



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

ANNUAL AUDITING SERVICES

RFP No. 26-905-10

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Procurement and Contracts Department
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AGENCY CONTACT PERSON	Trudy Jackson, Contract Administrator Telephone: (504) 670-3445 E-mail: tjackson@hano.org
HOW TO OBTAIN THE RFP DOCUMENTS ON HANO'S WEBSITE	1. Access www.hano.org. 2. Click on the "Business" tab on the blue taskbar. 3. Click on "Active Solicitations" and go to the specific solicitation. 4. If you have any problems accessing the RFP documents, please contact Procurement at. tjackson@hano.org
PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE	NONE
QUESTION SUBMITTAL DEADLINE	Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 2:00pm CST
HOW TO FULLY RESPOND TO THIS RFP BY SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL	1. As directed within Section 3.2.1 of the RFP document, submit proposed pricing, where provided for, within the RFP. 2. As instructed within Section 3.0 of the RFP document, submit four (4) copies of your "hard copy" proposal (one (1) original clearly marked or stamped "original" and three (3) copies of the required submittals) to HANO's Procurement and Contracts Department (physical address below) or an electronic submission of one (1) technical proposal (each tabbed section <u>must</u> be marked by a cover sheet) and one (1) cost proposal to HANO's e-portal (Proposal Submission Form), as further specified herein
PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL RETURN AND DEADLINE	*MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026, 2:00 PM CT Housing Authority of New Orleans Procurement and Contracts Department Trudy Jackson, Contract Administrator 1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1800 New Orleans, LA 70112

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- 1.0 THE AGENCY'S RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.** The Agency reserves the right to:
- 1.1 Right to Reject, Waive, or Terminate the RFP.** Reject any or all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFP process, or to terminate the RFP process at any time, if deemed by the Agency to be in its best interests.
 - 1.2 Right to Not Award.** Not to award a contract pursuant to this RFP.
 - 1.3 Right to Terminate.** Terminate a contract awarded pursuant to this RFP, at any time for its convenience upon ten (10) days written notice to the successful proposer(s).
 - 1.4 Right to Determine Time and Location.** Determine the days, hours, and locations that the successful proposer(s) shall provide the services called for in this RFP.
 - 1.5 Right to Retain Proposals.** Retain all proposals submitted and not permit withdrawal for a period of 60 days subsequent to the deadline for receiving proposals without the written consent of HANO's Contracting Officer (CO).
 - 1.6 Right to Negotiate.** Negotiate the fees proposed by the proposer entity.
 - 1.7 Right to Reject Any Proposal.** Reject and not consider any proposal that does not meet the requirements of this RFP, including but not necessarily limited to incomplete proposals and/or proposals offering alternate or non-requested services.
 - 1.8 No Obligation to Compensate.** Have no obligation to compensate any proposer for any costs incurred in responding to this RFP.
 - 1.9 Right to Prohibit.** At any time during the RFP or contract process to prohibit any further participation by a proposer or reject any proposal submitted that does not conform to any of the requirements detailed herein.
 - 1.10 Right to Reject - Obtaining Competitive Solicitation Documents.** HANO's website and Procurement Staff are the only official and appropriate means to obtain the RFP documents (and any other information pertaining to this RFP such as addenda). Accordingly, by submitting a response to this RFP the respondent thereby affirms that he/she obtained all information on the website.
- 2.0 BACKGROUND.** The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) is requesting sealed proposals for annual auditing and tax preparation services from qualified and experienced auditors/firms licensed to practice auditing in the State of Louisiana, who have a demonstrated track record in providing tax credit accounting services and successfully conducting annual audits for public housing authorities. HANO has a fiscal year end of September 30th and the tax credit limited liability partnerships have a calendar year end. As a part of this engagement, the successful Contractor shall provide accounting services, tax return preparation for each of HANO's tax-credit limited liability partnerships and conduct the annual audit of HANO, as required by the Single Audit Act and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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HANO is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified firms with a documented track record in providing the required services for large public housing authorities or similarly sized state agencies, through a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The proposal shall demonstrate the Contractor's capacity and readiness to perform the Scope of Services immediately upon execution of a contract with HANO. In addition, the proposal shall include evidence of the Contractor's previous experience and qualifications relative to the provision of such services is consistent in size, composition, diverse funding sources at a comparable level to HANO.

HANO is a public corporate body and politic established in 1936, pursuant to the laws of the State of Louisiana to provide low income housing for qualified individuals in the City of New Orleans in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by HUD and other Federal Agencies. HANO administers approximately 2,100 units of low income public housing and approximately 18,000 Vouchers of Section 8 Tenant and Project based housing for the residents of the City of New Orleans. HANO's mission is to "provide safe, decent, sanitary and affordable housing to low income, elderly and handicapped families and individuals."

In addition, HANO participates in various capacities, as owner, partner, and developer in a number of limited liability corporations (LLC's) and partnerships that develop mixed income housing through a variety of funding that includes capital contributions, bond financing, and low income housing tax credits. The financial condition and results of operations of these entities are material to the audit of HANO and, as a result, the selected firm will also be responsible for their audits.

The State of Louisiana requires that all Louisiana Housing Authorities produce reports in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP) (LSA-RS. 24:514), contained in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards. HANO reports its financial activities on a fiscal year basis ending each September 30th. Normally, its financial statements must be submitted to the State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor no later than March 31st and the audited financial statements must be completed and submitted to HUD by June 30th of each year.

2.1 SCOPE OF WORK

See Appendix A for Scope of Work

3.0 PROPOSAL FORMAT.

- 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 4.0, consider factors other than just 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.

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(1) RFP Section	(2) Tab No.	(3) Description
3.1.1	1	Form of Proposal. This Form is attached hereto as Attachment A to this RFP document. 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 (8/93), <i>Certifications and Representations of Offerors, Non-Construction Contract.</i> This Form is attached hereto as Attachment B to this RFP document. This form must be fully completed, executed where provided thereon and submitted under this tab as a part of the proposal submittal.
3.1.3	3	Profile of Firm Form. The Profile of Firm Form is attached hereto as Attachment C to this RFP document. 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. As more fully detailed within Section 2.0, <i>Scope of Work/Technical Specifications</i> , of this document, the proposer shall, at a minimum, clearly detail within the information submitted under this tab documentation showing the following (3.1.4.1 – 3.1.4.4)
3.1.4.1		As detailed within Section 4.1, Evaluation Factor No. 1, herein the proposer's STAFFING AND QUALIFICATIONS Contractor s shall provide a narrative describing their experience and qualifications as well as to perform the required services. Include an organizational chart that illustrates Contractor's overall staffing approach for completing the required work. Include in the chart all key personnel, specialists and consultants who will be assigned work under this contract. Provide resumes of all key personnel, specialists, and consultants who will perform the work required by the contract resulting from this RFP. Identify their specific role in the provision of services required. Resumes should include the particular relevant experience of the individual as it relates to their proposed role in the project, in addition to the education, career and achievement data typically included in a resume. Include evidence of CPA certifications/licenses and other related professional designations of assigned personnel. Contractor s are required to be registered with the State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor and on the list of approved Certified Public Accountants. Identify all individuals who will be devoted to the project on a full time basis or part time basis (up to 50% of time allocated to project). Include those who will be full time only for specific components of the project, as well as those filling a continuing position throughout the project. Provide detailed resumes for each, highlighting the particular experience that qualifies them for the position they will fill.

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3.1.4.2

As detailed within Section 4.1, Evaluation Factor No. 2, herein the proposer's **KNOWLEDGE AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE** Submit detailed information on Contractor's knowledge and relevant experience in conducting annual/financial audits for large public housing authorities (PHAs). Include the number of PHAs audited, the PIH/REAC rejection rate of the audits, and the total time spent on fieldwork on each PHA audit. Provide information on any Quality Assurance Review (QAR) conducted by the PIH/REAC QASS division and provide a copy of that review. The Contractor must not have received an unfavorable peer review or unfavorable QAR review from the PIH/REAC QASS division or have an outstanding review which involves issues of non-compliance that have not been resolved satisfactorily. Highlight any experience with the electronic submission of Financial Data Schedules required for the REAC and any experience with the full implementation of GASB 34.

Submit detailed information regarding your firm's past performance on projects that are most relevant to or best represent the skills and experience intended to bring to this engagement. Also demonstrate your familiarity with all the federal, state, and local laws, regulations and codes applicable to the provision of services.

Identify similar or related work performed for public housing authorities that have been completed to date, or are currently active. Include projects completed or currently underway by the responding entity and/or each major participant in the proposal.

For each project identified provide:

- Project description
- The client/public housing authority
- The name, address and contact information for the contract representative
- The dollar value of the contract
- The contract duration including start and completion date, or projected completion date if still active

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3.1.4.3		As detailed within Section 4.1, Evaluation Factor No. 3, herein, the proposer's APPROACH AND RESPONSE TO SCOPE OF SERVICES Provide a detailed narrative that demonstrates the approach intended for use by the Contractor to perform the audit services as outlined in the RFP. The approach shall identify and categorize major tasks to be performed and should include all anticipated work products, which will be presented to HANO upon completion of this engagement. The approach outlined should address how services will be immediately provided upon execution of a contract and should state the earliest possible start date of the initial audit from execution of a contract. Specifically, the response should address how the Contractor intends to meet the audit deadlines for both HUD and the Louisiana State Legislative Auditor. Detail the methodology and approach to be employed to ensure successful completion of all elements of the audit. Demonstrate how the approach will meet the requirements outlined in the RFP and provide evidence of all applicable state and local regulations and codes. Include proposed processes for ensuring effective coordination, as well as procedures for reporting and disseminating information. Also, briefly describe possible constraints that may arise during the performance of the audit and outline proposed solutions.
3.1.4.4		COST PROPOSAL The proposed fees for services shall be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope using Attachment H. Do not refer to any fees or costs within the sealed tabbed "hard copy" proposal submittal detailed within the preceding Section 3.0 herein. (See further instructions for cost proposal in Section 3.2 herein.)
3.1.5	5	Acknowledgement of Addenda. Please check HANO's website under "Business" and "Active Solicitations" to confirm that you have read and acknowledged in writing all addenda issued and submit your acknowledgment of each addendum on Attachment G.
3.1.6	6	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 compliance, to the greatest extent feasible, with the regulations detailed within the following Section 3.6 herein pertaining to supplier diversity (i.e., small, minority-, and women-owned businesses).
3.1.7	7	Certification of Contractor Non-Exclusion Attachment I
3.1.8	8	Subcontractor/Joint Venture Information. The proposer shall identify hereunder whether or not 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 this does not apply, mark N/A)

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3.1.9	9	Section 3 Business Preference Documentation. The proposer shall identify hereunder whether or not he/she intends to claim a Section 3 Business Concern. Attachment D
3.1.10	10	Vendor Registration Form Attachment J
3.1.11	11	Corporate Resolution Form Attachment K
3.1.12	* Optional Tabs. If no information is to be placed under any of the above noted tabs (especially the "Optional" tabs), please place a statement such as "NO INFORMATION IS BEING PLACED UNDER THIS TAB" or "THIS TAB LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK." <u>DO NOT</u> eliminate any of the tabs.	
3.1.13	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., "spiral-type" etc.) or remove the pages from the cover (i.e., 3-ring binder; etc.) to make copies, then conveniently return the proposal submittal to its original condition.	

