle or compromise any claim for bodily injury, death, or property damage in excess of the amounts herein above set forth. (Acts 1977, No. 673, p. 1161, §2.)

Signature

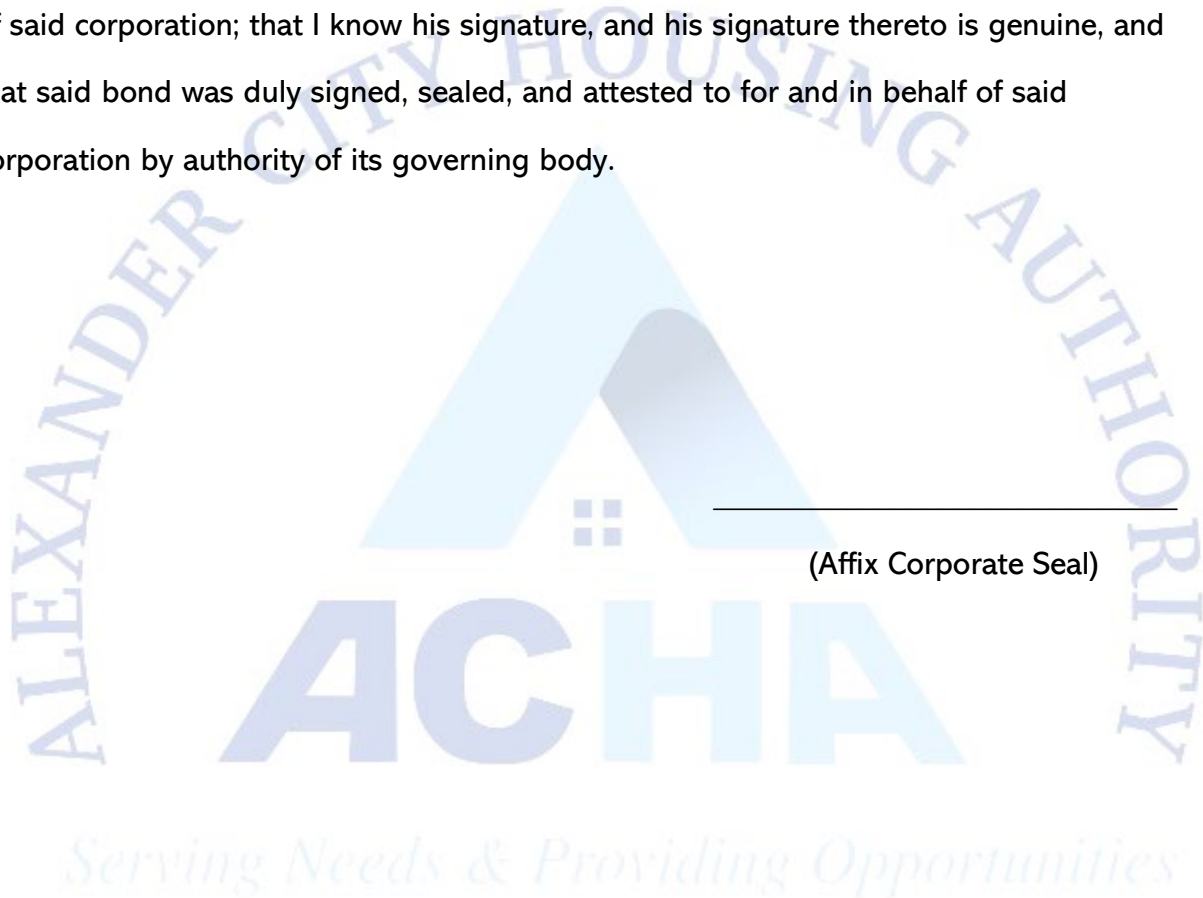
Date

Printed Name

Title

CERTIFICATE AS TO CORPORATE PRINCIPAL

I, _____, certify that I am the
_____ of the corporation Named as the
Principle in the within bond; that _____,
who signed the said bond on behalf of the Principle was then _____
of said corporation; that I know his signature, and his signature thereto is genuine, and
that said bond was duly signed, sealed, and attested to for and in behalf of said
corporation by authority of its governing body.



NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT
(Prime Bidder/ Respondent)

State of _____

County of _____

_____, Being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she 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
respondent/bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any
respondent/bidder person, to put in a sham bid/cost or to refrain from bidding or submitting cost
proposal, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement to collusion, or
communication or conference, with any person, to fix the bid/cost price of affiant or of any other
respondent/bidder, or to secure any advantage against the City of Alexander City Housing Authority or
any person interested in the proposed contract:

And that all statements in said proposal or bid are true.

(Respondent/Bidder, if the respondent/bidder is an
individual ; Partner, if the respondent/ bidder is a
Partnership; officer, if the respondent/bidder is a
corporation)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

_____ Day of _____, 20__

My commission expires _____, 20__

CONTRACT BETWEEN
ALEXANDER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY
AND

INTRODUCTION

This contract by and between the Alexander City Housing Authority (hereinafter "HA"), and _____, (hereinafter "the Contractor") is hereby entered into this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Services pursuant to this contract shall begin on the _____ day of _____, 2024, and shall end on the _____ day of _____, 2024, unless otherwise extended, modified, terminated or renewed by the parties as provided for within this contract. Unless otherwise detailed herein, all references to "days" shall be calendar days (in the case that the last day referenced falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the period of time shall be automatically extended to include the next workday). Also, whenever the term "herein" is referred to, such refers to this contract form, the appendices, and all listed attachments.

1.0 Definitions:

- 1.1 **Housing Authority (HA):** Any reference herein or within any Appendix to the "Housing Authority" shall be interpreted to mean the same as the HA or any properties Managed by the Alexander City Housing Authority.
- 1.2 **Contracting Officer (CO):** The HA Contracting Officer, typically the HA Executive Director, but may be another person delegated such authority by the ED.
- 1.3 **Executive Director (ED):** The HA Executive Director.
- 1.4 **Request For Proposals (RFP):** A competitive solicitation process conducted by the HA wherein award was completed to the top-rated responsive and responsible proposer.

2.0 Services and Payment:

- 2.1 **Scope of Services:** The services provided pursuant to this contract generally consist of those services for the HA as described herein and within the Appendices. Said services shall be provided on the dates and times determined by the HA at the designated HA community and facilities. In addition, the HA shall retain the right to implement and/or enforce any item issued as a part of RFP No. 240214.
- 2.2 **Provisions of any and all Work (Task Orders/ Work Orders):** The Contractor shall not begin Any additional work (other than that already detailed herein) without the receipt of a completed Contract Task Order Form or Work Order (WO) from the authorized HA representative. This shall be completed as follows:
- 2.3 **Cost/ Value of Services:**
 - 2.3.1 **Contract Value:** The price to Replace Water Lines Cut-Off Valves Laurel Heights Site
\$ _____

2.4 Billing Method:

2.4.1 To receive payment for services rendered pursuant to this contract the Contractor shall submit a fully completed invoice for work previously performed to:

The Alexander City Housing Authority
Attn: Modernization Supervisor
633 A Street
Alexander City, Alabama 35010

2.4.2 At a minimum, the invoice shall detail the following information:

- 2.4.2.1 Unique invoice number;
- 2.4.2.2 Contractor's name, address and telephone number;
- 2.4.2.3 Date of invoice and/or billing period;
- 2.4.2.4 Applicable Contract No. C-240214
- 2.4.2.5 Applicable Purchase Order No;
- 2.4.2.6 Brief description of services rendered, including applicable time frame, total hours being billed for each service at each detailed site, and at the approved rate (may be submitted in the form of a report)
- 2.4.2.7 Task Order/ Work Order
- 2.4.2.8 Total dollar amount being billed

2.4.3 The HA receives the right to pay each such properly completed invoice received on a Net/30 basis. Invoices, along with a completed certified payroll sheet must be submitted to the appropriate Maintenance Personnel

2.4.4 The HA will hold 10 % retainage until all aspects of this project is complete and acceptable to the HA.

2.4.5 The HA shall receive \$125.00 per day from the Contractor if the project is not completed by the deadline date.

3.0 HUD Maintenance Wage Rates Determination (MWRD)- *HUD has determined that, for non-construction maintenance work (work not covered by Davis-Bacon requirements), the HA must ensure that contractors do not pay its employees that perform such work for the HA at a rate less than the rates listed on the HUD MWRD. Therefore, by submitting a bid, each bidder is thereby agreeing to and verifying that he/she will not pay his/her employees at rates less than the following:*

3.1 The Current Davis Bacon Wage Determinations for Tallapoosa County can be found on the following website:

3.1.1 <https://sam.gov/content/wage-determinations>

4.0 Contractor's Obligations: Pursuant to this contract, the Contractor agrees to provide the specific services detailed herein and also shall be responsible for the following:

- 4.1 Supervision and Oversight:** The Contractor shall be solely responsible for providing supervision and oversight to all of the Contractor's personnel that are assigned to the HA properties pursuant to this contract
- 4.2 Qualified Personnel:** The Contractor warrants and represents that it will assign only qualified personnel to perform the services outlined herein and within the appendices. For the purposes of this contract, the term "qualified personnel" shall mean those personnel that have been investigated, tested and trained in the manner described within this contract and, as proposed by the Contractor within its bid or as provided by the Contractor during the Contractor's normal conduct of business. The Contractor will submit to the HA a list of all employees, a copy of their driving licenses and classifications of employees to be working on said contract. The Alexander City Housing Authority is a certified drug free workplace and as such, expects contractors and their employees performing work on the Alexander City Housing Authority properties to adhere to these standards. If at any time during this contract, a contractor or their employee appears to be under the influence, the Contractor will be asked to remove/replace said employee. The Alexander City Housing Authority maintains a list of individuals barred from the properties of the Alexander City Housing Authority. Anyone on this list will not be allowed to work on the Alexander City Housing Authority properties or properties managed by the Alexander City Housing Authority. There are two (2) Youth and Adult Centers included in the Alexander City Housing Authority properties, therefore anyone registered as a sex offender will not be allowed to work on any of the properties owned or managed by the Alexander City Housing Authority.
- 4.3 Compliance with Federal and State Laws:** All work performed by the Contractor, pursuant to this contract, shall be done in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations, codes and ordinances.
- 4.4 Insurance Requirements:**
- 4.4.1** The complete indemnity requirements are detailed within Section 11.19 herein
- 4.4.2** In this regard, the Contractor shall maintain the following insurance coverage during the effective term(s) of this contract:
- 4.4.2.1** Policy of General Liability Insurance, \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$1,000,000 aggregate together with damage to the premises and fire damage of \$50,000 with a deductible not greater than \$1,000. The HA shall be named upon certificate issued as an "additional insured", together with providing a copy of the corresponding endorsement evidencing the same.
- 4.4.2.2** Automobile Liability coverage in a combined single limit of \$1,000,000. For every vehicle utilized during the term of

this contract, when not owned by the entity, each vehicle must have evidence of automobile insurance coverage with limits of no less than \$50,000/\$100,00 and medical pay of \$5,000 with a deductible not greater than \$1,000.

4.4.2.3 Worker's compensation coverage evidencing carrier and coverage amount

4.4.2.4 The Contractor shall provide to the HA with current certificate(s)/endorsement(s) evidencing the insurance coverage referenced above. Failure to maintain the above reference insurance (where appropriate) during the term(s) of this contract shall constitute a material breach thereof.

4.4.2.5 Insurance certificate(s) /endorsement(s) shall be delivered to the following person representing the HA:

Michelle Wingler
Procurement/Contract Manager
Alexander City Housing Authority
2110 County Road
Alexander City, Alabama 35010

3.6 Financial Viability and Regulatory Compliance:

3.6.1 The Contractor warrants and represents that its corporate entity is in good standing with all applicable federal, state, and local licensing authorities and that it processes all requisite licenses to perform the services required by this contract. The Contractor further warrants and represents that it owes no outstanding delinquent federal, state, or local taxes or business assessments.

