



Housing Authority of New Orleans

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

FOR

**ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES TO
REPLACE THE FIRE ALARM AND ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEMS AT
GUSTE HIGH RISE HOUSING COMMUNITY**

RFQ No. 24-911-45

SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2024

4:00pm CST

PREPARED BY:

**Housing Authority of New Orleans
Procurement and Contracts Department
4100 Touro Street
New Orleans, LA 70122**

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| AGENCY CONTACT PERSON | Cheryl Morgan Telephone: (504) 670-3447 E-mail: cmorgan@hano.org |
| HOW TO OBTAIN THE RFQ DOCUMENTS ON HANO'S WEBSITE | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 RFQ documents, please contact Procurement at procurement@hano.org. |
| PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE | A Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held on September 26, 2024, CST via Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: Passcode |
| QUESTION SUBMITTAL DEADLINE | September 30, 2024, by 5:00pm CST |
| HOW TO FULLY RESPOND TO THIS RFQ BY SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As directed within Section 3.2.1 of the RFQ document, submit proposed pricing, where provided for, within the RFQ. 2. As instructed within Section 3.0 of the RFQ document, submit four (4) copies of your "hard copy" proposal (one (1) original clearly marked or stamped "original" and three copies of the required submittals) to HANO's Procurement and Contracts Department (physical address below) or electronic submission of one technical proposal (each tabbed section <u>must</u> be marked by a cover sheet) to HANO's e-portal (Proposal Submission Form), as further specified herein. |
| PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL RETURN AND DEADLINE | October 9, 2024, 4:00pm CST Housing Authority of New Orleans Procurement and Contracts Department 4100 Touro Street New Orleans, LA 70122 |

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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 RFQ.** Reject any or all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFQ process, or to terminate the RFQ 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 RFQ.
 - 1.3 Right to Terminate.** Terminate a contract awarded pursuant to this RFQ, 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 RFQ.
 - 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 RFQ, 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 RFQ.
 - 1.9 Right to Prohibit.** At any time during the RFQ 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 RFQ documents (and any other information pertaining to this RFQ such as addenda). Accordingly, by submitting a response to this RFQ 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 from Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firms registered in the State of Louisiana to provide a full scope of architectural and engineering services to plan, design, prepare drawings, and specifications, and provide subsequent contract administration services required for the: **Replacement of the Fire Alarm and PA System at the Guste High Rise Senior Housing Development.**
- 2.1 SCOPE OF WORK/TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (Attached in Appendix A)**

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2.2 General Requirements. (PLEASE NOTE: It is the responsibility of each proposer, but especially the eventual successful proposer, to, prior to the submittal deadline during the period of time this RFQ is posted, to inform the Agency for its consideration of any of the following information that is, in the opinion of the firm, inaccurate or ineffective.)

- The contractor shall possess all applicable licenses and/or certifications required to perform the required services.

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 RFQ 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.

[Table No. 3]

| (1) RFQ Section | (2) Tab No. | (3) Description |
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| 3.1.1 | 1 | Form of Proposal. This Form is attached hereto as Attachment A to this RFQ document. This two (2) page Form must be fully completed, executed where provided thereon and submitted under this tab as a part of the proposal submittal. (REQUIRED) |
| 3.1.2 | 2 | Form HUD-5369-C (8/93), Certifications and Representations of Offerors, Non-Construction Contract. This Form is attached hereto as Attachment B to this RFQ 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 RFQ document. This two (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: |

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| 3.1.4.1 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As detailed within Section 4.1, Evaluation Factor No. 1, herein the proposer’s Cover Letter/Submission Requirements • Provide a cover letter introducing the individual or firm. Include a summary of relevant experience and expertise. • If printed, provide the package bound, indexed with a table of contents with numbered pages and tabs. |
| 3.1.4.2 | | <p>1. As detailed within Section 4.1, Evaluation Factor No. 2, herein the proposer’s Background and Relevant Experience Provide respondent firm's full legal name, founding date, entity type, and business expertise, brief history ; and ownership structure. Submit detailed information on at least three prior (3) projects that demonstrate the respondent's similar experience in performing the services outlined in the Scope of Services. Include the following:</p> <p>General information: Project description: Provide project name, address, brief description of work. Client Reference: Provide the name the client for whom the respondent's services were performed. Provide contact name, address, phone number, and email address.</p> <p>Approach to the project: Explain tangible measures that your firm/team employed to control schedule, quality, and costs. Explain how the project demonstrates knowledge of State and Local building codes.</p> <p>Types of projects experience: Contract Value: Provide the dollar value of the contract for the services that the respondent performed and the anticipated or actual construction value of the design services. State whether U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development standard forms & procedures were used, including experience with HUD Forms 5370 and 51000 series. State experience with public housing authorities. State experience with affordable housing other than with public housing authorities.</p> <p>Describe experience producing construction documents for public bid under the Louisiana Public Bid Law and experience successfully administering construction contracts signed under Louisiana Public Bid Law regulations. Demonstrate experience with high rise apartment rehab, especially mechanical, electrical, fire alarm protection, and vertical transportation systems repairs and upgrades. Describe any unique processes or procedures within the respondent's firm that would be beneficial to HANO.</p> <p>A Minimum of three (3) client references provided with contact information for verification.</p> |