3.2 Entry of Proposed Fees.

3.2.1 The proposed fees shall be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope using Attachment H. Do not refer to any fees or costs within the sealed tab "hard copy" proposal submittal detailed within the preceding Section 3.0 herein.

3.2.2 **Pricing Items.** Unless otherwise stated herein, the proposed fees are all-inclusive of all related costs that the successful proposer will incur to provide the noted services, including, but not limited to: employee wages and benefits; clerical support; overhead; profit; licensing; insurance; materials; supplies; tools; equipment; long distance telephone calls; document copying not specifically agreed to by the Agency; etc. Travel expenses, if needed, will be subject to HANO's written approval and shall be reimbursed in accordance with the current U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule of Rates. Refer to www.gsa.gov.

For the purpose of evaluation and subsequent negotiations, if required, the fee for each employment and verification transaction be broken down as provided in Attachment H "Entry of Proposed Fees" herein.

3.3 Additional Information pertaining to the preceding listed Pricing Items.

3.3.1 **Quantities.** The Agency does not guarantee any minimum or maximum amount of work as a result of any award ensuing from this RFP, as the ensuing contract will be a Requirements Contract, in that the Agency shall retain one contractor only and shall retain the right to order from that contractor (successful proposer), on a task order basis, any amount of services the Agency requires.

3.3.2 **Price Escalation.** Pertaining to the ensuing contract, there shall be **no**

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escalation of the proposed labor costs allowed at any time during the awarded contract.

3.3.3 Prior Approval Required. Please note that the successful proposer shall NOT conduct any additional work without the prior written authorization of the Agency representative (which will occur, at the Agency's discretion, via delivery of a Task Order, which may take the form of an e-mail). Failure to abide by this directive shall release the Agency of any obligation to pay the successful proposer for any work conducted without the noted prior written authorization.

3.3.4 No Deposit/No Retainer. The Agency will NOT pay any retainer fees as a result of award of the ensuing contract. This means that the Agency will pay the successful proposer for actual work performed only.

3.4 Proposal Submission. All pricing must be submitted in a separate, sealed enclosure and all proposals must be submitted and time-stamped received in the designated Agency office by no later than the submittal deadline stated herein (or within any ensuing addendum). A total of one (1) flash drive along with one (1) original signature copy (marked "ORIGINAL") and three (3) copies (each of the three (3) separate proposal submittals shall have a cover and extending tabs) of the "hard copy" proposal submittal, shall be placed in a sealed package and addressed to:

**Housing Authority of New Orleans
Procurement and Contracts Department
Attn: Trudy Jackson, Contract Administrator
1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1800
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112**

3.4.1 Exterior of Submittal Package. The package exterior must clearly denote the above noted RFP number and must have the proposer's name and return address. Proposals received after the published deadline will not be accepted.

3.4.2 Submission Conditions. DO NOT FOLD OR MAKE ANY ADDITIONAL MARKS, NOTATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS ON THE DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED! Proposers are not allowed to change any requirements or forms contained herein, either by making or entering onto these documents or the documents submitted any revisions or additions; and if any such additional marks, notations or requirements are entered on any of the documents that are submitted to the Agency by the proposer, such may invalidate that proposal. If, after accepting such a proposal, the Agency decides that any such entry has not changed the intent of the proposal that the Agency intended to receive, the Agency may accept the proposal and the proposal shall be considered by the Agency as if those additional marks, notations or requirements were not entered on such. By accessing and downloading these documents, each prospective proposer that does so is thereby agreeing to confirm all notices that the Agency delivers to him/her

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as instructed, and by submitting a proposal, the proposer is thereby agreeing to abide by all terms and conditions published herein and by addendum pertaining to this RFP.

3.4.3 Submission Responsibilities. It shall be the responsibility of each proposer to be aware of and to abide by all dates, times, conditions, requirements and specifications set forth within all applicable documents issued by the Agency, including the RFP document, the documents listed within the following Section 3.8 herein, and any addenda and required attachments submitted by the proposer. By virtue of completing, signing, and submitting the completed documents, the proposer is stating his/her agreement to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth within those documents. Written notice from the proposer not authorized in writing from HANO to exclude any of the Agency requirements contained within the documents may cause that proposer to not be considered for award.

3.5 Proposer's Responsibilities – Contact with the Agency. It is the responsibility of the proposer to address all communication and correspondence pertaining to this RFP process to the Procurement staff only. Proposers must not make inquiry or communicate with any other Agency staff member or official (including members of the Board of Commissioners) pertaining to this RFP. Failure to abide by this requirement may be cause for the Agency to not consider a proposal submittal received from any proposer who may not have abided by this directive.

3.5.1 Addenda. All questions and requests for information must be addressed in writing to **Trudy Jackson, Contracts Administrator** at tjackson@hano.org. Procurement will respond to all such inquiries in writing by addendum to all prospective proposers (i.e., firms or individuals that have obtained the RFP Documents). Proposers must provide written acknowledgement of addenda with their submissions.

3.6 Proposer's Responsibilities – Equal Employment Opportunity and Supplier Diversity. Both the Contractor and the Agency have, pursuant to HUD regulation, certain responsibilities pertaining to the hiring and retention of personnel and subcontractors.

3.6.1 Within 2 CFR §200.321 it states:

3.6.1.1 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.

3.6.1.2 (a) The Non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

3.6.1.3 (2) Affirmative steps must include:

3.6.1.3.1 (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses

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and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

3.6.1.3.2 (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

3.6.1.3.3 (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;

3.6.1.3.4 (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;

3.6.1.3.5 (5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and

3.6.1.3.6 (6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

3.6.2 Within HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2 it states:

3.6.2.1 Section 15.5.A, Required Efforts. Consistent with Presidential Orders 11625, 12138, and 12432, the <Agency> shall make every effort to ensure that small businesses, MBEs, WBEs, and labor surplus area businesses participate in <Agency> contracting.

3.6.2.2 Section 15.5.B, Goals. <The Agency> is encouraged to establish goals by which they can measure the effectiveness of their efforts in implementing programs in support of . . . contracting with disadvantaged firms. It is important to ensure that the means used to establish these goals do not have the effect of limiting competition and should not be used as mandatory set-aside or quota, except as may otherwise be expressly authorized in regulation or statute. Some localities have adopted minority contracting set-aside policies or geographic limitations, which may be in conflict with Federal requirements for full and open competition.

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3.6.3 Within HANO's Procurement Policy it states that our Agency will:

3.6.3.1 Assistance to Small and Other Business, Required Efforts:

- 3.6.3.1.1** Including such firms, when qualified, on solicitation mailing lists;
- 3.6.3.1.2** Encouraging their participation through direct solicitation of proposals or proposals whenever they are potential sources;
- 3.6.3.1.3** Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by such firms;
- 3.6.3.1.4** Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by such firms;
- 3.6.3.1.5** Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration, and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and,
- 3.6.3.1.6** Requiring prime contractors, when subcontracting is anticipated, to take the positive steps listed above.

3.6.4 Requirements. Accordingly, please see Section 3.1 within Table No. 3 herein which details the information pertaining to this issue that the proposer must submit in response to this proposal showing compliance, to the greatest extent feasible, with these regulations.

3.7 Pre-proposal Conference. There will be no pre-submittal conference for this project

3.8 Recap of Attachments. It is the responsibility of each proposer to verify that he/she has received the following attachments pertaining to this RFP, which are included as a part of this RFP:

[Table No. 5]

(1) RFP Section	(2) Document No.	(3) Attachment	(4) Description
3.8.1	1.0		This RFP Document
3.8.2	2.0		"No-Bid" Response Form
3.8.3	3.0	A	Form of Proposal (Required)

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3.8.4	4.0	B	Form HUD-5369-C (8/93), <i>Certifications and Representations of Offerors, Non-Construction Contract (Required)</i>
3.8.5	8.0	C	Profile of Firm Form (Required)
3.8.6	9.0	D	Section 3 Business Preference Form
3.8.7	10.0	E	Form HUD-5369-B (8/93), <i>Instructions to Offerors, Non-Construction</i>
3.8.8	11.0	F	<i>Supplemental Conditions for Proposers & Contractors (SIPC)</i>
3.8.9	12.0	G	Acknowledgement of Addenda (Required)
3.8.10	13.0	H	Entry of Proposed Fees (Required)
3.8.11	14.0	I	Certification of Contractor Non-Exclusion (Required)
3.8.12	15.0	J	Vendor Registration Form
3.8.13	16.0	K	Corporate Resolution Form (Required)
3.8.14	17.0	L	HUD-5370-C Section I
3.8.15	18.0	M	Non-Collusive Affidavit (Required)

4.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION.