3.6.2 The Contractor agrees to promptly disclose to the HA any IRS liens or insurance or licensure suspension or revocation that may adversely affect its capacity to perform the services outlined within this contract. The failure by the Contractor to disclose such an issue to the HA in writing within 5 days of such notification received will constitute a material breach of this contract.

3.6.3 The Contractor further agrees to promptly disclose to the HA any change of more than 50% of its ownership and/ or any declaration of bankruptcy that the contractor may undergo during the term(s) of this contract. The failure of the Contractor to disclose any change of more than 50% of its ownership and/ or its declaration of bankruptcy within 5 days of said actions shall constitute a material breach of the contract.

3.6.4 All disclosures made pursuant to this section of the contract shall be made in writing and submitted to the HA within the time periods required herein

5.0 Modification: This contract shall not be modified, revised, amended, or extended except by written addendum, executed by both parties.

6.0 Severability: The invalidity of any provision of this contract, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction and/or HUD, shall in no way affect the validity of any other provision herein.

7.0 Applicable Laws:

7.1 Compliance with Federal and State Laws: All work performed by the Contractor, pursuant to this contract, shall be done in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, codes, and ordinances.

7.2 Jurisdiction of Law: The laws of the State of Alabama shall govern the validity, construction and effect of this contract, unless said laws are superseded by, or in conflict with applicable federal laws and /or federal regulations. This contract will be binding upon the parties, their heirs, beneficiaries, and devisees of the parties hereto. The parties agree that Tallapoosa County, Alabama is the appropriate forum for any action relating to this contract. Should any party hereto retain counsel for the purpose of initiating litigation or arbitration to enforce, prevent the breach of any provision hereof, or for any other judicial remedy, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the losing party for all costs and expenses incurred thereby, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by such prevailing party. This contract may be signed in counterparts.

8.0 Notices, Invoices and Reports:

8.1 All notices, reports and/or invoices submitted to the HA by the Contractor pursuant to this contract shall be in writing and delivered to the attention of the following person representing the HA:

**Michelle Wingler
Alexander City Housing Authority
2110 County Road
Alexander City, Al 35010
256-329-2201**

Or if appropriate, faxed to: 256-329-6535 or emailed to michellewingler@alexcityhousing.org

8.2 All notices submitted to the Contractor pursuant to this contract shall be in writing and mailed to the attention of:

9.0 Disputed Billings (Charges):

9.1 Procedures: In addition to the procedures detailed within Clause No. 7 of Appendix No. 1, Form HUD-5370-C (10/2006), *General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, Section 1-(With or without Maintenance Work)*, in the event that the HA disputes any portion of its billing(s), the HA shall pay the undisputed portion of such billing and initiate the dispute-resolving procedures, as follows:

9.1.1 The HA's representative shall, within 10 days after the HA's receipt of such billing, formally notify the contractor's representative of all particulars pertaining to the dispute, and request that he/she investigate and respond to this issue

9.1.2 If such dispute cannot be resolved by the contractor's response, within 10 days after such notification is given, the CO and the contractor's representative shall meet to discuss the matter and attempt to arrive at a resolution

9.1.3 If the CO and the contractor's representative are unable to resolve the dispute through such discussion within 10 days, the HA shall, within 10 days thereafter, either:

9.1.3.1 pay the disputed charges and reserve the right to submit the matter to the Alabama Court Annexed Arbitration program if the disputed amount does not exceed \$40,000 or to the appropriate district court in the State of Alabama

9.1.3.2 not pay the disputed charge and submit the matter to the Alabama Court Annexed Arbitration program if the disputed amount does not exceed \$40,000 or to the appropriate district court in the State of Alabama

9.1.3.3 not pay the disputed charge and allow the Contractor to submit the matter either to the Alabama Court Annexed Arbitration program if the disputed amount does not exceed \$40,000 or to the appropriate district court in the State of Alabama

9.1.4 The decision from arbitration will be binding upon both parties. If the decision is averse to the HA, the HA shall pay the HA's receipt of the decision. If the decision is in favor of the HA, the Contractor will either:

9.1.4.1 clear the amount which is ordered from the HA account; or

9.1.4.2 repay to the HA the amount ordered

Either option shall be completed within 10 days after the contractor's receipt of the arbitrator's decision

10.0 24 CFR 85.36(i), Procurement: Pursuant to this CFR, as issued by the Office of the Secretary, HUD, the HA and the Contractor each agree to comply with the following provisions:

10.1 Remedies for Contractor Breach: Pertaining to contract-related issues, it is the responsibility of both the HA and the contractor to communicate with each in as clear and complete a manner as possible. If at any time during the term of this contract the HA or the contractor is not satisfied with any issue, it is the responsibility of that party to deliver to the other party communication, in writing, fully detailing the issue and corrective action (please note that the HA has the right to issue unilateral addendums to this contract, but the contractor does not have the same right). The other party shall, within 10 days, respond in writing to the other party (however, the HA shall retain the right to, if conditions warrant, require the contractor to respond in a shorter period of time). Further, the HA shall, at a minimum, employ the following steps in dealing with the contractor as to any performance issues:

10.1.1 If the Contractor is in material breach of the contract, the HA may promptly invoke the termination clause detailed within Section No. 3 of Appendix No. 1, Form HUD 5370-C (10/2006), *General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, Section 1- (With or Without Maintenance Work)*, which is attached hereto, and terminate the contract for cause. Such termination must be delivered to the contractor in writing and shall fully detail all pertinent issues pertaining to the cause of and justification for the termination.

10.1.2 Prior to termination, the HA may choose to warn the contractor, verbally or in writing, of any issue of non-compliant or unsatisfactory performance. Such a written warning may include placing the contractor on probation, thereby giving the contractor a certain period of time to correct the deficiencies or potentially suffer termination. The HA shall maintain in the contract file a written record of any such warning detailing all pertinent information. If the contractor does not agree with such action, the contractor shall have 10 days to dispute or protest, in writing, such action; if he/she does not do so within the 10-day period, he/she shall have no

recourse but to accept and agree with the HA's position on the issue. The written protest must detail all pertinent information pertaining to the dispute, including justification detailing the HA's alleged incorrect action(s).

10.1.3 After termination, if the contractor does not agree with the HA's justification for the termination, the contractor shall have 10 days to dispute, in writing, such action; if he/she does not do so within the 10-day period, he/she shall have no recourse but to accept and agree with the HA's position on the issue. The written protest must detail all pertinent information pertaining to the dispute, including justification detailing the HA's alleged incorrect action(s).

10.1.4 The response to any protest received shall be conducted in accordance with Section No. 4.0 of the *Instructions to Proposers and Contractors* document.

10.2 Termination for Cause and Convenience: As detailed within Clause No. 3 of Attachment G-1, Form HUD 5370-C (10/2006), *General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, Section 1-(Within or Without Maintenance Work)*, attached hereto.

10.3 Executive Order 11246: For all construction contracts awarded more than \$10,000, both parties hereby agree to comply with Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967, and as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (41 CFR Chapter 60).

10.4 Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act: For all construction or repair contracts awarded, both parties hereby agree to comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR Part 3)

10.5 Davis-Bacon-Act: For all construction contracts awarded more than \$2,000 when required by Federal Grant Program legislation, both parties hereby agree to comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C 276a to 276a-7) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR Part 5)

10.6 Section 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act: For all construction contracts awarded in excess of \$2,000 and for other contracts, which involve the employment of mechanics or laborers awarded in excess of \$2,500, both parties hereby agree to comply with the Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Act (40 U.S.C 327-330) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR Part 5)

10.7 Reporting: Both parties hereby agree to comply with any reporting requirements that may be detailed herein.

10.8 Patent Rights: Both parties hereby agree to comply with HUD Bulletin 90-23, which is the (a) Notice of Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement

10.9 Copy Rights/ Rights in Data: In addition to the requirements contained within Clause No.5 of Attachment G-1, *General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, Section 1-(With or without Maintenance Work)*, the HA has unlimited rights to any data, including computer software, developed by the contractor in the performance of the contract specifically:

10.9.1 Except as provided elsewhere in this clause, the HA shall have unlimited rights in data first produced in the performance of this contract; form, fit, and function data delivered under this contract; data delivered under this contract (except for restricted computer software) that constitute manuals or instructional and training material for installation, operation, or routine maintenance and repair of items, components, or processes delivered or furnished for use under this contract; and all other data delivered under this contract unless provided otherwise for limited rights data or restricted computer software.

10.9.2 The contractor shall have the right to: use, release to others, reproduce, distribute, or publish any data first produced or specifically used by the contractor in the performance of this contract, unless provided otherwise in this clause; protect from unauthorized disclosure and use those data which are limited rights data or restricted computer software to the extent provided in this clause; substantiate use of; add or correct limited rights, restricted rights, or copyright notices and to take other appropriate action in accordance with this clause; and establish claim to copyright subsisting in data first produced in the performance of this contract to the extent provided below.

10.10 Access to Records: Both parties hereby guarantee access by the grantee, the subgrantee, the Federal grantor agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers, and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to that specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transmissions.

10.11 Record Retention: Both parties hereby guarantee retention of all required records for three records after grantees or subgrantees make final payments and all other pending matters are closed.

10.12 Clean Air Act: For all contracts more than \$100,000, both parties hereby agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C 1857(h), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR Part 15).

10.13 Energy Policy and Conservation Act: Both parties hereby agree to comply with all 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, 89 Stat. 871).

11.0 Additional Considerations:

11.1 Right of Joinder Pursuant to NRS 332.195:

11.1.1 Any political subdivision within the State of Alabama may be granted the privilege of joining the awarded contract, only at the option of the Contractor. If the Contractor so grants such a privilege, the terms and conditions of these documents, including the ensuing contract, may be passed on to the joining political subdivision by the Contractor.

11.1.2 The Contractor shall retain the unilateral right to all or disallow any political subdivision the privilege of joining the awarded contract. In the event the Contractor allows another political subdivision to join the HA contract, it is expressly understood that the HA shall in no way be liable for the joining political subdivision obligations to the Contractor in any manner whatsoever.

11.2 Non-Escalation: Unless otherwise specified within the documents, the unit prices reflected on the contract shall remain firm with no provision for price increases during the term of the contract.

11.3 Funding Restrictions and Order Quantities: The HA reserves the right to reduce or increase estimated or actual quantities in whatever amount necessary without prejudice or liability to the HA, if:

11.3.1 funding is not available

11.3.2 legal restrictions are placed upon the expenditure of monies for this category of service or supplies; or,

11.3.3 the HA's requirements in good faith change after award of the contract

11.4 Unless otherwise stated in the documents, all local, State or Federal permits which may be required to provide the services ensuing from award of this contract, whether or not they are known to either the HA or the proposers at the time of the proposal submittal deadline or the award, shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor and any costs that were submitted by the Contractor in response to the RFP shall reflect all costs required by the Contractor to procure and provide such necessary permits.

11.5 Taxes: All persons doing business with the HA are hereby made aware that the Hais exempt from paying State Sales and Use Taxes and Federal Excise Taxes. A letter of Tax Exemption will be provided upon request.

11.6 Government Standards: It is the responsibility of the proposer to ensure that all items and services proposed conform to all local, State, and Federal law concerning safety (OSHA and NOSHA) and environmental control (EPA) and any other enacted ordinance, code, law, or regulation. The Contractor shall be responsible for all costs incurred for compliance with any such possible ordinance, code, law, or regulation. No time extensions shall be granted, or financial consideration given to the Contractor for time or monies lost due to violations of any such ordinance, code, law, or regulations that may occur.

11.7 Freight on bill and delivery: All costs submitted by the proposer shall reflect the cost of delivering the proposed items and/or services to the location(s) specified within the RFP documents or within the contract.

11.7.1 The Contractor agrees to deliver to the designated location(s) on or before the date specified in the finalized contract. Failure to deliver on or before the specified date constitutes an event of default by the Contractor. Upon default, the Contractor agrees that the HA may, at its option, rescind the finalized contract under the default clause herein and seek compensatory damages as provided by law.