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| 3.1.4.3-9 | | <p>2. As detailed within Section 4.1, Evaluation Factor No. 3, herein, the proposer’s Staffing and Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the overall staffing approach to be used in connection with this contract. Include in the description the approach to be used to ensure that qualified and experienced staff persons are assigned to this contract. Provide resumes or curriculum vitae of each such key personnel. • Provide a description of the qualifications of key subcontractors anticipated to be used to complete contract work. • Provide evidence of capability to provide services in a timely manner; i.e. evidence of current and anticipated workload, appropriate staffing, and facilities, etc. • Provide a list of all applicable professional licenses, certifications, and accreditations. • Provide current information on the amount of professional liability insurance coverage carried by respondent's firm. Include insurance for key sub-consultants proposed. List and describe any claims within the past 5 years levied against your firm and your sub-consultants, and against key individuals within your firm and sub-consultants' firm. • Provide HANO with a single point of contact that can be contacted regarding all matters related to the contract. <p>3. Employment and Contracting Action Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit Employment, Contracting, and Training Plans. The level of participation will be evaluated through an assessment of the action plans submitted. • Consideration will be given to those respondents who explain the methods that will result in exceeding DBE, WBE, and Section 3 business enterprise contracting, and Section 3 resident employment and training requirements. • Provide data on previous levels of Section 3 Employment, Section 3 Training, as well as Section 3, DBE, WBE contracting participation on past projects. |
| 3.1.5 | 5 | <p>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.</p> |

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| 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 H |
| 3.1.8 | 9 | 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) |
| 3.1.9 | 10 | 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 | 11 | Vendor Registration Form Attachment I |
| 3.1.11 | 12 | Corporate Resolution Form Attachment J |
| 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." DO NOT 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. |

- 3.4 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) 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
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Attn: Cheryl Morgan, Procurement Manager
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- 3.4.1 Exterior of Submittal Package.** The package exterior must clearly denote the above noted RFQ 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 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 RFQ.
- 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 RFQ 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 RFQ process to the Procurement staff only. Proposers must not inquire or communicate with any other Agency staff member or official (including members of the Board of Commissioners) pertaining to this RFQ. Failure to abide by this requirement will be cause for the Agency to not consider a proposal submittal received from any proposer who may not have abided by this directive. **This provision will be strictly enforced.**

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3.5.1 Addenda. All questions and requests for information must be addressed in writing to **Cheryl Morgan, Procurement Manager** at cmorgan@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 RFQ 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 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

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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.

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;

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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 3.1.6 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. A pre-proposal conference will be conducted on September 26, 2024, at 2:00pm CT via Zoom Meeting:

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 RFQ, which are included as a part of this RFQ:

[Table No. 5]

| (1) RFQ Section | (2) Document No. | (3) Attachment | (4) Description |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 3.8.1 | 1.0 | | This RFQ Document |
| 3.8.2 | 2.0 | | "No-Bid" Response Form |
| 3.8.3 | 3.0 | A | Form of Proposal |
| 3.8.4 | 4.0 | B | Form HUD-5369-C (8/93), <i>Certifications and Representations of Offerors, Non-Construction Contract</i> |
| 3.8.5 | 8.0 | C | Profile of Firm Form |
| 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 |
| 3.8.10 | 14.0 | H | Certification of Contractor Non-Exclusion |
| 3.8.11 | 15.0 | I | Vendor Registration Form |
| 3.8.12 | 16.0 | J | Corporate Resolution Form |
| 3.8.13 | 17.0 | K | HUD-5370-C Section I |
| 3.8.14 | 18.0 | L | Non-Collusive Affidavit |