- 4.1 Evaluation Factors.** The following factors will be utilized by the Agency to evaluate each proposal submittal received; award of points for each listed factor will be based upon the documentation that the proposer submits within his/her proposal submittal and on-line (specifically, the pricing submitted on-line):

[Table No. 6]

(1) Factor No.	(2) Max Point Value	(3) Factor Type	(4) Factor Description	(5) Also, Reference RFP Sections Herein
1	30 points	Subjective (Technical)	As detailed within Section 4.1, Evaluation Factor No. 1, herein the proposer's STAFFING AND QUALIFICATIONS Contractor s shall provide a narrative describing their experience and qualifications as well as to perform the required services. Include an organizational chart that illustrates Contractor's overall staffing approach for completing the required work. Include in the chart all key personnel, specialists and consultants who will be assigned work under this contract. Provide resumes of all key personnel, specialists, and consultants who will perform the work required by the contract resulting from this RFP. Identify their specific role in the provision of	3.1.4.1

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			services required. Resumes should include the particular relevant experience of the individual as it relates to their proposed role in the project, in addition to the education, career and achievement data typically included in a resume. Include evidence of CPA certifications/licenses and other related professional designations of assigned personnel. Contractor s are required to be registered with the State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor and on the list of approved Certified Public Accountants. Identify all individuals who will be devoted to the project on a full time basis or part time basis (up to 50% of time allocated to project). Include those who will be full time only for specific components of the project, as well as those filling a continuing position throughout the project. Provide detailed resumes for each, highlighting the particular experience that qualifies them for the position they will fill.	
2	30 Points	Subjective (Technical)	As detailed within Section 4.1, Evaluation Factor No. 2, herein the proposer's KNOWLEDGE AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE Submit detailed information on Contractor's knowledge and relevant experience in conducting annual/financial audits for large public housing authorities (PHAs). Include the number of PHAs audited, the PIH/REAC rejection rate of the audits, and the total time spent on fieldwork on each PHA audit. Provide information on any Quality Assurance Review (QAR) conducted by the PIH/REAC QASS division and provide a copy of that review. The Contractor must not have received an unfavorable peer review or unfavorable QAR review from the PIH/REAC QASS division or have an outstanding review which involves issues of non-compliance that have not been resolved satisfactorily. Highlight any experience with the electronic submission of Financial Data Schedules required for the REAC and any experience with the full implementation of GASB 34. Submit detailed information regarding your firm's past performance on projects that are most relevant to or best represent the skills and experience intended to bring to this engagement.	3.1.4.2

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			Also demonstrate your familiarity with all the federal, state, and local laws, regulations and codes applicable to the provision of services. Identify similar or related work performed for public housing authorities that have been completed to date, or are currently active. Include projects completed or currently underway by the responding entity and/or each major participant in the proposal. For each project identified provide: • Project description • The client/public housing authority • The name, address and contact information for the contract representative • The dollar value of the contract • The contract duration including start and completion date, or projected completion date if still active	
3	30 points	Subjective (Technical)	As detailed within Section 4.1, Evaluation Factor No. 3, herein, the proposer's APPROACH AND RESPONSE TO SCOPE OF SERVICES Provide a detailed narrative that demonstrates the approach intended for use by the Contractor to perform the audit services as outlined in the RFP. The approach shall identify and categorize major tasks to be performed and should include all anticipated work products, which will be presented to HANO upon completion of this engagement. The approach outlined should address how services will be immediately provided upon execution of a contract and should state the earliest possible start date of the initial audit from execution of a contract. Specifically, the response should address how the Contractor intends to meet the audit deadlines for both HUD and the Louisiana State Legislative Auditor. Detail the methodology and approach to be employed to ensure successful completion of all elements of the audit. Demonstrate how the approach will meet the requirements outlined in the RFP and provide evidence of all applicable state and local regulations and codes. Include proposed processes for ensuring effective	3.1.4.3

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			coordination, as well as procedures for reporting and disseminating information. Also, briefly describe possible constraints that may arise during the performance of the audit and outline proposed solutions.	
4	10 points	Objective (Technical)	The PROPOSED COSTS submitted by the proposer according to Section 3.2. and Attachment H Complete the fee proposal form(s) provided in (ATTACHMENT H) . Respondent shall submit a fee proposal detailing respondent's proposed compensation structure including fee and payment schedule. Also, specify any additional fees which may be anticipated as a result of services provided by the selected firm or its affiliates.	3.1.4.4
	100 points		Total Possible Points	
*NOTE: Points will be awarded for each Subjective Factor by each of the appointed evaluation committee members based on his/her opinion after a thorough review of the information submitted by each proposer within his/her proposal.				

4.2 Evaluation Method

4.2.1 Initial Evaluation for Responsiveness. Each proposal received will first be

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evaluated for responsiveness (i.e., meets the minimum of the requirements).

4.2.2 Evaluation Packet. An evaluation packet will be prepared for each evaluator, including the following documents:

4.2.2.1 Instructions to Evaluators;

4.2.2.2 Proposal Tabulation Form;

4.2.2.3 Written Narrative Form for each proposer;

4.2.2.4 Recap of each proposer's responsiveness;

4.2.2.5 Copy of all pertinent RFP documents.

4.2.3 Evaluation Committee. The Agency anticipates that it will select a minimum of a three-person committee to evaluate each of the responsive "hard copy" and electronic proposals submitted in response to this RFP. PLEASE NOTE: No proposer shall be informed at any time during or after the RFP process as to the identity of any evaluation committee member. If, by chance, a proposer does become aware of the identity of such person(s), he/she SHALL NOT make any attempt to contact or discuss with such person anything related to this RFP. As detailed within Section 3.5 of this document, the designated Procurement contract is the only person at the Agency that the proposers shall contact pertaining to this RFP. Failure to abide by this requirement may (and most likely will) cause such proposer(s) to be eliminated from consideration for award.

4.2.4 Evaluation. The Procurement staff will evaluate and award points pertaining to Evaluation Factor No. four (4) (the "Objective" Factors). The appointed evaluation committee, independent of Procurement, shall evaluate the responsive proposals submitted and award points pertaining to Evaluation Factors Nos. 1, 2, and 3 (the "Subjective" Factors). Upon final completion of the proposal evaluation process, the evaluation committee will forward the completed evaluations to Procurement.

4.2.4.1 Points Awarded Range. Pertaining to the Subjective Factors, please note the following range of points awarded (points pertaining to this RFP are shaded – please also see the Evaluation Factors detailed within the preceding Section 4.1):

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[Table No. 7]

Points Awarded Range						
Classification*	Rating	%	10	20	30	100**
Acceptable	Excellent	95%/+	10	19-20	29-30	95-100
Acceptable	Very Good	90%/+	9	18	27-28	90-94
Potentially Acceptable	Good	80%/+	8	16-17	24-26	80-89
Potentially Acceptable	Average	70%/+	7	14-15	21-23	70-79
Unacceptable	Poor	<70%	0-6	0-13	0-20	0-69
*Pursuant to Section 7.2.N.3 of HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2.						
**Total available points to be awarded, including cost points, minus preference points.						

4.2.5 Potential "Competitive Range" or "Best and Finals" Negotiations. The Agency reserves the right to, as detailed within Section 7.2.N through Section 7.2.R of HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2, conduct a "Best and Finals" Negotiation, which may include oral interviews, with all firms deemed to be in the competitive range.

4.2.6 Determination of Top-ranked Proposer. Typically, the subjective points awarded by the evaluation committee will be combined with the objective points awarded by Procurement to determine the final rankings, which is typically forwarded by the Executive Director for approval. If the evaluation was performed to the satisfaction of the Executive Director, the final rankings may be forwarded to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (BOC) at a scheduled meeting for approval. Contract negotiations may, at the Agency's option, be conducted prior to or after the BOC approval.

4.2.6.1 Minimum Evaluation Results. To be considered to receive an award a proposer must receive a total calculated average of at least 70 points (of the 100 total possible points detailed within Section 4.1 herein).

4.2.6.2 Ties. In the case of a tie in points awarded, the award shall be decided as detailed within Section 6.12.C of HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2, by "drawing lots or other random means of selection."

4.2.7 Notice of Results of Evaluation. If an award is completed, all proposers will receive by e-mail a Notice of Results of Evaluation. Such notice shall inform all proposers of:

4.2.7.1 Which proposer received the award;

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4.2.7.2 Where each proposer placed in the process as a result of the evaluation of the proposals received;

4.2.7.3 Each proposer's right to a debriefing and to protest.

4.2.8 **Restrictions.** All persons having familial (including in-laws) and/or employment relationships (past or current) with principals and/or employees of a proposer entity will be excluded from participation on the Agency evaluation committee. Similarly, all persons having ownership interest in and/or contract with a proposer entity will be excluded from participation on the Agency evaluation committee.

5.0 CONTRACT AWARD.

5.1 **Contract Award Procedure.** If a contract is awarded pursuant to this RFP, the following detailed procedures will be followed:

5.1.1 By completing, executing and submitting a proposal, the "proposer is thereby agreeing to abide by all terms and conditions pertaining to this RFP as issued by the Agency," including the conditions listed in 5.2 herein contract clauses attached hereto as Attachments and L, and any other mandatory federal or state requirement pursuant to the funding source which may be used to fund this contract Accordingly, the Agency has no responsibility to conduct after the submittal deadline any negotiations pertaining to the contract clauses already published.

5.2 **Contract Conditions.** The following provisions are considered mandatory conditions of any contract award made by HANO pursuant to this RFP:

5.2.1 **Contract Form.** The Agency will not execute a contract on the Contractor's form—contracts will only be executed on the Agency form and by submitting a proposal the Contractor agrees to do so (please note that HANO reserves the right to amend this form as the Agency deems necessary). However, the Agency will during the RFP process (prior to the posted question deadline) consider any contract clauses that the proposer wishes to include therein and submits in writing a request for the Agency to do so; but the failure of the Agency to include such clauses does not give the Contractor the right to refuse to execute the Agency's contract form. It is the responsibility of each prospective proposer to notify the Agency, in writing, prior to submitting a proposal, of any contract clause that he/she is not willing to include in the final executed contract and abide by. The Agency will consider and respond to such written correspondence, and if the prospective proposer is not willing to abide by the Agency's response (decision), then that prospective proposer shall be deemed ineligible to submit a proposal.

5.2.1.1 **Mandatory HUD Forms.** Please note that HANO has no legal
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right or ability to (and will not) at any time negotiate any clauses contained within ANY of the HUD forms included as a part of this RFP.

5.2.1.2 E-Verify Affidavit. The Contractor must certify compliance with Louisiana's E-Verify requirements, in that the Contractor is registered, uses, and will continue to use the E-Verify, Federal Work Authorization Program throughout the contract period. This Form must be fully completed and executed where provided thereon by the successful proposer and will be a part of the ensuing contract (NOTE: It is NOT necessary to complete and submit this form as a part of the proposal submittal—only the awarded proposer(s) will be required to do so as a part of the contract execution).

5.2.2 Assignment of Personnel. HANO shall retain the right to demand and receive a change in personnel assigned to the work if HANO believes that such change is in the best interest of HANO and the completion of the contracted work.