11.8 Backorders:

11.8.1 The CO must be notified in writing by the contractor within 10 days of any and all backordered materials and/or any complete services; and the estimated delivery date

11.8.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in the contract, any order that will take more than a maximum of 10 days past the original agreed upon delivery date, may at the option of the HA, be canceled and ordered from another source, if, in the opinion of the CO, it is in the best interests of the HA to do so

11.9 Work on HA Property: If the Contractor's work under the contract involves operations by the Contractor on HA premises, the Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to prevent the occurrence of any injury to persons or property during the progress of such work and, except to the extent that any such injury is caused solely and directly by the HA's negligence, shall indemnify the HA, and their officers, agents, servants and employees against all loss which may result in any way from any act or omission of the Contractor, its agents, employees, or subcontractors.

11.10 Official, Agent and Employees of the HA Not Personally Liable: It is agreed by and between the parties hereto that in no event shall any official , officer, employee',

or agent of the HA in any way be personally liable or responsible for any covenant or agreement herein contained whether expressed or implied, nor for any statement, representation or warranty made herein or in any connection with this agreement.

11.11 Subcontractors: Unless otherwise stated within the documents, the Contractor may not use any subcontractors to accomplish any portion of the services described within the RFP documents or the contract without the prior written permission of the CO.

11.12 Salaries and Expenses Relating to the Contractors Employees: Unless otherwise stated within the documents, the Contractor shall pay all salaries and expenses of and all Federal, Social Security taxes, Federal and State Unemployment taxes, and any similar taxes relating to its employees used in the performance of the contract. The Contractor further agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local wage and hour laws and all licensing laws applicable to its employees or other personnel furnished under this agreement.

11.13 Attorney's Fees: If litigation is commenced by one party hereto against the other in connection with the enforcement of any provision of this agreement, the prevailing party shall be paid by the losing party all court costs and other expenses of such litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees, The amount allowed as attorneys' fees shall be taxed to the losing party as costs of the suit unless prohibited by law.

11.14 Independent Contractor: Unless otherwise stated within the documents or the contract, the Contractor is an independent contractor. Nothing herein shall create any association, agency, partnership, or joint venture between the parties hereto and neither shall have any authority to bind the other in any way.

11.15 Severability: If any provision of this agreement or any portion or provision hereof applicable to any situation or circumstance is held valid, the remainder of this agreement to the remainder of such provision (as the case may be), and the application thereof to other situations or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

11.16 Waiver of Breach: A Waiver of either party of any terms or condition of this agreement in any instance shall not be deemed or construed as a waiver of such term or condition for the future, or of any subsequent breach thereof. All remedies, rights, undertakings, obligations, and agreements contained in this agreement shall be cumulative and neither of them shall be the limitation of any other remedy, right, obligation or agreement of either party.

11.17 Time of the Essence: Time is of the essence under this agreement as to each provision in which time of performance is a factor

11.18 Limitation of Liability: The HA along with the Contractor shall be mutually liable for any indirect, incidental, consequential, or exemplary damages.

11.19 Indemnification:

11.19.1 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold the HA (and its officers, employees, and agents) harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, suits, actions, decrees, judgements, attorney's fees, court costs and other expenses of any kind or character, which are caused by, arise out of, or occur due to any failure of the Contractor to (1) abide by any of the applicable professional standards within its industry, or (2) comply with the terms, conditions, or covenants that are contained in this contract, (3) ensure that all contractors abide by the terms of this provision and this contract; provided, however, that Contractor will not be required to indemnify the HA against any loss or damage which was specifically caused by the HA providing inaccurate information to the Contractor, filing to provide necessary and requested information to the Contractor, or refusal to abide by any recommendation of the Contractor.

11.19.2 In this connection, it is expressly agreed that the Contractor shall, at its own expense, defend the HA, its officers, employees, and agents, against any and all claims, suits or actions which may be brought against them, or any of them, as a result of, or by reason of, or arising out of, or on account of, or in consequence of any act or failure to act the consequences of which the Contractor has indemnified the HA. If the Contractor shall fail to do so, the HA shall have the right, but not the obligation, to defend the same and to change all direct and incidental costs of such defense to the Contractor including attorney's fees and court costs.

11.19.3 Any money due to the Contractor under and by virtue of this contract, which the HA believes must be withheld from the Contractor to protect the HA, may be retained by the HA so long as it is reasonably necessary to ensure the HA's protection; or in case no money is due, its surety may be held until all applicable claims have been settled and suitable evidence to that effect furnished to the HA provided, however, neither the Corporation's payments shall not be withheld, and its surety shall be released, if the Contractor is able to demonstrate that it has adequate liability and property damage insurance to protect the HA from any potential claims.

11.19.4 The Contractor shall provide that any contractual arrangement with a subcontractor shall be in conformance with the terms of this Contract including the terms of this indemnity provision. The Contractor guarantees that it will promptly handle and rectify any and all claims for materials, supplies, and labor, or any other claims that may be made against it or any of its subcontractors in connection with the contract.

11.20 Lobbying Certification: By execution of this contract with the HA the Contractor thereby certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- 11.20.1** No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding Federal contract, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into any cooperative agreement, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 11.20.2** If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal Contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Contractor shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to report Lobbying, in an accordance with its instructions.
- 11.20.3** The Contractor shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

11.21 Additional Federally Required Orders/Directives: Both parties agree that they will comply with the following laws and directives, where applicable

- 11.21.1** Executive Order 11061, as amended, which directs the Secretary of HUD to take all action which is necessary and appropriate to prevent discrimination by agencies that utilize federal funds.
- 11.21.2** Public Law 88-352, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives federal financial assistance. The HA hereby extends this requirement to the Contractor and its private contractors. Specific prohibited discriminatory actions and corrective actions are described in Chapter 2, Subtitle C, Title V of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 19901 et. Seq.)
- 11.21.3** Public Law 90-284, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968., popularly known as the Fair Housing Act, which provides for fair housing throughout the United States and prohibits any person from discriminating in the sale or rental of housing, the financing of housing or the provision of brokerage services, including in any way making unavailable or denying a dwelling to any person because of

race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Pursuant to this statute, the HA requires that the Contractor administer all programs and activities, which are related to housing and community development in such a manner as affirmatively to further fair housing.

- 11.21.4 The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age
- 11.21.5 Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 11901 et seq)
- 11.21.6 HUD Information Bulletin 909-23 which is the following:
 - 12.21.6.1 Notice of Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement
 - 12.21.6.2 Clean Air and Water Certification; and,
 - 12.21.6.3 Energy Policy and Conservation Act
- 11.21.7 That the funds that are provided by the HA and HUD hereunder shall not be used, directly or indirectly, to employ, award a contract to, or otherwise engage the services of any debarred, suspended, or ineligible Contractor.
- 11.21.8 That none of the personnel who are employed in the administration of the work required by this contract shall, in any way or to any extent, be engaged in the conduct of political activities in violation of Title V, Chapter 15, of the United States Code.
- 11.21.9 The mention herein of any statute or Executive Order is not intended as an indication that such statute or Executive Order is necessarily applicable not is the failure to mention any statute or Executive Order intended as an indication that such statute or Executive Order is not applicable. In this connection, therefore each provision of law and each clause, which is required by law to be inserted in this agreement, shall be deemed to have been inserted herein, and in this agreement shall be read and enforced as though such provision or clause had been physically inserted herein. If, through mistake or otherwise, any such provision is not inserted or is inserted incorrectly, this agreement shall forthwith be physically amended to make such insertion or correction upon the application of either part.

12.0 Appendices:

12.1 The following noted documents are placed under each of the noted appendix and are a part of this contract:

12.1.1 Appendix No. 1: Form HUD 5370-C (10/2006), *General Condition for Non- Construction Contracts, Section 1-(With or Without Maintenance Work)*, aka Attachment G-1 of the RFP document:

12.1.2 Appendix No. 2: Scope of Services, as agreed upon by negotiation between the HA and the Contractor;

12.1.3 Appendix No. 3: The proposed fee(s) submitted by this contractor in response to the RFP, or any negotiated fee(s) that resulted thereto, which fee(s) shall apply to each procurement that ensues from this contract;

12.1.4 Included by reference is any document or clause as a part of RFP 240214- that the HA may choose to include at any time during the performance of this contract or any options exercised thereto by the HA. Further, any document that may be referenced herein that has not been listed above is hereby incorporated herein by reference, and a copy of each such document is available from the HA upon written request for such from the contractor.

12.2 Please note that, in the case of any discrepancy between this contract and any of the above noted appendices, the requirement(s) detailed within each appendix shall take precedence in the order that they are listed above (meaning, the requirement(s) detailed within the lower listed item may not overrule any requirement(s) detailed within a higher listed item)

13.0 **Certifications:** The undersigned representative of each party hereby acknowledges by signature below that they have reviewed the foregoing and understand and agree to abide by their respective obligations as defined herein:

By: _____ Date: _____

Alexander City Housing Authority and Properties Managed by the Alexander City HA:

By: _____ Date: _____
Darold Sterling, Executive Director

Instructions To Proposers & Contractors (ITPC)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) NO.240214, Replace Old Water Line Cut-Off Valves, by Size LH Site A p 2 s Attachment F

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1.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- 1.1 Applicability:** If referred to within the text of such, these ITPC shall be applicable to all Requests For Proposals (RFP) solicitations that the Alexander City Housing Authority (HA) conducts and shall be applicable to any contract that the HA awards to or signs with any firm, agency or individual pursuant to that RFP. A copy of these ITPC shall be made available to any actual or prospective proposer, or contractor who does business with or intends to do business with the HA.
- 1.1.1** Unless otherwise specified within the RFP or contract documents, if any provision in any document listed herein conflicts with any provision within these ITPC, the provision in the RFP or contract document shall govern. Further, in the case of any attached HUD forms (more specifically: HUD-5369-C (8/93); HUD-5369-B (8/93); and HUD-5370-C (11/2023), Section I and/or Section II), the information within such HUD form(s) shall govern any other information issued, especially that issued within any HA-created forms that are issued as a part of this solicitation.
- 1.2 Definitions** (pertaining to all RFP documents issued by the HA pertaining to this RFP, including the attachments and the ensuing contract):
- 1.2.1** "**Contracting Officer**" when named within an RFP document shall refer to either the ED or the person he/she has delegated such responsibilities to.
- 1.2.2** "**Contract**" refers to the fully executed written agreement that ensues from the RFP. Whereas all RFP documents are included, by reference, as a part of the ensuing contract, when "contract" is referred to within the RFP document, such is referring to both the RFP documents and the ensuing contract document.
- 1.2.3** "**Contractor**" and the term "successful proposer" may be used interchangeably.
- 1.2.4** "**Days**" unless otherwise directed, shall refer to calendar days.
- 1.2.6** "**ED**" is the HA Executive Director.
- 1.2.8** "**HA**" is the Alexander City Housing Authority and any properties managed by the Alexander City Housing Authority. Unless otherwise defined herein or within the ensuing contract, whenever the term "the HA" is used without clearly designating a responsible HA staff person, the proposer(s) shall assume that responsibility for that item rests with the CO.
- 1.2.9** "**HUD**" is the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD is the Federal agency that the HA receives some funding from; however, pertaining to this RFP, correspondences, including proposal submittals, received from each proposer must exhaust all provisions contained herein prior to contacting HUD (i.e. in the case of a protest).
- 1.2.10** "**Herein**" shall refer to all documents issued pursuant to the noted RFP, including the RFP documents and the attachments.