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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 RFQ Sections Herein |
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| 1 | 5 points | Subjective (Technical) | <p>As detailed within Section 3.1.4.1, Evaluation Factor No. 1, herein the proposer's Submittal Requirements Cover Letter/Proposal Overview (Up to 5 Points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a cover letter introducing the individual or firm. Include a summary of relevant experience and expertise. • If printed, provide the package bound, indexed with a table of contents with numbered pages and tabs. • Provide a reference contact at the current or past company including the address, phone number and email address. | 3.1.4.1 |
| 2 | 45 points | Subjective (Technical) | <p>As detailed within Section 4.1, Evaluation Factor No. 2, herein the proposer's Background and Relevant Experience (Up to 45 Points)</p> <p>Provide respondent firm's full legal name, founding date, entity type, and business expertise, brief history; and ownership structure.</p> <p>Submit detailed information on at least three (3) prior projects that demonstrate the respondent's similar experience in performing the services outlined in the Scope of Services. Include the following:</p> <p>General information</p> <p>Project description: Provide project name, address, brief description of work</p> | 3.1.4.27 |

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| | | | <p>Client Reference: Provide the name of the client for whom the respondent's services were performed. Provide contact name, address, phone number, and email address.</p> <p>Approach to the project</p> <p>Explain tangible measures that your firm/team employed to control schedule, quality, and costs.</p> <p>Explain how the project demonstrates knowledge of State and Local building codes.</p> <p>Types of projects experience</p> <p>Contract Value: Provide the dollar value of the contract for the services that the respondent performed and the anticipated or actual construction value of the design services.</p> <p>State whether U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development standard forms & procedures were used, including experience with HUD Forms 5370 & 51000 series.</p> <p>State experience with public housing authorities.</p> <p>State experience with affordable housing other than with public housing authorities.</p> <p>Describe experience producing construction documents for public bid under the Louisiana Public Bid Law and experience successfully administering construction contracts signed under Louisiana Public Bid Law regulations.</p> <p>Demonstrate experience with high rise apartment rehab, especially mechanical, electrical, fire protection, and vertical transportation systems repairs and upgrades.</p> <p>Describe any unique processes or procedures within the respondent's firm that would be beneficial to HANO when handling proposed Task Orders.</p> | |
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| 3 | 35 points | Subjective (Technical) | <p>As detailed within Section 3.1.4.3-9, Evaluation Factor No. 3, herein the proposer's Staffing and Qualifications (Up to 35 Points)</p> <p>Describe the overall staffing approach to be used in connection with this contract. Include in the description the approach to be used to ensure that qualified and experienced staff persons are assigned to this contract. Provide resumes or curriculum vitae of each such key personnel.</p> <p>Provide a description of the qualifications of key subcontractors anticipated to be used to complete contract work.</p> <p>Provide evidence of capability to provide services in a timely manner, i.e. evidence of current and anticipated workload, appropriate staffing and facilities, etc.</p> <p>Provide a list of all applicable professional licenses, certifications, and accreditations.</p> <p>Provide current information on the amount of professional liability insurance coverage carried out by respondent's firm. Include insurance for key sub-consultants proposed. List and describe any claims within the past five (5) years levied against your firm and your sub-consultants, and against key individuals within your firm and sub-consultants' firm.</p> <p>Provide HANO with a single point of contact that can be contacted regarding all matters related to the contract.</p> | 3.1.4.3 |
| 4 | 15 points | Subjective (Technical) | <p>As detailed within Section 3.1.4.3, Evaluation Factor No. 3, herein, the proposer's Employment, Training and Contracting Plan (Up to 15 Points)</p> <p>Submit Employment, Contracting, and Training Plans. The level of participation will be evaluated through an assessment of the action plans submitted.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to those respondents who explain the methods that will result in exceeding DBE, WBE, and Section 3 business enterprise contracting,</p> | 3.1.4.4 |

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| | | | and Section 3 resident employment and training requirements. Provide data on previous levels of Section 3 Employment, Section 3 Training, as well as Section 3, DBE, WBE contracting participation on past projects. | |
| | 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 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 RFQ documents.

4.2.3 Evaluation Committee. The Agency anticipates that it will select a minimum of a three (3) person committee to evaluate each of the responsive “hard copy” and electronic proposals submitted in response to this RFQ. PLEASE NOTE: No proposer shall be informed at any time during or after the RFQ 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 RFQ. 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 RFQ. Failure to abide by this requirement may (and most likely will) cause such proposer(s) to be eliminated from consideration for award.