5.2.3 Unauthorized Sub-contracting Prohibited. The Contractor shall not assign any right, nor delegate any duty for the work proposed pursuant to this RFP (including, but not limited to, selling or transferring the contract) without the prior written consent of HANO. Any purported assignment of interest or delegation of duty, without the prior written consent of HANO shall be void and may result in the cancellation of the contract with the Agency, or may result in the full or partial forfeiture of funds paid to the Contractor as a result of the proposed contract; either as determined by HANO.

5.3 Contract Period. The Agency anticipates that the initial contract period will be for two (2) years consisting of the fiscal and calendar year reporting requirements of September 30, and December 31, 2026, and 2027. There is an additional two (2) year renewal option for the required services for 2028 and 2029, and an additional one-year option period for fiscal and calendar year reporting requirements for calendar year 2030

5.4 Licensing and Insurance Requirements. Prior to award (but not as a part of the proposal submission) the *Contractor* will be required to provide:

5.4.1 Workers Compensation Insurance. An original certificate evidencing the proposer's current industrial (worker's compensation) insurance carrier and coverage amount not less than \$100,000.00 (NOTE: Workers Compensation Insurance will be required of any Contractor that has employees other than just the owner working on-site to provide the services);

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- 5.4.2 General Liability Insurance.** An original certificate evidencing General Liability coverage, naming HANO as an additional insured, together with the appropriate endorsement to said policy reflecting the addition of HANO as an additional insured under said policy (minimum of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, general aggregate minimum limit of \$1,000,000, together with damage to premises and fire damage of \$50,000 and medical expenses any one person of \$5,000), with a commercially reasonable deductible (i.e., "commercially reasonable," meaning at least 1% of the "general aggregate minimum" of the policy, with a maximum deductible amount of \$50,000);
- 5.4.3 Professional Liability Insurance (and/or Errors & Omissions).** An original certificate showing the proposer's professional liability and/or "errors and omissions" coverage (minimum of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, general aggregate minimum limit of \$1,000,000), with a commercially reasonable deductible (i.e., "commercially reasonable," meaning at least 1% of the "general aggregate minimum" of the policy, with a maximum deductible amount of \$50,000);
- 5.4.4 Automobile Insurance.** An original certificate showing the proposer's automobile insurance coverage in a combined single limit of \$500,000. For every vehicle utilized during the term of this program, when not owned by the entity, each vehicle must have evidence of automobile insurance coverage with limits of no less than \$100,000/\$300,000 and medical pay of \$5,000.
- 5.4.5 City/County/State Business License.** If applicable, a copy of the proposer's business license allowing that entity to provide such services within the City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, and/or the State of Louisiana.
- 5.4.6 Certificates/Profile of Firm Form.** Pertaining to the aforementioned (within Sections 5.4.1 through 5.4.5) insurance certificates and licenses, each proposer is required to enter related information where provided for on the Profile of Firm Form (do not attach or submit copies of the insurance certificates or licenses within the proposal submittal—we will garner the necessary documents from the successful proposer prior to contract execution).
- 5.5 Contract Service Standards.** All work performed pursuant to this RFP must conform and comply with all relevant local, state and federal regulations and all relevant HANO policies, including but not limited to: "Procurement policy, Employment, Training, and Contract (ETC) policy, etc.
- 5.6 Prompt Return of Contract Documents.** Any and all documents required to complete the contract, including contract signature by the successful proposers, shall be provided to the Agency within ten (10) workdays of notification by the Agency.

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"NO BID" RESPONSE FORM

If you do not wish to bid/submit a proposal on this solicitation, please provide written notification of your decision. Your responses assist with planning future solicitations. Please indicate below in the appropriate area the reason(s) for your decision and return this page. Responses do not prohibit you from receiving future opportunities unless you request to be removed from future communications. This form may be returned to the address listed below, emailed to tjackson@hano.org

Check all that apply:

- ☐ I am submitting a "No Bid" at this time.

Please keep my name on the Agency's Bidder's List.

- ☐ Too busy at this time
- ☐ Job too small
- ☐ Job too large
- ☐ Territory too large to cover
- ☐ Cannot meet delivery requirements
- ☐ I cannot meet the Terms and Conditions of the solicitation because:
- ☐ I do not provide products/services of this nature.
- ☐ Insufficient time to respond to solicitation
- ☐ Unable to meet bond/insurance requirements
- ☐ Specifications too restrictive. Please explain:

- ☐ Specifications unclear. Please explain:

- ☐ Other: _____

- ☐ Please remove my name from this product/service category. I wish to submit a revised Vendor Registration Form. You may receive a copy by email by contacting Procurement at procurement@hano.org.

- ☐ I no longer wish to do business with Housing Authority of New Orleans. Please remove my name from the Agency's Source List(s).

Name of Company

Date

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Phone Number

Signature of Authorized Representative

Email

Please return this completed form to:
Housing Authority of New Orleans
Procurement & Contracts Department
1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1800
New Orleans, LA 70112
Email: tjackson@hano.org Fax: 504-286-8224

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Appendix A

Scope of Work

Specifications

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SCOPE OF SERVICES

The contractor shall provide annual inspection services for HANO housing programs.

PART II - SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Contractor shall furnish sufficient organization, personnel and management staff with the necessary skill and judgment to perform all the duties and responsibilities normally associated with conducting an annual audit. The firm will also be responsible for providing all necessary tools, templates, technology and resources to perform the required services. The audit shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; 2011 revision of the Government Auditing Standards, issued by the U.S. Comptroller General, and in accordance with the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (OMB Circular A-133) and OMB's A-133 Compliance Supplement for Single Audits of State and Local Governments, the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.500-.521, as well as, their applicable supplements and amendments.

The financial statements, including all footnote disclosures, supplemental information and draft format for Management Discussion and Analysis, are to be prepared by the auditor in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and HUD's timetable for submission. This includes assistance with electronically submitting Financial Data Schedules (FDS) via the internet as required by the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) and follow up to any REAC comments received.

The Contractor shall also comply with the HUD Administrative Practices Handbook 7401.01, provisions of the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, and with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, and all other related notices and publications.

Audits will be performed on the accounting records of HANO, and will report on the Financial Statements, Supplementary Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, the Financial Data Schedule (FDS), and certain supplemental information.

The Contractor shall conduct a financial and compliance audit of the accounts and records of HANO and HANO component units, LLCs and partnerships that develop mixed income housing, during the initial two year contract period consisting of the fiscal and calendar year reporting requirements of September 30, and December 31, 2026, and 2027. There is an additional two-year renewal option for the required services for 2028 and 2029, and an additional one-year option period for fiscal and calendar year reporting requirements in calendar year 2030.

Listing of calendar year reporting component units that will require audit and tax return services

Lune d'Or Entreprises, LLC (501c3)

Crescent Affordable Housing Corporation (501c3)

Abundance Treasure Housing

Guste I, LLC

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Guste III, LLC

Fischer I, LLC

Fischer III, LLC

Savoy I

Savoy II

In addition to the financial audit, the Contractor shall conduct audits of the following major grant programs for the Housing Authority of New Orleans:

- Low Income Public Housing
- Housing Choice Vouchers, Moderate Rehabilitation, Mainstream, and New Construction Programs
- ROSS Grants
- Capital Fund
- FEMA Funds
- CDBG Funds
- State and Local Grants

In performing the organization-wide audit of operations, the Contractor shall achieve the following objectives:

- Formulate and express opinions on financial statements
- Test and evaluate internal control procedures
- Test source data used in the calculation of the Operating Subsidy Submission in accordance with 24CFR Part 950, operating subsidy, the Public Housing Assessment Scores (PHAS), in accordance with 24CFR Part 901, and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) scores, in accordance with 24CFR Part 985 and
- Ascertain compliance with laws and regulations applicable to all federal assistance programs to include 24 CFR, GAAP, GASB, OMB Circular A-133 and OMB Circular A-87.

The Contractor shall also provide services to include the compliance with GASB 34. Upon completion of the audit, a working trial balance and a comprehensive set of all audit adjustments shall be deliverables. Audit adjustments should indicate HANO account numbers and segregate adjustments that must be made to the general ledger from entries that are for reclassification / reporting purposes only.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC)

Upon completion of the audit, the selected Contractor will be required to verify and certify electronically the submission of the audited financial statements to The Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) via the Financial Assessment Sub-System no later than June 30th of each year. REAC requires the following as the basis for electronic submission:

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- Audited annual basic financial statements prepared in conformity with GAAP
- Report by auditors on the hard copy of the FASS templates as to their “fair presentation in relation to audited annual basic financial statements” in accordance with the audit provisions of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 29, *Reporting on Information Accompanying the Basic Financial Statements in Auditor-Submitted Documents* to REAC; and
- Auditors are required to issue a hard copy report on the FDS prepared in accordance with SAS 29, *Reporting on Supplemental Information Accompanying the Basic Financial Statements in Auditor-Submitted Documents*.

The auditor's reports that are required to be submitted electronically include;

- Report on the basic financial statements, including the reporting on the FDS supplemental schedules (SAS 29)
- Report on compliance and internal control over financial reporting based on an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*
- Report on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program and on internal control over compliance in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 (if a Circular A-133 audit has been performed). Auditors are required to perform a **separate** agreed-upon procedures engagement. In general, the auditor must compare the electronic financial data template information in the REAC staging database to the hard copy of a) the audit report and b) the financial data templates included as supplemental schedules to the entity’s financial statements. This procedure should be performed under Chapter 2 of the Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE) No. 10.

For purposes of this requirement, “the basic financial statements” refers to the;

- Combined Balance Sheet and/or the Combined Statement of Net Position
- Combined Statement of Operations or Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Position and/or Combined Statement of Changes in Net Position
- Combined Statement of Cash Flows (if applicable)
- Footnotes accompanying the financial statements
- Combining Schedule of Program Net Position by Fund/Program
- Combining Schedule of Program Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Statement of Certification of Actual Capital Fund and ROSS Grant Cots-Completed for the Year
- Pension Plan and Other Post Employment Benefit Plan (OPEB) Required Supplemental Information in accordance with GASB 74 & 75
- Management’s Discussion and Analysis Template
- Supplemental disclosure schedules and notes for Discrete Component Units

The State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor

A Single Audit reporting package is required to be submitted to the State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor in accordance with LSA-RS 24:513 no later than March 30th each contract year. The Legislative Auditor must receive seven copies (six bound and one unbound – single sided) pdf file of the report package. The report package must include the following:

- Financial Statements (including all applicable footnotes)
- Footnotes on the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Federal Non-Cash Assistance

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- Auditor's opinion on the financial statements and required supplementary schedules, (i.e. Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards, et al.)
- Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards (GAS) and/or Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS)
- Report on Compliance with requirements applicable to each "major program" and internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (includes "summary of auditor's results" and findings in the current and prior year audits)
- Corrective Action Plan
- A written management letter containing matters not included in the auditor's report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting and related corrective action plan.