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- 1.2.11 Offer** is the proposal submittal referred to within the following Section 1.2.14 that the proposer delivers to the HA in response to the RFP.
- 1.2.12 Offeror** or **Offerors** are the proposer or proposers.
- 1.2.13 Parties** - When "the parties," "both parties" or "either party" is stated within the RFP documents or the contract, such refers to the HA and the successful proposer(s).
- 1.2.14 Proposal** and/or **Proposal Submittal** is the "hard copy" document that the proposer is required to, as detailed within the RFP document, deliver to the HA.
- 1.2.15 Protestant** is a prospective proposer or proposer who feels that he/she has been treated inequitably by the HA and wishes the HA to correct the inequitable condition or situation. To be eligible to file a protest with the HA pertaining to an RFP or contract, the protestant must have been involved in the RFP process in some manner as a prospective proposer.
- 1.2.16 Prospective Proposer** or **Proposer** - A prospective proposer is a firm or individual who has been notified of the RFP solicitation and/or who has requested and/or received the RFP documents and is considering responding with a proposal; a proposer is a firm or individual who has submitted a proposal in response to the RFP. All terms and conditions shall apply equally to all prospective proposers as well as proposers, though prospective proposers may not, after the deadline set for receiving proposals, receive further notices pertaining to that RFP--meaning, certain notices (such as the Notice of Results of Evaluation) are typically only delivered to proposers and not to all prospective proposers.
- 1.2.17 Request For Proposals (RFP)** is the competitive proposal process allowed by HUD, especially as defined within Chapter 7 of HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2.
- 1.2.18 RFP Document(s)** - Whether stated in the singular or the plural, such refers to the body of documents, including attachments and the information posted on the Alexander City Housing Authority's website at www.alexcityhousing.org and/or The Housing Agency Marketplace <https://ha.internationaleprocurement.com> (hereinafter, the "noted Internet System" or the "System"), that the HA makes available to all prospective proposers wherein is detailed the HA's requirements.
- 1.2.19 Solicitation** or **Competitive Solicitation** is the RFP process detailed herein.

2.0 CONDITIONS TO PROPOSE:

- 2.1 Pre-Qualification of Proposers:** Prospective proposers will not be required to pre-qualify in order to submit a proposal. However, all proposers will be required to submit adequate information showing that the proposer is qualified to perform the required work (i.e.

Profile of Firm Form and required resumes). Failure by the prospective proposer to provide the requested information may, at the HA's discretion, eliminate that proposer from consideration, provided that all proposers were required to submit the same information (in the case of a successful proposer(s), these requirements shall also apply in the context of the successful proposer or proposers).

2.2 RFP Forms, Documents, Specifications and Drawings:

2.2.1 It shall be each prospective proposer's responsibility to, prior to submitting a proposal in response to the RFP, examine carefully and as may be required, properly complete and submit all documents issued pursuant to this RFP.

2.2.2 Unless otherwise instructed, specifications and drawings (if provided) do not purport to show all the exact details of the work. They are intended to illustrate the character and extent of the performance desired under the proposed contract and may be supplemented or revised from time to time.

2.2.3 The HA shall reserve the right to, prior to award, revise, change, alter or amend any of the instructions, terms, conditions, and/or specifications identified within the RFP documents issued, within any attachment or drawing, or within any addenda issued; such notice shall be delivered in writing to each prospective and/or actual proposer. Such changes that are issued before the deadline for receipt of proposals shall be binding upon all prospective proposers. Such changes that are issued after the receipt of proposals, but prior to award shall be binding upon all parties that have submitted proposals; however, such parties shall be allowed to reject such changes by, within 5 days of receipt of such written notice, withdrawing his/her proposal. Such withdrawal must be delivered, in writing, to the CO within the 5-day deadline period.

2.3 Proposal Preparation, Submission and Receipt by the HA:

2.3.1 Required Forms: All required forms furnished by the HA as a part of the RFP document issued shall, as instructed, be fully completed, and submitted by the proposer. Such forms may be completed in a legible hand-written fashion, or by use of a typewriter.

2.3.1.1 As required by the State of Alabama; all companies doing business or having employees must be in compliance with the E-Verification and must provide a document stating the company has registered as an E-Verify Company.

2.3.2 Manner of Submission: The proposal submittal shall be submitted in the manner detailed within the RFP document. Failure to submit the proposal in the manner specified may result in a premature opening of, post-opening of, or failure to open and consider that proposal, and may, at the discretion of the CO, eliminate that proposer from consideration for award.

2.3.3 Time for Receiving Proposals: Proposals received prior to the time set as the deadline for the receipt by the HA of the proposal submittal shall be securely

kept, unopened, by the HA. The CO, whose duty it is to open such proposals, will decide when the specified time has arrived. No proposal received after the designated deadline shall be considered, except as detailed within Section 6 of Form HUD-5369-B (8/93), *Late Submissions, Modifications and Withdrawal of Offers*.

2.3.3.1 Proposers are cautioned that any proposal submittal that may be time-stamped as being received by the HA after the exact time set as the deadline for the receiving of proposals shall be returned unopened to the proposer. Any such proposals inadvertently opened shall not be considered but shall be ruled to be invalid. No responsibility will attach to the HA or any official or employee thereof, for the pre-opening of, or the failure to open a proposal not properly addressed and identified.

2.3.4 **No Public Opening of Proposals:** Pursuant to the competitive proposals or RFP process, proposals are not publicly opened, but are held secure until the submittal deadline has passed. The proposals are then opened in private by the CO (or his/her designee) and are, pursuant to the evaluation plan, examined for minimal responsiveness (i.e. minimum compliance with the requirements of the RFP). Persons other than HA staff involved in this process are not allowed to be present during the opening, nor may they inspect the proposals until after the award has been completed.

2.3.5 **Withdrawal of Proposals:** Proposals may be withdrawn as detailed within Section 6(h) of Form HUD-5369-B (8/93), *Late Submissions, Modifications and Withdrawal of Offers*. Negligence on the part of the proposer in preparing his/her proposal confers no right of withdrawal or modification of his/her proposal after such proposal has been received and opened.

2.3.6 **Conflicting Conditions:** Any provisions detailed within any of the RFP documents which may be in conflict or inconsistent with any of the paragraphs in any of the other RFP documents, including attachments, shall be void to the extent of any such conflict or inconsistency. Further, as stated within Section 1.1.1 of this ITPC, unless otherwise specified within the RFP or contract documents, if any provision in any document listed herein conflicts with any provision within this ITPC, the provision in the RFP or contract document shall govern.

2.3.7 **Interpretations:** No official oral interpretation can be made to any proposer as to the meaning of any instruction, condition, specifications drawing (if any), or any other document issued pertaining to this RFP. Every request for an official interpretation shall be made by the prospective proposer, in writing, pursuant to the schedule set within the RFP document issued and as directed by the HA. Official interpretations will be issued in the form of addenda, which will be delivered to each proposer; but it shall be the prospective proposer's responsibility to make inquiry as to addenda issued. All such addenda shall become a part of the RFP documents and the proposed contract with the successful proposer, and all proposers shall be bound by such addenda, whether received by the prospective or successful proposer(s).

2.4 Exceptions to Specifications:

2.4.1 A proposer may take exception to any of the proposal documents, or any part of the information contained therein, by submitting, in writing to the CO, at least 10 days prior to the proposal deadline, a complete and specific explanation as to what he/she is taking exception to. Proposed alternate documents or information must also be included. A response by the HA will be issued in writing within 5 days of receipt of such an exception request. The HA reserves the right to agree with the prospective proposer and issue a revision to the applicable RFP requirements or may reject the prospective proposer's request.

2.4.2 When taking exception, prospective proposers must propose services that meet the requirements of the RFP documents. Exceptions to the specification and/or approved "equal" requests may be discussed at the scheduled pre-proposal conference (if scheduled). All verbal instructions issued by the HA officers not already listed within the RFP documents shall only become official when issued as addenda or as a written answer issued pursuant to receipt of a written question.

2.5 Lump Sum Cost Breakdown (LSCB):

2.5.1 The HA reserves the right to, at any time, request and receive from any or all proposers a LSCB of any or all the costs proposed. The proposal documents constitute an outline of the work to be completed by the proposer. These documents are intended to include all major items, and the lump sum cost breakdown computed therefrom will be the maximum compensation for all work and materials whatsoever furnished by the proposer to comply with the proposal documents in their present form, whether indicated in the approximate quantities or pertaining to the items of work as listed.

2.5.1.1 The purpose of this LSCB will serve the HA in two distinct areas:

2.5.1.1.1 **Prior to award of proposals:** The HA may request a LSCB for any or all items reflected within the RFP document as "lump sum" for the purpose of determining an unbalanced cost proposal. The CO, using acceptable methods dictated by the industry, shall conduct the analysis.

2.5.1.1.2 **After award:** The HA may request a LSCB for any or all items reflected within the RFP document as "lump sum" for the purpose of making partial payments to the successful proposer.

2.5.1.1.3 Under no circumstances, may any cost item reflected as "lump sum" be increased/decreased because of the LSCB analysis.

3.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION:

3.1 Proposal Opening Results: It is understood by all proposers/prospective proposers that the proposals received are not publicly opened and the results will typically not be a matter of public record until the HA has concluded all evaluations, has chosen a final top-rated proposer, has completed the award and is ready to issue such results. When the HA issues such notice, the HA will inform all proposers as to each proposers' placement as a result of the evaluation (i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.), the total points each proposer was awarded as a result of the evaluation and the proposed costs submitted by each proposer.

3.1.1 All proposal documents submitted by the proposers are not necessarily a matter of public record and as a matter of normal course, the proposals submitted by each proposer will not, until after award has been completed, be available to be viewed by any interested parties except as approved by the HA Legal Counsel (i.e. a proposer will not, prior to completion of award, be allowed to challenge an apparent top-rated proposer by inspecting the proposal that the apparent top-rated proposer submitted). The HA shall, however, upon request, verify that the proposal documents submitted are/were acceptable.

3.2 Award of Proposal(s): The successful proposer shall be determined by the top-rated responsive and responsible proposer as determined by the evaluation process detailed within the RFP document issued, provided his/her proposal is reasonable, he/she is able to deliver the specified items in a timely manner and it is, in the opinion of the HA, to the best interests of the HA to accept the proposal. All proposers will be notified in a timely manner of the results of the evaluation after the award has been completed.

3.3 Rejection of Proposals:

3.3.1 The HA reserves the right to, at any time during the proposal process, reject any or all proposals received. In the case of rejection of all proposals, the HA reserves the right to advertise for new proposals or to proceed to do the work otherwise, if in the judgment of the HA, the best interest of the HA will be promoted.

3.3.2 Prospective proposers acknowledge by submitting a proposal that the submission of a proposal to the HA is not a right by which to be awarded that proposal, but merely an offer by the prospective proposer to perform the requirements of the RFP documents in the event the HA decides to consider an award to that proposer.

3.4 Cancellation of Award: The HA reserves the right to, without any liability, cancel the award of any proposal(s) at any time before the execution of the contract documents by all parties.

3.5 Mistake in Proposal Submitted:

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- 3.5.1** A request for withdrawal of a proposal due to a purported error need not be considered by the HA unless the same is filed in writing by the proposer within 48 hours after the proposal deadline (proposers may of their own volition withdraw a proposal prior to the submittal deadline). Any such request shall contain a full explanation of any purported error and shall, if requested by the HA, be supported by the original calculations on which the proposal was computed, together with a certification and notarization thereon that such computation is the original and prepared by the proposer or his/her agent, who must be identified on the notarized form. The foregoing shall not be construed that such withdrawal will be permitted, as the HA retains the right to accept or reject any proposal withdrawal for a mistake.
- 3.5.2** Unless otherwise prohibited within the RFP documents, a mistake in the cost unit pricing that does not affect the total cost sum submitted may, at the HA's discretion, be corrected by submitting a corrected cost form, together with a complete explanation in writing, of how the mistake occurred, to the CO, for his/her review. This mistake must be corrected before the issuance of contract documents.
- 3.6 Irregular Proposal Submittal:** A proposal shall be considered irregular for any one of the following reasons, any one or more of which may, at the HA's discretion, be cause for rejection:
- 3.6.1** If the forms furnished by the HA are not used or are altered or if the proposed costs are not submitted as required.
- 3.6.2** If all requested completed attachments do not accompany the proposal submitted.
- 3.6.3** If there are unauthorized additions, conditional or alternate proposals, or irregularities of any kind which may tend to make the proposal incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning or give the proposer submitting the same a competitive advantage over other proposers.
- 3.6.4** If the proposer adds any provisions reserving the right to accept or reject any award or to enter a contract pursuant to an award.
- 3.6.5** If the individual Pricing Items submitted by a specific proposer are unbalanced in the sense that the listed price of any cost item departs by more than 25% from the HA's cost estimate for that item.
- 3.7 Disqualification of Proposers:** Any one or more of the following shall be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a proposer and the rejection of his/her proposal:
- 3.7.1** Evidence of collusion among prospective proposers. Participants in such collusion will receive no recognition as bidders or proposers for any future work of the HA until such participant shall have been reinstated as a qualified proposer or proposer. The names of all participants in such a collaboration shall be reported to HUD and any other inquiring governmental agency.