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4.2.4 Evaluation. The Procurement staff will evaluate and award points pertaining to Evaluation Factor Nos. 4, 5, and 6 (the “Objective” Factors). The appointed evaluation committee, independent of Procurement or any other person at the Agency, shall evaluate the responsive proposals submitted and award points pertaining to Evaluation Factors Nos. 1, 2, 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 RFQ are shaded – please also see the Evaluation Factors detailed within the preceding Section 4.1):

[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 ED, 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.

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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;

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 The cost or financial offers received from each proposer;

4.2.7.4 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 RFQ, 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 RFQ as issued by the Agency,” including the contract clauses already attached as Attachments G and G-1 through G-4, each attached hereto. 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 RFQ:

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- 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 (please see Sample Contract, Attachments G and G-1 through G-4 each attached hereto), 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 RFQ 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 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 RFQ.
- 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 RFQ (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

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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 it will award a contract for the initial period of 2 years with an option to extend for 2 years.
- 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);
 - 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

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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 RFQ must conform and comply with all applicable local, state and federal codes, statutes, laws, and regulations.
- 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 10 workdays of notification by the Agency.

Appendix A Technical Specifications



APPENDIX A

The purpose of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is to procure an A/E to provide design services to replace the Simplex MiniPlex 4100 fire alarm system in the Guste High Rise Senior Housing Development with a new fire alarm system and PA system and all required devices to meet the current NFPA 101 Life Safety Code.

Services shall be provided as defined by, and in accordance with:

- HUD Form 51915: Model Form of Agreement Between Owner and Design Professional (On-call Design Contract);
- HUD Form 51915A: Contract Provisions Required by Federal Law or Owner Contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
- Supplemental Conditions
- This RFQ

All design work shall comply with the requirements of:

- HUD Handbook 7485.2, latest edition, Public Housing Modernization Standards Handbook,
- 24 CFR Part 8, Subpart C -- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards
- Where applicable, ADNUFAS Standards for Accessible Design
- Where applicable, Design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act

- HANO Design Guide for New Affordable Housing
- Housing Quality Standards (HQS)
- Uniform Physical Condition Standard (UPCS)
- HUD Minimum Property Standards 24 CFR 200 Subpart S (200.925-955), HUD Handbook 4910.1
- Louisiana Housing Corporation design requirements for LIHTC programs, when applicable
- Certification in a local or national green building certification program, when applicable
- Applicable codes, ordinances, and regulations of the City of New Orleans and State of Louisiana.

The comprehensive design services may include the system components but will not necessarily be limited to some or all of the items below.

System Components:

1. **Fire alarm control panel (FACP):** This component, the hub of the system, monitors inputs and system integrity, controls outputs and relays information.
2. **Primary power supply:** Commonly the non-switched 120 or 240-volt alternating current source supplied from a commercial power utility. In non-residential applications, a branch circuit is dedicated to the fire alarm system and its constituents. "Dedicated branch circuits" should not be confused with "Individual branch circuits" which supply energy to a single appliance.
3. **Secondary (backup) power supplies:** This component, commonly consisting of sealed lead-acid storage batteries or other emergency sources including generators, is used to supply energy in the event of a primary power failure. The batteries can be either inside the bottom of the panel or inside a separate battery box installed near the panel.
4. **Initiating devices:** These components act as inputs to the fire alarm control unit and are either manually or automatically activated. Examples would be devices such as pull stations, heat detectors, duct detectors, and smoke detectors. Heat and smoke detectors have different categories of both kinds. Some categories are beam, photoelectric, ionization, aspiration, and duct.
5. **Fire alarm notification appliance:** This component uses energy supplied from the fire alarm system or other stored energy source, to inform the proximate persons of the need to take action, usually to evacuate. This is done by means of pulsing incandescent light, flashing strobe light, electromechanical horn, siren, electronic horn, chime, bell, speaker, or a combination of these devices. Strobes are either made of a xenon tube (most common) or recently LEDs.
6. **Building safety interfaces:** This interface allows the fire alarm system to control aspects of the built environment, prepare the building for fire, and control the spread of smoke fumes and fire by influencing air movement, lighting, process control, human transport, and availability of exits.
7. **Wireless PA System:** Communication system used throughout the building.
8. **Electrical:** All building electrical should be replaced per current city, state codes.

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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 procurement@hano.org, or faxed to 504-286-8224.