The Single Audit Clearinghouse

A Single Audit's reporting package is required to be submitted to the Single Audit Clearinghouse and to HANO's cognizant or oversight agency (HUD) no later than June 30th each contract year.

The report package must include the following:

- Financial Statements (including all applicable footnotes)
- Footnotes on the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Federal Non-Cash Assistance
- Auditor's opinion on the financial statements and required supplementary schedules, (i.e. Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards, Financial Data Schedule, et al.)
- Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards (GAS) and/or Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS)
- Report on Compliance with requirements applicable to each "major program" and internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133
- Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (includes "summary of auditor's results" and findings in the current and prior year audits)
- Corrective Action Plan
- Data Collection Form
- 5 Hard copies of GAS Audited Financial Statements
- 5 Hard copies of Non-GAS Audited Financial Statements, which shall be delivered to HANO at the completion of the Audit Engagement

The primary books and records of the Agency are located at the administrative office at 1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1800, New Orleans, LA 70112. The software system used by HANO is Emphasys Elite. and it has been customized for HANO's specific needs.

The active tenant records for the Low Income Public Housing Program are located at the various developments and scattered sites. Records for participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program and other voucher programs are located at the Client Services Center at 10001 Lake Forest Blvd., 10th floor, New Orleans, LA 70127 and the Client - Fast

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Track Center, 1891 Rousseau Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

In addition to audit services, the Contractor shall also be responsible for follow-up on prior years' audit findings and perform procedures to assess the reasonableness of the corrective actions taken to assess progress for successful close out. The Contractor shall provide detailed recommendations for improvement(s) of existing processes / procedures and present the results of the audit.

ACCESS TO WORKING PAPERS

All working papers and reports must be retained, at the auditor's expense for a minimum of five years following completion of the audit, unless the firm is notified in writing by HANO of the need to extend the retention period. The auditor will be required to make working papers available upon request of HANO. In addition, the firm shall respond to the reasonable inquiries of successor auditors and allow successor auditors to review working papers relating to matters of continuing accounting significance.

ADDITIONAL AUDIT SERVICES

Auditor shall provide advice and periodic consultations to inform HANO of pertinent changes in accounting rules and regulations resulting from new pronouncements from the Government Accounting Standards Board and the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

HANO may request other audit services during the term of the contract to be awarded under this solicitation including cost certification for Low Income Housing Tax credit development projects, partnership audits for Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects, preparation of federal partnership tax returns; and other related services. Fees for these additional services for new requests will be negotiated on a task order basis.

END OF SCOPE OF SERVICES

RFP Attachment A (Form of Proposal)



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FORM OF PROPOSAL (ATTACHMENT A)

(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 "hard copy" proposal submittal submitted by the proposer. Also, complete the Proposer's Statement as noted below:

X=ITEM INCLUDED	SUBMITTAL ITEMS <i>(One original and Three copies of each proposal, including one with original signatures)</i>
_____	Tab 1 Form of Proposal (Attachment A)
_____	Tab 2 Form HUD-5369-C (Attachment B)
_____	Tab 3 Profile of Firm Form (Attachment C)
_____	Tab 4 Proposed Services
_____	Tab 5 Acknowledgment of Addenda (Attachment G)
_____	Tab 6 Equal Employment Opportunity/Supplier Diversity
_____	Tab 7 Certification of Non-Exclusion (Attachment I)
_____	Tab 8 HUD - 5369-B (Attachment E)
_____	Tab 9 Subcontractor/Joint Venture Information
_____	Tab 10 Vendor Registration Form (Attachment J)
_____	Tab 11 Corporate Resolution Form (Attachment K)
_____	Tab 12 Non- Collusive Affidavit (Attachement M)
_____	Tab 13 Other Information (Optional)

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 HA discovers that any information entered herein to be false, such shall entitle the HA to not consider or make award or to cancel any award with the undersigned party. Further, by completing and submitting the proposal submittal, and by entering and submitting the costs where provided within the noted Internet System, the undersigned proposer is thereby agreeing to abide by all terms and conditions pertaining to this RFP as issued by the HA, either in hard copy or on the noted Internet System, including an agreement to execute the attached Sample Contract form. 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 proposes to supply the HA with the services described herein for the fee(s) entered within the areas provided within the noted Internet System pertaining to this RFP.

_____ Signature	_____ Date	_____ Printed Name	_____ Company
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RFP Attachment B (HUD-5369-C)



Certifications and Representations of Offerors

Non-Construction Contract

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

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

This form includes clauses required by OMB's common rule on bidding/offering procedures, implemented by HUD in 24 CFR 85.36, and those requirements set forth in Executive Order 11625 for small, minority, women-owned businesses, and certifications for independent price determination, and conflict of interest. The form is required for nonconstruction contracts awarded by Housing Agencies (HAs). The form is used by bidders/offers to certify to the HA's Contracting Officer for contract compliance. If the form were not used, HAs would be unable to enforce their contracts. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a benefit or to retain a benefit. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality.

1. Contingent Fee Representation and Agreement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Check the block applicable to you)

Black Americans	Asian Pacific Americans
Hispanic Americans	Asian Indian Americans
Native Americans	Hasidic Jewish Americans

3. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

(a) The bidder/offeror certifies that-

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

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

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

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

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

4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Certification

- (a) The Contractor warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, it does not have any organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work under a proposed contract and a prospective contractor's organizational, financial, contractual or other interest are such that:
- (i) Award of the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage;
 - (ii) The Contractor's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired; or
 - (iii) That the Contractor has disclosed all relevant information and requested the HA to make a determination with respect to this Contract.
- (b) The Contractor agrees that if after award he or she discovers an organizational conflict of interest with respect to this contract, he or she shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the HA which shall include a description of the action which the Contractor has taken or intends to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. The HA may, however, terminate the Contract for the convenience of HA if it would be in the best interest of HA.
- (c) In the event the Contractor was aware of an organizational conflict of interest before the award of this Contract and intentionally did not disclose the conflict to the HA, the HA may terminate the Contract for default.
- (d) The Contractor shall require a disclosure or representation from subcontractors and consultants who may be in a position to influence the advice or assistance rendered to the HA and shall include any necessary provisions to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest in consultant agreements or subcontracts involving performance or work under this Contract.

5. Authorized Negotiators (RFPs only)

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

6. Conflict of Interest

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

7. Offeror's Signature

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

Signature & Date:

Typed or Printed Name:

Title:

RFP Attachment C (Profile of Firm Form)



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PROFILE OF FIRM FORM

(Attachment C)

(This Form must be fully completed and placed under Tab No. 3 of the "hard copy" tabbed proposal submittal.)

(1) Prime ____ Sub-contractor ____ (This form must be completed by and for each).

(2) Name of Firm: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

(3) Street Address, City, State, Zip: _____

(4) Please attach a brief biography/resume of the company, including the following information:

(a) Year Firm Established; (b) Year Firm Established in [JURISDICTION]; (c) Former Name and Year Established (if applicable); (d) Name of Parent Company and Date Acquired (if applicable).

(5) Identify Principals/Partners in Firm (submit under Tab No. 5 a brief professional resume for each):

NAME	TITLE	% OF OWNERSHIP

(6) Identify the individual(s) that will act as project manager and any other supervisory personnel that will work on project; please submit under Tab No. 5 a brief resume for each. (Do not duplicate any resumes required above):

NAME	TITLE

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

☐ Caucasian ☐ Public-Held ☐ Government ☐ Non-Profit
American (Male) Corporation Agency Organization
_____ % _____ % _____ % _____ %

Resident- (RBE), Minority- (MBE), or Woman-Owned (WBE) Business Enterprise (Qualifies by virtue of 51% or more ownership and active management by one or more of the following:

☐ Resident- ☐ African ☐ **Native ☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian/Pacific ☐ Hasidic ☐ Asian/Indian
Owned* American American American American Jew American
_____ % _____ % _____ % _____ % _____ % _____ % _____ %

☐ Woman-Owned ☐ Woman-Owned ☐ Disabled ☐ Other (Specify):
(MBE) (Caucasian) Veteran _____
_____ % _____ % _____ % _____ %

WMBE Certification Number (if known): _____

Certified by (Agency): _____

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Company

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(This Form must be fully completed and placed under Tab No. 3 of the "hard copy" tabbed proposal submittal.)

- (8) Federal Tax ID No.: _____
- (9) [APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION] Business License No.: _____
- (10) State of _____ License Type and No.: _____
- (11) Worker's Compensation Insurance Carrier: _____
Policy No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____
- (12) General Liability Insurance Carrier: _____
Policy No. _____ Expiration Date: _____
- (13) Professional Liability Insurance Carrier: _____
Policy No. _____ Expiration Date: _____
- (14) 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 _____, or any local government agency within or without the State of _____? Yes ☐ No ☐
If "Yes," please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances and current status.
- (15) Disclosure Statement: Does this firm or any principals thereof have any current, past personal or professional relationship with any Commissioner or Officer of the HA? Yes ☐ No ☐
If "Yes," please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances and current status.
- (16) 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, 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 of affiant or of any other proposer, to fix overhead, profit or cost element of said proposal price, or that of any other proposer or to secure any advantage against the HA or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said proposal are true.
- (17) 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 the HA discovers that any information entered herein is false, that shall entitle the HA to not consider nor make award or to cancel any award with the undersigned party.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Company

RFP Attachment E (HUD-5369-B)



Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

1. Preparation of Offers

(a) Offerors are expected to examine the statement of work, the proposed contract terms and conditions, and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the offeror's risk.

(b) Each offeror shall furnish the information required by the solicitation. The offeror shall sign the offer and print or type its name on the cover sheet and each continuation sheet on which it makes an entry. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the offer. Offers signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the HA.