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- 3.7.2 More than one proposal for the same work from an individual, firm, or corporation under the same or different name(s), unless such was specifically allowed by the HA within the proposal documents issued, including by addendum.
 - 3.7.3 Lack of competency, lack of experience and/or lack of adequate machinery, plant and/or other resources.
 - 3.7.4 Documented unsatisfactory performance record as shown by past work for the HA or with any other local, State or Federal agency, judged from the standpoint of workmanship and progress.
 - 3.7.5 Incomplete work, which in the judgment of the HA, might hinder or prevent prompt completion of additional work, if awarded.
 - 3.7.6 Failure to pay or satisfactorily settle all bills due on former contracts still outstanding at the time of letting.
 - 3.7.7 Failure to comply with any qualification requirement of the HA.
 - 3.7.8 Failure to list, if required, all subcontractors (if subcontractors are allowed by the HA) who will be employed by the successful proposer(s) to complete the work of the proposed contract.
 - 3.7.9 As required by the RFP documents, failure of the successful proposer to be properly licensed by the City of Alexander City and/or the State of Alabama and/or to be insured by a general liability and/or worker's compensation policy.
 - 3.7.10 Any legal reason to be determined, in good faith, to be in the best interests of the HA.
 - 3.8 **Burden of Proof:** If requested by the HA, it shall be the responsibility of the proposer(s) to furnish the HA with sufficient data or physical samples, within a specified time, so that the HA may determine if the goods or services offered conform to the Specifications.

4.0 Right to Protest:

- 4.1 **Rights:** Any prospective or actual proposer, offeror, or contractor who is allegedly aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of a proposal or award of a contract, shall have the right to protest. An alleged aggrieved protestant claiming this right is hereby informed that these regulations do not provide for administrative appeal as a matter of right for that alleged aggrieved protestant.
 - 4.1.1 An alleged aggrieved "protestant" is a prospective or actual proposer who feels that he/she has been treated inequitably by the HA and wishes the HA to correct the alleged inequitable condition or situation. To be eligible to file a protest with the HA pertaining to an RFP or contract, the alleged aggrieved protestant must have been involved in the RFP process in some manner as a

prospective proposer (i.e. registered and received the RFP documents) when the alleged situation occurred. The HA has no obligation to consider a protest filed by any party that does not meet these criteria.

4.2 Administrative Powers: It is totally within the administrative powers of the ED to grant or deny any requests for administrative appeal. If, in the opinion of the ED, the alleged aggrieved protestant merits an administrative review, the ED shall direct that alleged aggrieved protestant to submit additional data.

4.3 Procedure to Protest: An alleged aggrieved protestant shall comply with the following protest procedures, and failure to comply in the manner prescribed shall automatically relieve the HA from accepting or considering that protest:

4.3.1 The alleged aggrieved protestant must file, in writing, to the CO the exact reason for the protest, attaching any supportive data. The protestant must state within the written protest document specifically (not by inference) what action by the HA or condition is being protested as inequitable, making, where appropriate specific reference to the RFP documents issued. The protest document must also state the corrective action requested. Failure by the alleged aggrieved protestant to fully submit such information shall relieve the HA from any responsibility to consider the protest and take any corrective action.

4.3.2 The written instrument containing the reason for the protest must be received by the CO within 10 days after the occurrence of any of the following:

4.3.2.1 the deadline for receiving proposals;

4.3.2.2 receipt of notification of the results of the evaluation or the award; or

4.3.2.3 the alleged aggrieved protestant knows or should have known the facts.

4.3.3 In any case, protests shall be filed no more than 10 days after any of the above (unless the occurrence being protested occurred in its entirety after the proposal deadline). Protests received after these dates shall not be considered.

4.3.4 The CO shall review the written protest and supportive data, if any. He/she shall, within 10 days after receipt of the written protest, issue a written opinion and decision. This document shall state the reasons for the action taken as well as inform the alleged aggrieved protestant of the right of further administrative review. A copy of this written opinion and decision shall be forwarded to the ED.

4.3.5 Administrative Appeal: If the alleged aggrieved protestant does not agree with the written opinion and decision issued by the CO, the alleged aggrieved protestant may, after receipt of the written opinion and decision issued by the

CO request an administrative appeal hearing be granted (such request must be delivered in writing to the CO within 5 days of receipt of the written opinion and decision; failure to do so within such 5 days shall relieve the HA of any responsibility to consider such request). The following procedures must be complied with in the manner prescribed; failure by the alleged aggrieved protestant to comply shall automatically relieve the HA from accepting or acting on that request for administrative hearing:

4.3.5.1 The alleged aggrieved protestant must file, in writing, his/her request for an administrative hearing, to the ED, within 5 days of receipt of the written opinion and decision and failure to do so within such 5 days shall relieve the HA of any responsibility to consider such request.

4.3.5.2 The request for an administrative appeal hearing must contain the specific reasons for the appeal and all supporting data for those reasons.

4.3.5.3 It shall be within the administrative powers of the ED to, after review of the request submitted, grant or deny any request for administrative appeal.

4.3.5.4 If the ED, after complete review of the alleged aggrieved protestant's written request and supporting data, decides that the request does not merit further consideration, he/she shall render his/her decision in writing to the alleged aggrieved protestant. A decision rendered under this paragraph shall be made within 10 days after the receipt of the alleged aggrieved protestant's request for an administrative hearing. This decision shall be final without further administrative recourse.

4.3.5.5 If the ED, after review of the alleged aggrieved protestant's written request, decides that the request merits further consideration, he/she shall forward the protestant's written request, along with a cover letter explaining why it merits further consideration and with a recap of all proposals submitted and a copy of the original written protest, to the HA Legal Counsel for consideration. The HA Legal Counsel shall issue to the alleged aggrieved protestant a decision, in writing, within 10 days of his/her receipt of such documents.

4.3.5.5 Such written decision delivered to the alleged aggrieved protestant shall exhaust the HA internal protest and administrative appeal process available to the alleged aggrieved protestant.

5.0 Disputed Billings (Charges):

5.1 Procedures: In addition to the procedures detailed within Clause No. 7 of Attachment G-1, Form HUD-5370-C (11/2023), *General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, Section I—(With or without Maintenance Work)*, in the event that the HA disputes any portion of its billing(s), the HA shall pay the undisputed portion of such billing and initiate the dispute-resolving procedures, as follows:

5.1.1 The HA's representative shall, within 10 days after the HA's receipt of such billing, formally notify the contractor's representative of all particulars pertaining to the dispute, and request that he/she investigate and respond to this issue.

5.1.2 If such dispute cannot be resolved by the contractor's response, within 10 days after such notification is given, the CO and the contractor's representative shall meet to discuss the matter and attempt to arrive at a resolution.

5.1.3 If the CO and the contractor's representative are unable to resolve the dispute through such discussion within 10 days, the HA shall, within 10 days thereafter, either:

5.1.3.1 pay the disputed charges and reserve the right to submit the matter to the Tallapoosa County Court Annexed Arbitration program if the disputed amount does not exceed \$40,000.00 or to the appropriate District Court in the State of Alabama;

5.1.3.2 not pay the disputed charge and submit the matter to the Tallapoosa County Court Annexed Arbitration program if the disputed amount does not exceed \$40,000.00 or to the appropriate District Court in the State of Alabama;

5.1.3.3 not pay the disputed charge and allow the Contractor to submit the matter either to the Tallapoosa County Court Annexed Arbitration program if the disputed amount does not exceed \$40,000.00 or to the appropriate District Court in the State of Alabama.

5.1.4 The decision from arbitration will be binding upon both parties. If the decision is averse to the HA, the HA shall pay the HA's receipt of the decision. If the decision is in favor of the HA, the contractor will either:

5.1.4.1 clear the amount which is ordered from the HA account; or

5.1.4.2 repay to the HA the amount ordered.

Either option shall be completed within 10 days after the contractor's receipt of the arbitrator's decision.

6.0 Additional Considerations:

6.1 Right of Joinder Pursuant to NRS 332.195:

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- 6.1.1** Any political subdivision within the State of Alabama may be granted the privilege of joining the awarded contract, only at the option of the successful proposer. If the successful proposer so grants such a privilege, the terms and conditions of the RFP documents, including the ensuing contract, may be passed on to the joining political subdivision by the successful proposer.
- 6.1.2** The successful proposer shall retain the unilateral right to allow or disallow any political subdivision the privilege of joining the awarded contract. In the event the successful proposer allows another political subdivision to join the HA contract, it is expressly understood that the HA shall in no way be liable for the joining political subdivision obligations to the successful proposer in any manner whatsoever.
- 6.2 Non-Escalation:** Unless otherwise specified within the RFP documents, the unit prices reflected on the contract shall remain firm with no provision for price increases during the term of the contract.
- 6.3 Funding Restrictions and Order Quantities:** The HA reserves the right to reduce or increase estimated or actual quantities in whatever amount necessary without prejudice or liability to the HA, if:
- 6.3.1** funding is not available;
- 6.3.2** legal restrictions are placed upon the expenditure of monies for this category of service or supplies; or,
- 6.3.3** the HA's requirements in good faith change after award of the contract.
- 6.4 Required Permits:** Unless otherwise stated in the RFP documents, all local, State or Federal permits which may be required to provide the services ensuing from award of this RFP, whether or not they are known to either the HA or the proposers at the time of the proposal submittal deadline or the award, shall be the sole responsibility of the successful proposer and any costs submitted by the proposer shall reflect all costs required by the successful proposer to procure and provide such necessary permits.
- 6.5 Taxes:** All persons doing business with the HA are hereby made aware that the HA is exempt from paying Alabama State Sales and Use Taxes and Federal Excise Taxes. A letter of Tax Exemption will be provided upon request.
- 6.6 Government Standards:** It is the responsibility of the prospective proposer to ensure that all items and services proposed conform to all local, State and Federal laws concerning safety (OSHA and NOSHA) and environmental control (EPA and Tallapoosa County Pollution Regulations) and any other enacted ordinance, code, law or regulation. The successful proposer shall be responsible for all costs incurred for compliance with any such possible ordinance, code, law or regulation. No time extensions shall be granted or financial consideration given to the successful proposer for time or monies lost due to violations of any such ordinance, code, law or regulations that may occur.