(c) Offers for services other than those specified will not be considered.

2. Submission of Offers

(a) Offers and modifications thereof shall be submitted in sealed envelopes or packages (1) addressed to the office specified in the solicitation, and (2) showing the time specified for receipt, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror.

(b) Telegraphic offers will not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation; however, offers may be modified by written or telegraphic notice.

(c) Facsimile offers, modifications or withdrawals will not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation.

3. Amendments to Solicitations

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

(b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendments to this solicitation by

- (1) signing and returning the amendment;
- (2) identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on the form for submitting an offer,
- (3) letter or telegram, or
- (4) facsimile, if facsimile offers are authorized in the solicitation. The HA/HUD must receive the acknowledgment by the time specified for receipt of offers.

4. Explanation to Prospective Offerors

Any prospective offeror desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, statement of work, etc., must request it in writing soon enough to allow a reply to reach all prospective offerors before the submission of their offers. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract will not be binding. Any information given to a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective offerors as an amendment of the solicitation, if that information is necessary in submitting offers or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective offerors.

5. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

(a) The HA shall award a contract only to a responsible prospective contractor who is able to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract. To be determined responsible, a prospective contractor must -

- (1) Have adequate financial resources to perform the contract, or the ability to obtain them;

- (2) Have a satisfactory performance record;
- (3) Have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- (4) Have a satisfactory record of compliance with public policy (e.g., Equal Employment Opportunity); and
- (5) Not have been suspended, debarred, or otherwise determined to be ineligible for award of contracts by the Department of Housing and Urban Development or any other agency of the U.S. Government. Current lists of ineligible contractors are available for inspection at the HA/HUD.

(b) Before an offer is considered for award, the offeror may be requested by the HA to submit a statement or other documentation regarding any of the foregoing requirements. Failure by the offeror to provide such additional information may render the offeror ineligible for award.

6. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Offers

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

- (1) Was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before the date specified for receipt of offers (e.g., an offer submitted in response to a solicitation requiring receipt of offers by the 20th of the month must have been mailed by the 15th);
- (2) Was sent by mail, or if authorized by the solicitation, was sent by telegram or via facsimile, and it is determined by the HA/ HUD that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the HA/ HUD after receipt at the HA;
- (3) Was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service - Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5:00 p.m. at the place of mailing two working days prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals. The term "Working days" excludes weekends and U.S. Federal holidays; or
- (4) Is the only offer received.

(b) Any modification of an offer, except a modification resulting from the HA's request for "best and final" offer (if this solicitation is a request for proposals), is subject to the same conditions as in subparagraphs (a)(1), (2), and (3) of this provision.

(c) A modification resulting from the HA's request for "best and final" offer received after the time and date specified in the request will not be considered unless received before award and the late receipt is due solely to mishandling by the HA after receipt at the HA.

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

(e) The only acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the HA is the time/date stamp of HA on the offer wrapper or other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the HA.

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

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

(h) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, proposals may be withdrawn by written notice, or if authorized by this solicitation, by telegram (including mailgram) or facsimile machine transmission received at any time before award. Proposals may be withdrawn in person by a offeror or its authorized representative if the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the offer before award. If this solicitation is an Invitation for bids, bids may be withdrawn at any time prior to bid opening.

7. Contract Award

(a) The HA will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the HA, cost or price and other factors, specified elsewhere in this solicitation, considered.

(b) The HA may

- (1) reject any or all offers if such action is in the HA's interest,
- (2) accept other than the lowest offer,
- (3) waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received, and (4) award more than one contract for all or part of the requirements stated.

(c) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, the HA may award a contract on the basis of initial offers received, without discussions. Therefore, each initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms from a cost or price and technical standpoint.

(d) A written award or acceptance of offer mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. If this solicitation is a request for proposals, before the offer's specified expiration time, the HA may accept an offer, whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award. Negotiations conducted after receipt of an offer do not constitute a rejection or counteroffer by the HA.

(e) Neither financial data submitted with an offer, nor representations concerning facilities or financing, will form a part of the resulting contract.

8. Service of Protest

Any protest against the award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation shall be served on the HA by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from the HA at the address shown on the cover of this solicitation. The determination of the HA with regard to such protest or to proceed to award notwithstanding such protest shall be final unless appealed by the protester.

9. Offer Submission

Offers shall be submitted as follows and shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and addressed to the office specified in the solicitation. The proposal shall show **the hour and date specified in the solicitation for receipt, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror, on the face of the envelope.**

It is very important that the offer be properly identified on the face of the envelope as set forth above in order to insure that the date and time of receipt is stamped on the face of the offer envelope. Receiving procedures are: date and time stamp those envelopes identified as proposals and deliver them immediately to the appropriate contracting official, and only date stamp those envelopes which do not contain identification of the contents and deliver them to the appropriate procuring activity only through the routine mail delivery procedure.

[Describe bid or proposal preparation instructions here:]

RFP Attachment F

Supplemental Conditions



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SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

The following supplements and/or modifies the "General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts Sections I," form HUD-5370-C:

Contract Period

The contract shall be for an initial period of two (2) years, consisting of the fiscal and calendar year reporting requirements of September 30, and December 31, 2026, and 2027. There is an additional two-year renewal option for the required services for 2028 and 2029, and an additional one-year option period for fiscal and calendar year reporting requirements for calendar year 2030. The total duration of this contract, including all options, shall not exceed five (5) years. Contract extension options will not be automatic and must be approved by HANO and/or the U.S. Department of HUD.

Contract Type

The contract resulting from this RFP shall be a fixed price contract. Services provided shall be paid at fixed rates, in accordance with the contractor's Cost Proposal, pending HUD Funding.

Contract Amount

The Contractor shall provide the services at firm fixed rate(s) per unit, as listed in the contract. Unit prices shall include all labor, materials, management, transportation, supervision, and equipment to perform the services. There shall be no further markups shall be allowed for administrative costs, insurance, travel, or any other type of overhead expenses. The services shall be ordered on an "as needed" basis by HANO.

Insurance Indemnity

In the event Contractor is not required to provide or elects not to provide workers' compensation or automobile insurance coverage, the parties hereby agree that Contractor, its owners, agents and employees will have no cause of action against, and will not assert a claim against, the Housing Authority of New Orleans, its officers, agents, and employees as an employer, whether pursuant to the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Act or otherwise, under any circumstance. The parties also hereby agree that the Housing Authority of New Orleans, its officers, agents, and employees shall in no circumstance be, or considered as, the employer or statutory employer of the Contractor, its owners, agents, and employees.

Independent Contractor

The parties agree that the Contractor is a wholly independent contractor and is exclusively responsible for its employees, owners, and agents. Contractor hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Housing Authority of New Orleans, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any such assertion or claim that may arise from the performance of this contract.

Invoicing

Invoices shall be submitted monthly to the Department of Finance. The invoice shall provide an invoice number, service dates, purchase order number, Task Order number, and a description of services provided and the name/title of employee who rendered the services. Invoices shall be

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submitted on the contractor's own invoice form.

Payments

All vendors should submit invoices to the Finance Department on or before the days listed below. All vendor invoices are due on the 1st or 15th of the month. Invoice payments are as follows:

- *Invoices received on the 16th of the current month thru the 1st day of the next month will be paid on the 1st of the following month.*
- **Example: An invoice received on August 27th will be processed commencing September 1st and paid on October 1st.**
- *Invoices received on the 2nd of the current month thru the 15th of the current month will be paid on the 15th of the following month.*
- **Example: An invoice received on August 4th will be processed commencing August 15th and paid on September 15th.**

Request for Taxpayer Number and Certification (W-9)

The Contractor shall provide a copy of its Request for Taxpayer Number and Certification (W-9) at the time and date specified by the Authority.

Public Access to Procurement Information/Confidentiality

All information submitted in response to a solicitation issued by the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) shall remain confidential until after final approval by HANO's Board of Commissioners and/or the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HANO's policy regarding public access is in strict accordance with the guidelines set forth in its Procurement Policy,

Section 5.3.4, HUD Handbook 7460.8 REV 2, Section 1.6, Public Access to Procurement Information and Section 7.2 (J) Confidentiality. Furthermore, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 40:526(8), HANO shall not disclose information submitted to HANO in confidence in response to this RFP, and not otherwise required by law to be submitted, where such information should reasonably be considered confidential.

Indemnification

The Contractor will be required to protect, defend, indemnify, keep, save, and hold HANO, its officers, officials, employees and agents free and harmless from and against any and all liabilities, losses, penalties, damages, settlements, environmental liability, costs, charges, professional fees or other expenses or liabilities of every kind, nature and character arising out of or relating to any and all claims, liens, demands, obligations, actions, suits, judgments or settlements, proceedings or causes of action of every kind, nature and character (collectively, "claims") in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of the acts or omissions and/or the performance thereof by the successful Respondent, its officers, officials, agents, employees, and subcontractors, including, but not limited to, the enforcement of the indemnification provision. The successful Respondent(s) will be further required to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for and defend all suits for any and all claims, at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if the claims are considered groundless, false or fraudulent.

HANO will have the right, at its option and at its expense, to participate in the defense of any suit,

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without relieving the successful Respondent of any of its obligations under this indemnity provision. The indemnities to be set forth in the contract resulting from this RFP will survive the expiration or termination of that contract.

Contractual Licensing Requirements

The Contractor shall possess all of the required State and Local licenses and certifications required to perform work of the type required by this contract in the City of New Orleans. In addition, the Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to the services contemplated herein. Respondents are presumed to be familiar with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations that may in any way affect the delivery of services.

Contractual Obligations

At any time, should the proposed services require the use of products or services of another company, such services shall be disclosed, and HANO will hold the Contractor(s) responsible for the proposed services.

Certification of Legal Entity

Prior to execution of the Contract Agreement, the Contractor shall certify that joint ventures, partnerships, team agreements, new corporations or other entities that either exist or will be formally structured are or will be legal and binding under Louisiana law.

Certifications

In submitting the proposal, the Respondent is indicating a willingness to comply with all terms and conditions of the RFP, including but not limited to those set forth in the attached HUD Forms and these Supplemental Conditions.

Personnel

In submitting their proposals, Respondents are representing that the personnel described in their proposals shall be available to perform the services described for the duration of the contract period, barring illness, accident or other unforeseeable events of a similar nature in which cases the Respondent must be able to provide a qualified replacement. Such representation shall be valid for a minimum of 120 calendar days after the proposal due date and time. Furthermore, all personnel shall be considered to be, at all times, the sole employees of the Respondent under its sole direction, and not employees or agents of HANO.

Assignment

The Contractor shall not enter into any subcontracts, retain consultants, or assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise delegate its obligations under the contract resulting from this RFP, or any of its rights, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract to any person, company or corporation without the prior written consent and approval of the HANO.

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Rights, Use, and Ownership of Assessment Materials

Assessment materials generated as a result of performing the Scope of Services contained in this contract shall be confidential and proprietary and shall be for the exclusive use and ownership of The Housing Authority of New Orleans. Such materials shall include, but not be limited to data, cost estimates, and reports generated that contain descriptive and/or identifying information regarding individual properties owned by HANO and/or HANO's portfolio of properties. Such materials shall not be shared, signed, sold or disclosed to parties other than those named on the contract without the express written permission of the Housing Authority of New Orleans' Contracting Officer. Any violations of this provision shall be considered a breach of, and grounds for immediate termination in accordance with the "Termination for Convenience and Default" clause.

Ethics Policy

The Contractor shall abide by the applicable provisions of the Housing Authority of New Orleans' Ethics Policy and State of Louisiana Ethics Code.

Third Party Claims on Software

HANO shall be held harmless from any third-party legal claims involving the use by HANO of any software product or technique provided by the selected Respondent.

Drug Free Workplace

The Contractor must comply with the federal requirements of the Drug Free Workplace Act including mandatory drug screening for applicants and employees, and drug treatment opportunities as needed.

Advertising

In submitting a proposal, the successful Respondent agrees not to use the results from it as a part of any commercial advertising. HANO does not permit law firms to advertise or promote the fact of their relationship with HANO in the course of marketing efforts, unless HANO specifically agrees otherwise.

Media Relations

The Contractor shall not make public comment on HANO matters without express written approval from HANO's Director of Communications. All media inquiries shall be referred to the Director of Communications.

Attachment G Acknowledgement Of Addenda



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA
(ATTACHMENT G)

Respondent has received the following Addenda, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum Number: _____ Date Received: _____

Addendum Number: _____ Date Received: _____

Addendum Number: _____ Date Received: _____

Addendum Number: _____ Date Received: _____

(Company Name)

(Signature)

(Printed or Typed Name)

Attachment H

Entry of Proposed Fees



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Entry of Proposed Fees (Attachment H)

As stated within Section 3.2.1 of the RFP Document: The proposed fees shall be submitted by the proposer and received by the Agency in its own sealed envelope. It is to be included, but kept separate in its own sealed envelope, with the sealed hard-copy proposals package. Do not refer to any fees or costs within the sealed, tabbed "hard copy" proposal submittal detailed within Section 3.0 of the 1.0 Document. Any proposer that does so may, at the Agency's discretion, be rejected without further consideration. As stated within Section 3.2.2. of the RFP Document, the proposed fees are all-inclusive of all related costs that the Contractor will incur to provide the noted services, including, but not limited to: employee wages and benefits; clerical support; overhead; profit; taxes; licensing; insurance; materials; supplies; tools; equipment; long distance telephone calls; document copying not specifically agreed to by the Agency; etc. Travel expenses, if needed, will be subject to HANO's written approval and shall be reimbursed in accordance with the current U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule of Rates. Refer to www.gsa.gov.

For the purpose of evaluation and subsequent negotiations, if required, the fee for each project position shall be broken down as follows [see next page]:

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FEE PROPOSAL

Please complete the worksheet by entering responder's firm-fixed fee. The Respondent understands all rates hereby include all related expenses, including, without limitation, travel and fuel cost/reimbursement, all general and administrative overhead, employee wages and benefits, taxes, licensing, insurance, materials, supplies, tools, equipment, document copying, design, and profit. No other mark-ups or surcharges will be allowed at these rates. The Respondent shall provide their fees to provide Annual Auditing services.

The Respondent understands all the requirements of the work set out in the "Scope of Services" in this RFP and agrees to perform the work for the following amount:

For the purpose of evaluation, and subsequent negotiations, the fee for each project phase shall be broken down as follows:

A. Labor Costs

Position	Hourly Rate	Estimated # of Hours	Total
Project Executive	_____	_____	_____
Project Manager	_____	_____	_____
Sr. Acct.	_____	_____	_____
Secretary/Clerk	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL ESTIMATED LABOR			_____

NOTE: Labor hours are to be submitted for comparison purposes only. Modify the position classifications identified on this form as necessary to reflect the specific proposed staffing plan for this engagement. Reimbursable rates for travel and lodging (if approved in writing by HANO) shall be in accordance with the current U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule of Rates. Refer to www.gsa.gov.

B. Direct Job Costs

GSA Expenses	_____
Misc. Expenses	_____
TOTAL LUMP SUM DIRECT JOB COSTS	_____
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	\$ _____

Offeror's Name

Signature and Date

Firm/Company Name

***HANO does not guarantee any minimum or maximum amount of work as a result of any Contract that may arise from this RFP.**

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LA

Attachment I Certification of Contractor Non- Exclusion



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) No. 26-905-10 Annual Auditing Services

CERTIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR NON-EXCLUSION

This certification applies to a sole proprietor or any bidding entity or any individual partner, incorporator, director, manager, officer, organizer, or member, who has at least 10% ownership in the bidding entity, for consideration for award of contracts, in accordance with LA R.S. 38:2227.

A conviction of or plea of guilty or no contest to the following state crimes or equivalent federal crimes shall permanently bar any person or the bidding entity from bidding on public projects:

- (a) Public bribery
- (b) Corrupt Influencing
- (c) Extortion
- (d) Money laundering

A conviction of or plea of guilty or no contest to the following state crimes or equivalent federal crimes shall bar any person or the bidding entity from bidding on public projects for a period of five years from the date of conviction or from the date of the entrance of the plea of guilty or no contest:

- (a) Theft
- (b) Identity theft
- (c) Theft of a business record
- (d) False accounting
- (e) Issuing worthless checks
- (f) Bank fraud
- (g) Forgery
- (h) Contractors; misapplication of payments
- (i) Malfeasance in office

The five-year prohibition shall apply only if the crime was committed during the solicitation or execution of a contract or bid awarded pursuant to the provisions of LA R.S. Title 38, Chapter 10 - Public Contracts.

Should information be discovered about a bidding entity that would be cause for debarment, suspension, exclusion, or determination of ineligibility for award of a contract, HANO shall report and submit supporting documentation to the applicable regulatory agency.

I hereby attest that I have not been convicted of, or have not entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any of the crimes listed above or equivalent crimes.

(Print)

(Date)

(Signature)

Attachment J

Vendor Registration

Form





VENDOR SETUP FORM

Company Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Owner/President: _____

Remit To Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ Authorized Signature: _____

Contact Number: _____ Contact Fax: _____

Contact Email: _____ Company Website: _____

Banking Information (Required for EFT Payment, if applicable):

Bank Name: _____ Name on Bank Account: _____

Routing Number:

Account Number:

Type of Account: ☐ Checking ☐ Savings ☐ Corporate/Commercial

Required: Taxpayer Identification Number: _____

Type of Operation (Check all that apply):

☐ Individual ☐ Corporation ☐ Manufacturer ☐ Partnership ☐ Distributor

☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Retail Dealer ☐ Agent/Broker ☐ Limited Liability

PLEASE ATTACH ANY REVISED INFORMATION INCLUDING W9 AND/OR BANKING UPDATED INFORMATION, AS REQUIRED.....

Requisition #: _____ or N/A _____ (Direct pay items do not require a requisition #)

Approvals:

Requestor/Department: _____ Date: _____

Finance Approval: _____ Date: _____ 1099? Y N

Procurement Approval: _____ Date: _____

Date Entered: _____ Entered By: _____

*** Attach Documentation (If Provided)**

Select All Applicable Products/Service in Each Category:

Voice Services & Products:

- ☐ Call Accounting
- ☐ Calling Cards
- ☐ Local Services
- ☐ Voice Bridging
- ☐ VoIP Solutions
- ☐ Call Center
- ☐ Telephone Equipment
- ☐ Long Distance Services
- ☐ Voice Systems
- ☐ Wireless/Cellular
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

Network/Internet Services & Products:

- ☐ Converged Network Provider
- ☐ Internet Access
- ☐ Virtual Learning
- ☐ Custom Network/Internet Solutions
- ☐ Network Equipment
- ☐ Wireless LAN/MAN/WAN
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

Video Services & Products:

- ☐ Audio/Visual Equipment
- ☐ Interactive Video & Multimedia Equipment
- ☐ Video Bridging
- ☐ Integration Services
- ☐ Network Access
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

e-Learning Solutions:

- ☐ Course/Learning Management Application
- ☐ Training/Certification
- ☐ Course Content Provider
- ☐ Hosting – ASP Services
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

Computer Services & Products:

- ☐ Application Software (Microsoft, Adobe, Lotus, etc.)
- ☐ E-mail Applications
- ☐ Network Devices
- ☐ SAN, Enterprise, Etc.
- ☐ Web & Application Hosting/IT Services
- ☐ Computers, Servers & Add-On Components
- ☐ Internet Content Filtering Applications & Devices
- ☐ Peripheral Equipment
- ☐ Storage Systems
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

Additional Services & Products:

- ☐ Auditors
- ☐ Electrical Generators & Power Suppression Equip
- ☐ Office Furniture
- ☐ Consulting
- ☐ Library Supplies, Equipment & Furniture
- ☐ Office Supplies & Equipment
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

Circle all that Apply: (DBE) (WBE) (MBE) (Section 3) (Small Business)

Required: (Attach a copy of your certification for all items circled above)

Check one: ___ African American ___ Hispanic ___ Native American ___ Asian ___ Caucasian ___ Other

Definitions:

Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) – A business enterprise that is 51% or more owned, controlled, and actively operated by one or more persons who are classified as members of a racial minority group, such as African American, Hispanic American, Asian Pacific American, Asian Indian American, Native American, Aleuts or Hasidic Jewish Americans.

Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) - A business enterprise that is 51% or more owned, controlled, and actively operated by one or more women.