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- 6.7 Freight on Bill and Delivery:** All costs submitted by the successful proposer shall reflect the cost of delivering the proposed items and/or services to the location(s) specified within the RFP documents or within the contract.
- 6.7.1** The successful proposer agrees to deliver to the designated location(s) on or before the date as specified in the finalized contract. Failure to deliver on or before the specified date constitutes an event of default by the successful proposer. Upon default, the successful proposer agrees that the HA may, at its option, rescind the finalized contract under the default clause herein and seek compensatory damages as provided by law.
- 6.8 Communication:** If during the period of the contract, it is necessary that the HA place toll or long distance telephone calls or telegrams in connection therewith (for complaints, adjustments, shortages, failure to deliver, etc.), it is understood that the successful proposer will bear the charge or expense for all such calls and/or telegrams.
- 6.9 Work on HA Property:** If the successful proposer's work under the contract involves operations by the successful proposer on HA premises, the successful proposer shall take all necessary precautions to prevent the occurrence of any injury to persons or property during the progress of such work and, except to the extent that any such injury is caused solely and directly by the HA's negligence, shall indemnify the HA, and their officers, agents, servants and employees against all loss which may result in any way from any act or omission of the successful proposer, its agents, employees, or subcontractors.
- 6.10 Estimated Quantities:** Unless otherwise stated within the RFP documents, the quantities reflected within the RFP documents, to the best of the HA's knowledge, reflect projected consumption data. These quantities are not meant to infer or imply actual consumption figures or quantities that will be purchased by the HA under the finalized contract; but, pursuant to all RFP documents, these quantities will be used as calculation figures to determine the successful proposer.
- 6.11 Warranty:**
- 6.11.1** The services provided under the contract shall conform to all information contained within the RFP documents as well as applicable Industry Published Technical Specifications, and if one of the above-mentioned Specifications contains more stringent requirements than the other, the more stringent requirements shall apply.
- 6.11.2** The liability of the successful proposer to the HA (except as to title) arising out of the furnishing of the services or of its use under the terms of the contract shall not exceed the correcting of the defect(s) in the services as provided under the contract, and upon expiration of the warranty period all such liability shall terminate except under the warranty for merchantability and the warranty of fitness for a particular purpose.
- 6.12 Official, Agent and Employees of the HA Not Personally Liable:** It is agreed by and between the parties hereto that in no event shall any official, officer, employee, or agent of the HA in any way be personally liable or responsible for any covenant or agreement

herein contained whether expressed or implied, nor for any statement, representation or warranty made herein or in any connection with this agreement.

- 6.13 Subcontractors:** Unless otherwise stated within the RFP documents, the successful proposer may not use any subcontractors to accomplish any portion of the services described within the RFP documents or the contract without the prior written permission of the CO.
- 6.14 Salaries and Expenses Relating to the Successful Proposers Employees:** Unless otherwise stated within the RFP documents, the successful proposer shall pay all salaries and expenses of, and all Federal, Social Security taxes, Federal and State Unemployment taxes, and any similar taxes relating to its employees used in the performance of the contract. The successful proposer further agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local wage and hour laws and all licensing laws applicable to its employees or other personnel furnished under this agreement.
- 6.15 Attorney's Fees:** If litigation is commenced by one party hereto against the other in connection with the enforcement of any provision of this agreement, the prevailing party shall be paid by the losing party all court costs and other expenses of such litigation, including attorneys' fees, in a reasonable amount, to be determined by the court. The amount so allowed as attorneys' fees shall be taxed to the losing party as costs of the suit, unless prohibited by law.
- 6.16 Independent Contractor:** Unless otherwise stated within the RFP documents or the contract, the successful proposer is an independent contractor. Nothing herein shall create any association, agency, partnership, or joint venture between the parties hereto and neither shall have any authority to bind the other in any way.
- 6.17 Severability:** If any provision of this agreement or any portion or provision hereof applicable to any situation or circumstance is held valid, the remainder of this agreement or the remainder of such provision (as the case may be), and the application thereof to other situations or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.
- 6.18 Waiver of Breach:** A waiver of either party of any terms or condition of this agreement in any instance shall not be deemed or construed as a waiver of such term or condition for the future, or of any subsequent breach thereof. All remedies, rights, undertakings, obligations, and agreements contained in this agreement shall be cumulative and none of them shall be in limitation of any other remedy, right, obligation or agreement of either party.
- 6.19 Time of the Essence:** Time is of the essence under this agreement as to each provision in which time of performance is a factor.
- 6.20 Limitation of Liability:** In no event shall the HA be liable to the successful proposer for any indirect, incidental, consequential, or exemplary damages.
- 6.21 Indemnity:**
- 6.21.1** The successful proposer shall protect, indemnify and hold the HA, its officers, employees, agents, consulting engineers and other retained consultants

harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, suits, actions, decrees, judgments, attorney's fees, court costs and other expenses of any kind or character which the HA, its officers, employees, agents, consulting engineers or other retained consultants may suffer, or which may be sought against, recovered from or obtainable against the HA, its officers, employees, agents, consulting engineers or other retained consultants such as:

- 6.21.1.1** as a result of, or by reason of, or arising out of, or on account of, or in consequence of any act or failure to act on the part of the successful proposer, its subcontractors or agents, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any subcontractor or agent, in the fulfillment or performance of the terms, conditions or covenants that are contained in this contract or agreement, regardless of whether or not the occurrence which gave rise to such claim, damage, loss, suit, action, judgment or expense was caused, in part, by any party indemnified hereunder; or
 - 6.21.1.2** as a result of, or by reason of, or arising out of, or on account of, or in consequence of, any neglect in safeguarding the work; or
 - 6.21.1.3** through the use of unacceptable materials or products, or both, which may be defective or manufactured, designed or installed so as to give rise to a claim; or
 - 6.21.1.4** because of any claim or amount recovered under any law, ordinance, or decree, which claim or recovery arose out of or is attributable to any act or failure to act on the part of the successful proposer in the fulfillment or performance of the terms, conditions and covenants that are contained in this contract. Any money due by the successful proposer under and by virtue of this contract which is considered necessary by the HA for such purpose, may be retained by the HA for its protection; or in case no money is due, its surety may be held until all such claims, damages, losses, suits, actions, decrees, judgments, attorney's fees and court costs and other expenses of any kind or character as aforesaid shall have been settled and suitable evidence to that effect furnished to the HA provided, however, that money due the successful proposer will not be withheld when the successful proposer produces satisfactory evidence that it is adequately protected by public liability and property damage insurance, if required.
- 6.21.2** In this connection, it is expressly agreed that the successful proposer shall, at its own expense, defend the HA, its officers, employees, agents, consulting engineers and other retained consultants, against any and all claims, suits or actions which may be brought against them, or any of them, as a result of, or by reason of, or arising out of, or on account of, or in consequence of any act or failure to act the consequences of which the successful proposer has indemnified the HA, its officers, employees, agents, consulting engineers and other retained consultants against, and if the successful proposer shall fail to do so, the HA shall have the right, but not the obligation, to defend the same

and to charge all direct and incidental costs of such defense to the successful proposer including attorney's fees and court costs; provided, however, that if the forum in which such claim suit or action is heard determines that the occurrence that gave rise to the same was caused, in whole or in part, by any party who is indemnified hereunder, the HA shall reimburse the successful proposer for all, or the indemnified party's proportionate share, as the case may be, of the costs of such defense.

6.21.2 Reimbursement to the successful proposer by the HA, in whole or in part, for the costs of protecting traffic shall not serve to relieve the successful proposer of its responsibility as set forth in the RFP documents.

6.21.3 The successful proposer guarantees the payment of all just claims for materials, supplies and labor, and all other just claims against it or any subcontractor, in connection with the contract.

6.22 Lobbying Certification: By proposing to do business with the HA or by doing business with the HA, each proposer certifies the following:

6.22.1 No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the proposer, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.

6.22.2 If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form –LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

6.22.3 The successful proposer shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontractors, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

6.22.4 This clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the award was made or entered into. The signing of a contract or acceptance of award certifies compliance with this certification, which is a prerequisite for making or entering into a contract, which is imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certifications shall be subject to civil penalty of not less than \$10,000.00 and not more than \$100,000.00 for each such failure.

6.23 24 CFR 85.36(i), Procurement: Pursuant to this CFR, as issued by the Office of the Secretary, HUD, the HA and the contractor each agree to comply with the following provisions and agree that any contract that ensues as a result of this RFP will include the following clauses, whether actually inserted or by reference:

6.23.1 Remedies for Contractor Breach: Pertaining to contract-related issues, it is the responsibility of both the HA and the contractor to communicate with each other in as clear and complete a manner as possible. If at any time during the term of this contract the HA or the contractor is not satisfied with any issue, it is the responsibility of that party to deliver to the other party communication, in writing, fully detailing the issue and corrective action (please note that the HA has the right to issue unilateral addendums to this contract, but the contractor does not have the same right). The other party shall, within 10 days, respond in writing to the other party (however, the HA shall retain the right to, if conditions warrant, require the contractor to respond in a shorter period of time). Further, the HA shall, at a minimum, employ the following steps in dealing with the contractor as to any performance issues:

6.23.1.1 If the contractor is in material breach of the contract, the HA may promptly invoke the termination clause detailed within Section No. 3 of Attachment G-1, form HUD-5370-C (11/2023), *General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, Section I—(With or without Maintenance Work)*, which is attached hereto, and terminate the contract for cause. Such termination must be delivered to the contractor in writing and shall fully detail all pertinent issues pertaining to the cause of and justification for the termination.

6.23.1.2 Prior to termination, the HA may choose to warn the contractor, verbally or in writing, of any issue of non-compliant or unsatisfactory performance. Such written warning may include placing the contractor on probation, thereby giving the contractor a certain period of time to correct the deficiencies or potentially suffer termination. The HA shall maintain in the contract file a written record of any such warning detailing all pertinent information. If the contractor does not agree with such action, the contractor shall have 10 days to dispute or protest, in writing, such action; if he/she does not do so within the 10-day period, he/she shall have no recourse but to accept and agree with the HA's position on the issue. The written protest must detail all pertinent information pertaining to the dispute, including justification detailing the HA's alleged incorrect action(s).

6.23.1.3 After termination, if the contractor does not agree with the HA's justification for the termination, the contractor shall have 10 days to dispute, in writing, such action; if he/she does not do so within the 10-day period, he/she shall have no recourse but to accept and agree with the HA's position on the issue. The written protest must detail all pertinent information pertaining to the dispute, including justification detailing the HA's alleged incorrect action(s).

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- 6.23.1.4** The response to any protest received shall be conducted in accordance with Section No. 4.0 of this document.
- 6.23.2** **Termination For Cause and Convenience:** As detailed within Clause No. 3 of Attachment G-1, Form HUD-5370-C (11/2023), *General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, Section I—(Within or without Maintenance Work)*, attached hereto.
- 6.23.3** **Executive Order 11246:** For all construction contracts awarded in excess of \$10,000, both parties hereby agree to comply with Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled “Equal Employment Opportunity,” as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967, and as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (41 CFR Chapter 60).
- 6.23.4** **Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act:** For all construction or repair contracts awarded, both parties hereby agree to comply with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR Part 3).
- 6.23.5** **Davis-Bacon-Act:** For all construction contracts awarded in excess of \$2,000 when required by Federal Grant Program legislation, both parties hereby agree to comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR Part 5).
- 6.23.6** **Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act:** For all construction contracts awarded in excess of \$2,000 and for other contracts, which involve the employment of mechanics or laborers awarded in excess of \$2,500, both parties hereby agree to comply with the Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Act (40 U.S.C. 327-330) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR Part 5).
- 6.23.7** **Reporting:** Both parties hereby agree to comply with any reporting requirements that may be detailed herein.
- 6.23.8** **Patent Rights:** Both parties hereby agree to comply with HUD Bulletin 90-23, which is the (a) Notice of Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement.
- 6.23.9** **Copy Rights/Rights in Data:** In addition to the requirements contained within Clause No. 5 of Attachment G-1, *General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, Section I—(With or without Maintenance Work)*, the HA has unlimited rights to any data, including computer software, developed by the contractor in the performance of the contract specifically:
- 6.23.9.1** Except as provided elsewhere in this clause, the HA shall have unlimited rights in data first produced in the performance of this contract; form, fit, and function data delivered under this contract; data delivered under this contract (except for restricted computer software) that constitute manuals or instructional and training

material for installation, operation, or routine maintenance and repair of items, components, or processes delivered or furnished for use under this contract; and all other data delivered under this contract unless provided otherwise for limited rights data or restricted computer software.

- 6.23.9.2** The contractor shall have the right to: use, release to others, reproduce, distribute, or publish any data first produced or specifically used by the contractor in the performance of this contract, unless provided otherwise in this clause; protect from unauthorized disclosure and use those data which are limited rights data or restricted computer software to the extent provided in this clause; substantiate use of, add or correct limited rights, restricted rights, or copyright notices and to take other appropriate action in accordance with this clause; and establish claim to copyright subsisting in data first produced in the performance of this contract to the extent provided below.
- 6.23.9.3** For data first produced in the performance of this contract, the contractor may establish, without prior approval of the CO, claim to copyright subsisting in scientific or technical articles based on or containing data first produced in the performance of this contract. The contractor grants the HA and others acting on its behalf a paid-up, non-exclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license in such copyrighted data to reproduce, prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform or display publicly by or on behalf of the HA.
- 6.23.9.4** The contractor shall not, without the prior written permission of the contracting Officer, incorporate in data delivered under this contract any data not first produced in the performance of this contract and which contains copyright notice, unless the contractor identifies such data and grants the HA a license of the same scope as identified in the preceding paragraph.
- 6.23.9.5** The HA agrees not to remove any copyright notices placed on data and to include such notices in all reproductions of the data. If any data delivered under this contract are improperly marked, the HA may either return the data to the contractor or cancel or ignore the markings.
- 6.23.9.6** The contractor is responsible for obtaining from its subcontractors all data and rights necessary to fulfill the contractor's obligations under this contract.
- 6.23.9.7** Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in the contractor's standard commercial license or lease contract pertaining to any restricted computer software delivered under this contract, and irrespective of whether any such contract has been proposed prior to the award of this contract or of the fact that

such contract may be affixed to or accompany the restricted computer software upon delivery, the contractor agrees the HA shall have the rights set forth below to use, duplicate, or disclose any restricted computer software delivered under this contract. The terms and conditions of this contract, including any commercial lease or licensing contract, shall be subject to the following procedures.

6.23.9.8 The restricted computer software delivered under this contract may not be used, reproduced, or disclosed by the HA except as provided below or as expressly stated otherwise in this contract. The restricted computer software may be: used or copied for use in or with the computer(s) for which it was acquired, including use at any HA location to which such computer(s) may be transferred; used or copied for use in or with backup computer if any computer for which it was acquired is inoperative; reproduced for safekeeping (archives) or backup purposes; modified, adapted, or combined with other computer software, provided that the modified, combined, or adapted portions of the derivative software incorporating any of the delivered, restricted computer software shall be subject to the same restrictions set forth in this contract; and used or copies for use in or transferred to a replacement computer.

6.23.10 Clean Air Act: For all contracts in excess of \$100,000, both parties hereby agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR Part 15).

6.23.13 Energy Policy and Conservation Act: Both parties hereby agree to comply with all 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, 89 Stat. 871).

6.24 Additional Federally Required Orders/Directives: Both parties agree that they will comply with the following laws and directives that the HA has received from HUD and that these same clauses will be a part of any contract that ensues as a result of this RFP:

6.24.1 Executive Order 11061, as amended, which directs the Secretary of HUD to take all action which is necessary and appropriate to prevent discrimination by agencies that utilize federal funds.

6.24.2 Public Law 88-352, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives federal financial assistance. The HA hereby extends this requirement to the Contractor and its private contractors. Specific prohibited discriminatory

actions and corrective action are described in Chapter 2, Subtitle C, Title V of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 19901 et. seq.).

- 6.24.3** Public Law 90-284, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968., popularly known as the Fair Housing Act, which provides for fair housing throughout the United States and prohibits any person from discriminating in the sale or rental of housing, the financing of housing or the provision of brokerage services, including in any way making unavailable or denying a dwelling to any person because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Pursuant to this statute, the HA requires that the Contractor administer all programs and activities, which are related to housing and community development in such a manner as affirmatively to further fair housing.
- 6.24.4** The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age.
- 6.24.5** Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 11901 et. seq.).
- 6.24.6** HUD Information Bulletin 909-23 which is the following:
 - 6.24.6.1** Notice of Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement;
 - 6.24.6.2** Clean Air and Water Certification; and
 - 6.24.6.3** Energy Policy and Conversation Act.

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1. Bid Preparation and Submission

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Explanations and Interpretations to Prospective Bidders

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

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

3. Amendments to Invitations for Bids

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

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

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

4. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

5. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Bids

(a) Any bid received at the place designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered unless it is received before award is made and it:

(1) Was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before the date specified for receipt of offers (e.g., an offer submitted in response to a solicitation requiring receipt of offers by the 20th of the month must have been mailed by the 15th);

(2) Was sent by mail, or if authorized by the solicitation, was sent by telegram or via facsimile, and it is determined by the PHA/IHA that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the PHA/IHA after receipt at the PHA/IHA; or

(3) Was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service - Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5:00 p.m. at the place of mailing two working days prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals. The term "working days" excludes weekends and observed holidays.

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

(c) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late bid, modification, or withdrawal sent either by registered or certified mail is the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service postmark both on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service. Both postmarks must show a legible date or the bid, modification, or withdrawal shall be processed as if mailed late. "Postmark" means a printed, stamped, or otherwise placed impression (exclusive of a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been supplied and affixed by employees of the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service on the date of mailing. Therefore, bidders should request the postal clerk to place a hand cancellation bull's-eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

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

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

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

6. Bid Opening

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

7. Service of Protest

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

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

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

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

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

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

8. Contract Award

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Assurance of Completion

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

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

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

[] (3) a 20 percent cash escrow;

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

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

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

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

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

11. Preconstruction Conference (applicable to construction contracts)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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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.

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- (1) reject any or all offers if such action is in the HA's interest,
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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:]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Explanations and Interpretations to Prospective Bidders

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

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

3. Amendments to Invitations for Bids

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

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

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

4. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

5. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Bids

(a) Any bid received at the place designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered unless it is received before award is made and it:

(1) Was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before the date specified for receipt of offers (e.g., an offer submitted in response to a solicitation requiring receipt of offers by the 20th of the month must have been mailed by the 15th);

(2) Was sent by mail, or if authorized by the solicitation, was sent by telegram or via facsimile, and it is determined by the PHA/IHA that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the PHA/IHA after receipt at the PHA/IHA; or

(3) Was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service - Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5:00 p.m. at the place of mailing two working days prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals. The term "working days" excludes weekends and observed holidays.

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

(c) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late bid, modification, or withdrawal sent either by registered or certified mail is the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service postmark both on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service. Both postmarks must show a legible date or the bid, modification, or withdrawal shall be processed as if mailed late. "Postmark" means a printed, stamped, or otherwise placed impression (exclusive of a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been supplied and affixed by employees of the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service on the date of mailing. Therefore, bidders should request the postal clerk to place a hand cancellation bull's-eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

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

(e) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late bid, modification, or withdrawal sent by Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee is the date entered by the post office receiving clerk on the "Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee" label and the postmark on both the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. "Postmark" has the same meaning as defined in paragraph (c) of this provision, excluding postmarks of the Canadian Postal Service. Therefore, bidders should request the postal clerk to place a legible hand cancellation bull's eye postmark on both the receipt and Failure by a bidder to acknowledge receipt of the envelope or wrapper.

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

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

6. Bid Opening

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

7. Service of Protest

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

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

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

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

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

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

8. Contract Award

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Assurance of Completion

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

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

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

[] (3) a 20 percent cash escrow;

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

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

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

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

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

11. Preconstruction Conference (applicable to construction contracts)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section I — (With or without Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

Office of Labor Relations

OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (excl. 11/30/2023)

Public Reporting Burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and an applicant is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

- 1) **Non-construction contracts** (*without* maintenance) **greater than \$250,000 - use Section I;**
- 2) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance as defined at 24 CFR 905.100) **greater than \$2,000 but not more than \$250,000 - use Section II;** and
- 3) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance), **greater than \$250,000 — use Sections I and II.**

Section I - Clauses for All Non-Construction Contracts greater than \$250,000

1. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this contract:

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

2. Changes

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

proposal submitted before final payment of the contract.

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

3. Termination for Convenience and Default

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

4. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

- (a) The HA, HUD, or Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives shall, until 3 years after final payment under this contract, have access to and the right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent books, documents, papers, or other records involving transactions related to this contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.

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- (b) The Contractor agrees to include in first-tier subcontracts under this contract a clause substantially the same as paragraph (a) above. "Subcontract," as used in this clause, excludes purchase orders not exceeding \$10,000.
 - (c) The periods of access and examination in paragraphs (a) and (b) above for records relating to:
 - (i) appeals under the clause titled Disputes;
 - (ii) litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract; or,
 - (iii) costs and expenses of this contract to which the HA, HUD, or Comptroller General or any of their duly authorized representatives has taken exception shall continue until disposition of such appeals, litigation, claims, or exceptions.

5. Rights in Data (Ownership and Proprietary Interest)

The HA shall have exclusive ownership of, all proprietary interest in, and the right to full and exclusive possession of all information, materials and documents discovered or produced by Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Contract, including but not limited to reports, memoranda or letters concerning the research and reporting tasks of this Contract.

6. Energy Efficiency

The contractor shall comply with all mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub.L. 94-163) for the State in which the work under this contract is performed.

7. Disputes

- (a) All disputes arising under or relating to this contract, except for disputes arising under clauses contained in Section 111, Labor Standards Provisions, including any claims for damages for the alleged breach there of which are not disposed of by agreement, shall be resolved under this clause.
- (b) All claims by the Contractor shall be made in writing and submitted to the HA. A claim by the HA against the Contractor shall be subject to a written decision by the HA.
- (c) The HA shall, with reasonable promptness, but in no event in no more than 60 days, render a decision concerning any claim hereunder. Unless the Contractor, within 30 days after receipt of the HA's decision, shall notify the HA in writing that it takes exception to such decision, the decision shall be final and conclusive.
- (d) Provided the Contractor has (i) given the notice within the time stated in paragraph (c) above, and (ii) excepted its claim relating to such decision from the final release, and (iii) brought suit against the HA not later than one year after receipt of final payment, or if final payment has not been made, not later than one year after the Contractor has had a reasonable time to respond to a written request by the HA that it submit a final voucher and release, whichever is earlier, then the HA's decision shall not be final or conclusive, but the dispute shall be determined on the merits by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (e) The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal, or action arising under the contract, and comply with any decision of the HA.

8. Contract Termination; Debarment

A breach of these Contract clauses may be grounds for termination of the Contract and for debarment or denial of participation in HUD programs as a Contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 24 CFR Part 24.

9. Assignment of Contract

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this contract; except that claims for monies due or to become due from the HA under the contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution. If the Contractor is a partnership, this contract shall inure to the benefit of the surviving or remaining member(s) of such partnership approved by the HA.

10. Certificate and Release

Prior to final payment under this contract, or prior to settlement upon termination of this contract, and as a condition precedent thereto, the Contractor shall execute and deliver to the HA a certificate and release, in a form acceptable to the HA, of all claims against the HA by the Contractor under and by virtue of this contract, other than such claims, if any, as may be specifically excepted by the Contractor in stated amounts set forth therein.

11. Organizational Conflicts of Interest

- (a) The Contractor warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, it does not have any organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work under this contract and a contractor's organizational, financial, contractual or other interests are such that:
 - (i) Award of the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage; or
 - () The Contractor's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired.
- (b) The Contractor agrees that if after award it discovers an organizational conflict of interest with respect to this contract or any task/delivery order under the contract, he or she shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer which shall include a description of the action which the Contractor has taken or intends to take to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. The HA may, however, terminate the contract or task/delivery order for the convenience of the HA if it would be in the best interest of the HA.
- (c) In the event the Contractor was aware of an organizational conflict of interest before the award of this contract and intentionally did not disclose the conflict to the Contracting Officer, the HA may terminate the contract for default.
- (d) The terms of this clause shall be included in all subcontracts and consulting agreements wherein the work to be performed is similar to the service provided by the prime Contractor. The Contractor shall include in such subcontracts and consulting agreements any necessary provisions to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest.