Section 3 Business - A business that meets one of the following:

1. 51% or more owned and controlled by a resident of any HANO Housing site or whose full-time permanent workforce includes 30% of HANO residents of any housing site;
2. Hud Youthbuild Program in Orleans Parish;
3. Business concerns that are 51% or more owned and controlled by HANO residents or are low or very low-income Orleans Parish Residents or whose full-time permanent workforce includes 30% of HANO residents or low/very low-income Orleans Parish residents;
4. Business that subcontracts in excess of 25% of the total amount of subcontracts to business concerns identified in the preferences above.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) — A business concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated and is not dominant in the field of operation for which it is bidding and qualifies as a small business under the criteria and size standards in 13 CFR Part 121 (see FAR 19.102).

DECLARATION BY VENDOR

I confirm that:

- i) Neither I nor any employee of _____ is in any way connected to the Housing Authority of New Orleans or its employees or an immediate family member of any Housing Authority of New Orleans employee.
- ii) For each relationship, I will include a brief statement describing the relationship.
- iii) The information furnished is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Printed Name of Authorized Signatory

Signature

► Goto www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes ☐ Individual sole proprietor or single-member LLC ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate ☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. ☐ other (see Instructions) ▶	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) 0, Dpt: S.Sto.ac,xv,tsmseh.T:ia/outsO-. ti» //S)
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid

~~1 Social security number~~

backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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or

Employer identification number

Part II	Certification
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Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form *Of* any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part 11, later.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ►

Date▶

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requ_ester) who is required to file an infonnation return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number OTIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an infonnation return the amount paid to you, *Of* other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Fann W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

Note: If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 29 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part 11 for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee* code, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting* code, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; do not leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S.-person must provide a Form W-9.

a. Individual. Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note: ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040N/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. Sole proprietor or single-member LLC. Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040N/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (OBA) name on line 2.

c. Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation. Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or OBA name on line 2.

d. Other entities. Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or OBA name on line 2.

e. Disregarded entity. For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(Q)(i). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, OBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) ...	THEN check the box for . .
☐ Corporation	Corporation
☐ Individual - Sole proprietorship, or ☐ Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
- LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, - LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or - LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
☐ Partnership Trust/estate	Partnership
	Trust/estate

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1- An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(Q)(2)
- 2- The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3- A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4- A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5- A corporation
- 6- A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7- A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8- A real estate investment trust
- 9- An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10- A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11- A financial institution
- 12- A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13- A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for ...	THEN the payment is exempt for ...
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A-An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B-The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C-A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D-A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E-A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F-A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G-A real estate investment trust

H-A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

1-A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J-A bank as defined in section 581

K-A broker

L-A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M-A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note: You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payer changes your address in their records.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note: See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/Businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SSA. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note: Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I Should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ⁴

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(1)(8))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or OBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN if you have one, but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

*Note: The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note: If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/comp/aint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.identitytheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/identitytheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

Attachment K Corporate Resolution Form

(Can Use this Form or Submit your own Resolution
Form)



CORPORATE RESOLUTION

I, _____, the undersigned Secretary of _____ (The "Corporation") hereby certifies that: The Corporation is duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____ and the following is true, accurate and complete transcript of a resolution contained in the minute book of the Board of Directors of said Corporation duly held on the _____ day of _____, ____ at which meeting there was present and acting throughout a quorum authorized to transact business hereinafter described, and that the proceedings of said meeting were in accordance with the charter and by-laws of said Corporation and that said resolutions have not been amended or revoked and are in full force and effect:

Resolved, that _____ (name), _____ (title) of the Corporation, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents on behalf of said Corporation, and to take such steps, and do such other acts and things, as in his or her judgment may be necessary, appropriate or desirable in connection with any proposal submitted to, or any contract entered into with the Housing Authority of New Orleans and,

Resolved, that any and all transactions by and of the officers or representatives of the Corporation, in its name and for its account, with the Housing Authority of New Orleans prior to the adoption of these resolutions be, and they are hereby, ratified and approved for all purposes.

Witness my hand and seal of the Corporation this ____ day of _____, 202 ____.

(Corporate Seal)

Secretary-Treasurer

RFP Attachment L (HUD-5370-C Section I)



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

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

- 1) **Non-construction contracts** (*without* maintenance) **greater than \$100,000 - use Section I;**
- 2) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance as defined at 24 CFR 968.105) **greater than \$2,000 but not more than \$100,000 - use Section II; and**
- 3) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance), **greater than \$100,000 – use Sections I and II.**

Section I - Clauses for All Non-Construction Contracts greater than \$100,000

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.

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

8. Contract Termination; Debarment

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
 - (ii) The Contractor's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired.
- (b) The Contractor agrees that if after award it discovers an organizational conflict of interest with respect to this contract or any task/delivery order under the contract, he or she shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer which shall include a description of the action which the Contractor has taken or intends to take to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. The HA may, however, terminate the contract or task/delivery order for the convenience of the HA if it would be in the best interest of the HA.
- (c) In the event the Contractor was aware of an organizational conflict of interest before the award of this contract and intentionally did not disclose the conflict to the Contracting Officer, the HA may terminate the contract for default.
- (d) The terms of this clause shall be included in all subcontracts and consulting agreements wherein the work to be performed is similar to the service provided by the prime Contractor. The Contractor shall include in such subcontracts and consulting agreements any necessary provisions to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest.

12. Inspection and Acceptance

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

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

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

13. Interest of Members of Congress

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

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

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

15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

- (a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (b) Prohibition.

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

- (ii) The prohibition does not apply as follows:

(1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.

(a) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in paragraph (i) of this section, does not apply in the case of a payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, if the payment is for agency and legislative activities not directly related to a covered Federal action.

(b) For purposes of paragraph (b)(i)(1)(a) of this clause, providing any information specifically requested by an agency or Congress is permitted at any time.

(c) The following agency and legislative liaison activities are permitted at any time only where they are not related to a specific solicitation for any covered Federal action:

(1) Discussing with an agency (including individual demonstrations) the qualities and characteristics of the person's products or services, conditions or terms of sale, and service capabilities; and,

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

(d) The following agency and legislative liaison activities are permitted where they are prior to formal solicitation of any covered Federal action:

(1) Providing any information not specifically requested but necessary for an agency to make an informed decision about initiation of a covered Federal action;

(2) Technical discussions regarding the preparation of an unsolicited proposal prior to its official submission; and

(3) Capability presentations by persons seeking awards from an agency pursuant to the provisions of the Small Business Act, as amended by Public Law 95-507 and other subsequent amendments.

(e) Only those activities expressly authorized by subdivision (b)(ii)(1)(a) of this clause are permitted under this clause.

(2) Professional and technical services.

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

(i) A payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action, if payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action.

(ii) Any reasonable payment to a person, other than an officer or employee of a

person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action if the payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action. Persons other than officers or employees of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action include consultants and trade associations.

(b) For purposes of subdivision (b)(ii)(2)(a) of clause, "professional and technical services" shall be limited to advice and analysis directly applying any professional or technical discipline.

(c) Requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving a covered Federal award include those required by law or regulation, or reasonably expected to be required by law or regulation, and any other requirements in the actual award documents.

(d) Only those services expressly authorized by subdivisions (b)(ii)(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of this section are permitted under this clause.

(iii) Selling activities by independent sales representatives.

(c) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in subparagraph (b)(i) of this clause, does not apply to the following selling activities before an agency by independent sales representatives, provided such activities are prior to formal solicitation by an agency and are specifically limited to the merits of the matter:

(i) Discussing with an agency (including individual demonstration) the qualities and characteristics of the person's products or services, conditions or terms of sale, and service capabilities; and

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

(d) Agreement. In accepting any contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or loan resulting from this solicitation, the person submitting the offer agrees not to make any payment prohibited by this clause.

(e) Penalties. Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under paragraph (b) of this clause shall be subject to civil penalties as provided for by 31 U.S.C. 1352. An imposition of a civil penalty does not prevent the Government from seeking any other remedy that may be applicable.

(f) Cost Allowability. Nothing in this clause is to be interpreted to make allowable or reasonable any costs which would be unallowable or unreasonable in accordance with Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), or OMB Circulars dealing with cost allowability for recipients of assistance agreements. Conversely, costs made specifically unallowable by the requirements in this clause will not be made allowable under any of the provisions of FAR Part 31 or the relevant OMB Circulars.

16. Equal Employment Opportunity

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

- (a) The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (b) The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to (1) employment; (2) upgrading; (3) demotion; (4) transfer; (5) recruitment or recruitment advertising; (6) layoff or termination; (7) rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and (8) selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- (c) The Contractor shall post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment the notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer that explain this clause.
- (d) The Contractor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (e) The Contractor shall send, to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, the notice to be provided by the Contracting Officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this clause, and post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (f) The Contractor shall comply with Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (g) The Contractor shall furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246, as amended and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto. The Contractor shall permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (h) In the event of a determination that the Contractor is not in compliance with this clause or any rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts, or federally assisted construction contracts under the procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246, as amended. In addition, sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked against the Contractor as provided in Executive Order 11246, as amended, the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (i) The Contractor shall include the terms and conditions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued under Executive Order 11246, as amended, so that these terms and conditions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontractor or purchase order as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Labor may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance; provided that if the

Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

17. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information

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

18. Contractor's Status

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

19. Other Contractors

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

20. Liens

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

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

- (a) The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
- (b) The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the Part 135 regulations.
- (c) The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of

RFP Attachment M

(Non-Collusive Affidavit)



**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) No.26-905-10:
ANNUAL AUDITING SERVICES**

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

(Respondent)

State of _____

City/County of _____

(Name) Being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he/she is _____
(A partner or officer of the firm of, etc.)

The party making the foregoing Proposal/Quote/Bid, affirms that such Proposal/Quote/Bid is genuine and not collusive or sham: that said **OFFEROR** has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any **OFFEROR** or other person, to put in a sham Proposal/Quote/Bid, or to refrain from proposing/quoting/bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, collusion, communication or conference with any person, to fix the Proposal/Quote/Bid price for affiant or any other **OFFEROR**, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said Proposal/Quote/Bid price, for affiant or that of any other **OFFEROR**, or to secure any advantage against the Housing Authority of New Orleans, or to secure any personal interest in the proposed contract(s), and that all statements in said Proposal/Quote/Bid are true.

Signature of

Respondent, if an individual

Partner, if the OFFEROR is a partnership

Officer, if the OFFEROR is a corporation

Subscribed and Sworn to before me

This _____ **day of** _____, **20**_____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires_____.