12. Inspection and Acceptance

- (a) The HA has the right to review, require correction, if necessary, and accept the work products produced by the Contractor. Such review(s) shall be carried out within 30 days so as to not impede the work of the Contractor. Any

product of work shall be deemed accepted as submitted if the HA does not issue written comments and/or required corrections within 30 days from the date of receipt of such product from the Contractor.

- (b) The Contractor shall make any required corrections promptly at no additional charge and return a revised copy of the product to the HA within 7 days of notification or a later date if extended by the HA.
- (c) Failure by the Contractor to proceed with reasonable promptness to make necessary corrections shall be a default. If the Contractor's submission of corrected work remains unacceptable, the HA may terminate this contract (or the task order involved) or reduce the contract price or cost to reflect the reduced value of services received.

13. Interest of Members of Congress

No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States of America or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit to arise there from, but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

14. Interest of Members, Officers, or Employees and Former Members, Officers, or Employees

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

15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

"Agency", as defined in 5 U.S.C. 552(f), includes Federal executive departments and agencies as well as independent regulatory commissions and Government corporations, as defined in 31 U.S.C. 9101(1).

"Covered Federal Action" means any of the following Federal actions:

- (i) The awarding of any Federal contract;
- (ii) The making of any Federal grant;
- (iii) The making of any Federal loan;
- (iv) The entering into of any cooperative agreement; and,
- (v) The extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

Covered Federal action does not include receiving from an agency a commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan.

"Indian tribe" and "tribal organization" have the meaning provided in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450B). Alaskan Natives are included under the definitions of Indian tribes in that Act.

"Influencing or attempting to influence" means making, with the intent to influence, any communication to or appearance before an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any covered Federal action.

"Local government" means a unit of government in a State and, if chartered, established, or otherwise recognized by a State for the performance of a governmental duty, including a local public authority, a special district, an intrastate district, a council of governments, a sponsor group representative organization, and any other instrumentality of a local government

"Officer or employee of an agency" includes the following individuals who are employed by an agency:

- (i) An individual who is appointed to a position in the Government under title 5, U.S.C., including a position under a temporary appointment;
- (ii) A member of the uniformed services as defined in section 202, title 18, U.S.C.;
- (iii) A special Government employee as defined in section 202, title 18, U.S.C.; and,
- (iv) An individual who is a member of a Federal advisory committee, as defined by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, title 5, appendix 2.

"Person" means an individual, corporation, company, association, authority, firm, partnership, society, State, and local government, regardless of whether such entity is operated for profit or not for profit. This term excludes an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or other Indian organization with respect to expenditures specifically permitted by other Federal law.

"Recipient" includes all contractors, subcontractors at any tier, and subgrantees at any tier of the recipient of funds received in connection with a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. The term excludes an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or any other Indian organization with respect to expenditures specifically permitted by other Federal law.

"Regularly employed means, with respect to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, an officer or employee who is employed by such person for at least 130 working days within one year immediately preceding the date of the submission that initiates agency consideration of such person for receipt of such contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. An officer or employee who is employed by such person for less than 130 working days within one year immediately preceding the date of submission that initiates agency consideration of such person shall be considered to be regularly employed as soon as he or she is employed by such person for 130 working days.

"State" means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a territory or possession of the United States, an agency or instrumentality of a State, and a multi-State, regional, or interstate entity having governmental duties and powers.

(b) Prohibition.

- (i) Section 1352 of title 31, U.S.C. provides in part that no appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered Federal actions: the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(v) The prohibition does not apply as follows:

- (1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.
- (a) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in paragraph (i) of this section, does not apply in the case of a payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, if the payment is for agency and legislative activities not directly related to a covered Federal action.
- (b) For purposes of paragraph (b)(i)(1)(a) of this clause, providing any information specifically requested by an agency or Congress is permitted at any time.
- (c) The following agency and legislative liaison activities are permitted at any time only where they are not related to a specific solicitation for any covered Federal action:
- (1) Discussing with an agency (including individual demonstrations) the qualities and characteristics of the person's products or services, conditions or terms of sale, and service capabilities; and,
 - (2) Technical discussions and other activities regarding the application or adaptation of the person's products or services for an agency's use.
- (d) The following agency and legislative liaison activities are permitted where they are prior to formal solicitation of any covered Federal action:
- (1) Providing any information not specifically requested but necessary for an agency to make an informed decision about initiation of a covered Federal action;
 - (2) Technical discussions regarding the preparation of an unsolicited proposal prior to its official submission; and
 - (3) Capability presentations by persons seeking awards from an agency pursuant to the provisions of the Small Business Act, as amended by Public Law 95-507 and other subsequent amendments.
- (e) Only those activities expressly authorized by subdivision (b)(ii)(1)(a) of this clause are permitted under this clause.
- (2) Professional and technical services.
- (a) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in subparagraph (b)(i) of this clause, does not apply in the case of-
- (i) A payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action, if payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action.
 - (i) Any reasonable payment to a person, other than an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action if the payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action. Persons other than officers or employees of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action include consultants and trade associations.
- (b) For purposes of subdivision (b)(ii)(2)(a) of clause, "professional and technical services" shall be limited to advice and analysis directly applying any professional or technical discipline.
- (c) Requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving a covered Federal award include those required by law or regulation, or reasonably expected to be required by law or regulation, and any other requirements in the actual award documents.
- (d) Only those services expressly authorized by subdivisions (b)(ii)(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of this section are permitted under this clause.
- (iii) Selling activities by independent sales representatives.
- (c) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in subparagraph (b)(i) of this clause, does not apply to the following selling activities before an agency by independent sales representatives, provided such activities are prior to formal solicitation by an agency and are specifically limited to the merits of the matter:
- (i) Discussing with an agency (including individual demonstration) the qualities and characteristics of the person's products or services, conditions or terms of sale, and service capabilities; and
 - (ii) Technical discussions and other activities regarding the application or adaptation of the person's products or services for an agency's use.
- (d) Agreement. In accepting any contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or loan resulting from this solicitation, the person submitting the offer agrees not to make any payment prohibited by this clause.
- (e) Penalties. Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under paragraph (b) of this clause shall be subject to civil penalties as provided for by 31 U.S.C. 1352. An imposition of a civil penalty does not prevent the Government from seeking any other remedy that may be applicable.
- (f) Cost Allowability. Nothing in this clause is to be interpreted to make allowable or reasonable any costs which would be unallowable or unreasonable in accordance with Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), or OMB Circulars dealing with cost allowability for recipients of assistance agreements. Conversely, costs made specifically unallowable by the requirements in this clause will not be made allowable under any of the provisions of FAR Part 31 or the relevant OMB Circulars.

16. Equal Employment Opportunity

During the performance of this contract, the

Contractor/Seller agrees as follows:

(a) The [contractor/seller] will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or national origin. The

[contractor/seller] will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The [contractor/seller] agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(b) The [contractor/seller] will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the [contractor/seller], state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or national origin.

(c) The [contractor/seller] will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the [contractor/seller]'s legal duty to furnish information.

(d) The [contractor/seller] will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the [contractor/seller]'s commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(e) The [contractor/seller] will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(f) The [contractor/seller] will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(g) In the event of the [contractor/seller]'s non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the [contractor/seller] may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(g) In the event of the [contractor/seller]'s non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the [contractor/seller] may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(h) The [contractor/seller] will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each sub[contractor/seller] or vendor. The [contractor/seller] will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the [contractor/seller] becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the [contractor/seller] may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

17. Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities

1. The [contractor/seller] will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental disability in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The [contractor/seller] agrees to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals with disabilities, and to treat qualified individuals without discrimination on the basis of their physical or mental disability in all employment practices, including the following:

- i. Recruitment, advertising, and job application procedures;
- ii. Hiring, upgrading, promotion, award of tenure, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, right of return from layoff and rehiring;
- iii. Rates of pay or any other form of compensation and changes in compensation;
- iv. Job assignments, job classifications, organizational structures, position descriptions, lines of progression, and seniority lists;
- v. Leaves of absence, sick leave, or any other leave;
- vi. Fringe benefits available by virtue of employment, whether or not administered by the [contractor/seller];
- vii. Selection and financial support for training, including apprenticeship, professional meetings, conferences, and other related activities, and selection for leaves of absence to pursue training;
- viii. Activities sponsored by the [contractor/seller] including social or recreational programs; and
- ix. Any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.

2. The [contractor/seller] agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the act.

3. In the event of the [contractor/seller] noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the act.

4. The [contractor/seller] agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the rights of applicants and employees as well as the [contractor/seller]'s obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified employees and applicants with disabilities.

The [contractor/seller] must ensure that applicants or employees with disabilities are provided the notice in a form that is accessible and understandable to the individual applicant or employee (e.g., providing Brail or large print versions of the notice, or posting a copy of the notice at a lower height for easy viewing by a person using a wheelchair). With respect to employees who do not work at a physical location of the [contractor/seller], a [contractor/seller] will satisfy its posting obligations by posting such notices in an electronic format, provided that the [contractor/seller] provides computers, or access to computers, that can access the electronic posting to such employees, or the [contractor/seller] has actual knowledge that such employees otherwise are able to access the electronically posted notices. Electronic notices for employees must be posted in a conspicuous location and format on the company's intranet or sent by electronic mail to employees. An electronic posting must be used by the [contractor/seller] to notify job applicants of their rights if the [contractor/seller] utilizes an electronic application process. Such electronic applicant notice must be conspicuously stored with, or as part of, the electronic application.

5. The [contractor/seller] will notify each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the [contractor/seller] is bound by the terms of section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment, and shall not discriminate against, individuals with physical or mental disabilities.

6. The [contractor/seller] will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of \$ 10,000, unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to section 503 of the act, as amended, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

7. The [contractor/seller] must, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the [contractor/seller], state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against on the basis of disability.

18. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information

No information or material shall be disseminated or disclosed to the general public, the news media, or any person or organization without prior express written approval by the HA.

19. Contractor's Status

It is understood that the Contractor is an independent contractor and is not to be considered an employee of the HA, or assume any right, privilege or duties of an employee, and shall save harmless the HA and its employees from claims suits, actions and costs of every description resulting from the Contractor's activities on behalf of the HA in connection with this Agreement.

20. Other Contractors

HA may undertake or award other contracts for additional work at or near the site(s) of the work under this contract. The contractor shall fully cooperate with the other contractors and with HA and HUD employees and shall carefully adapt scheduling and performing the work under this contract to accommodate the additional work, heeding any direction that may be provided by the Contracting Officer. The contractor shall not commit or permit any act that will interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor or HA employee.

21. Liens

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

22. Training and Employment Opportunities for Residents in the Project Area (Section 3, HUD Act of 1968; 24 CFR 135)

- (a) The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
- (b) The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 75, 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 75 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 prioritization requirements, and shall state the minimum percentages of labor hour requirements established in the Benchmark Notice (FR-6085-N-04)..
- (d) The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 75, 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 75. 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 75.
- (e) Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 75 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts
- (f) Contracts, subcontracts, grants, or subgrants subject to Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5307(b)) or subject to tribal preference requirements as authorized under 101(k) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 4111(k)) must provide preferences in employment, training, and business opportunities to Indians and Indian organizations, and are therefore not subject to the requirements of 24 CFR Part 75.

23. Procurement of Recovered Materials

- (a) In accordance with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Contractor shall procure items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered

materials practicable consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition. The Contractor shall procure items designated in the EPA guidelines that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable unless the Contractor determines that such items: (1) are not reasonably available in a reasonable period of time; (2) fail to meet reasonable performance standards, which shall be determined on the basis of the guidelines of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, if applicable to the item; or (3) are only available at an unreasonable price.

- (b) Paragraph (a) of this clause shall apply to items purchased under this contract where: (1) the Contractor purchases in excess of \$10,000 of the item under this contract; or (2) during the preceding Federal fiscal year, the Contractor: (i) purchased any amount of the items for use under a contract that was funded with Federal appropriations and was with a Federal agency or a State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State; and (ii) purchased a total of in excess of \$10,000 of the item both under and outside that contract