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
4100 Touro St.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Email: procurement@hano.org Fax: 504-286-8224

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RFQ 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 Section 3 Statement and 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, stamped signature will not be accepted)</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 |
| _____ | Tab 6 Equal Employment Opportunity/Supplier Diversity |
| _____ | Tab 7 Certification of Non-Exclusion |
| _____ | Tab 8 Subcontractor/Joint Venture Information |
| _____ | Tab 9 Section 3 Business Preference Documentation |
| _____ | Tab 10 Other Information (Optional) |

SECTION 3 STATEMENT

Are you claiming a Section 3 business preference? YES___ or NO___. If "YES," pursuant to the Section 3 portion within the Conditions and Specifications, and pursuant to the documentation justifying such submitted under Tab No. 7, which priority are you claiming? _____.

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 RFQ 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 RFQ 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 RFQ.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Company

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RFQ Attachment B (HUD-5369-C)



Certifications and Representations of Offerors

Non-Construction Contract

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

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

1. Contingent Fee Representation and Agreement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Check the block applicable to you)

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

3. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

(a) The bidder/offeror certifies that—

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

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

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

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

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

4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Certification

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

5. Authorized Negotiators (RFPs only)

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

6. Conflict of Interest

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

7. Offeror's Signature

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

Signature & Date:

Typed or Printed Name:

Title:

Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

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



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1. Preparation of Offers

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

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

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

2. Submission of Offers

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

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

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

3. Amendments to Solicitations

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

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

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

4. Explanation to Prospective Offerors

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

5. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

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

6. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Offers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Contract Award

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

(b) The HA may

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

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

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

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

8. Service of Protest

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

9. Offer Submission

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

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

[Describe bid or proposal preparation instructions here:]

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) No. 24-911-45: Architectural and Engineering
Services to Replace the Fire Alarm and Announcement Systems at Guste High Rise Housing
Community

RFQ 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 |
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(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 |
|------|-------|
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(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- Owned* African American **Native American Hispanic American Asian/Pacific American Hasidic Jew Asian/Indian American
 _____% _____% _____% _____% _____% _____% _____%

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

WMBE Certification Number (if known): _____

Certified by (Agency): _____

Signature Date Printed Name Company

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- (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

RFQ Attachment D (Section 3 Submittal Form)



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INTERNAL PROCEDURES, INSTRUCTIONS, AND FORMS

This packet is designed to comply with the New HUD Section 3 Final Rule issued September 29, 2020, and became effective November 30, 2020. Therefore, these documents and instructions are related to the “Hours Worked Benchmarks” as called for in the 24 CFR Part 75 regulation. Every contractor and sub-contractor (except for professional services) are required to work toward meeting the prescribed benchmarks as indicated on the bottom of page 10 of this packet. There is no specific hiring or contracting goals under this new rule.

Most importantly, **the rule does not require the hiring or contracting of any person or business that is not fully qualified** to perform the work as would be charged. However, the rule makes clear that HUD is intent on ensuring Section 3 persons employed under the new rule receive measurable and sustainable employment. Therefore, Section 3 employees can be counted for up to five full years from the date of certification or hire respectively. HUD is expected to issue continued guidance on the new rule in the future so these documents may change in accordance with the rule.

If you should have any questions on this packet, please contact our Compliance Consultant:

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GOVERNING PARTS OF THE SECTION 3 FINAL RULE SPECIFIC TO THE
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS

The Final Rule is at 24 CFR Part 75

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SECTION 3 BACKGROUND

Applicable to all expenditures and agreements regardless of the dollar amount

Background - Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-448, approved August 1, 1968) (Section 3) was enacted to bring economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance expenditures, to the greatest extent feasible, to low- and very low-income persons residing in communities where the financial assistance is expended. Section 3 recognizes that HUD funds are often one of the largest sources of Federal funds expended in low- and very low-income communities and, where such funds are spent on activities such as construction and rehabilitation of housing and other public facilities, the expenditure results in economic opportunities. By directing HUD-funded economic opportunities to residents and businesses in the community where the funds are expended, the expenditure can have the dual benefit of creating new or rehabilitated housing and other facilities while providing opportunities for employment and training for the residents of these communities.

The Section 3 statute establishes priorities for employment and contracting for public housing programs and for other programs that provide housing and community development assistance. For example, the prioritization as it relates to public housing assistance places an emphasis on public housing residents, in contrast to the prioritization as it relates to housing and community development assistance, which places more emphasis on residents of the neighborhood or service area in which the investment is being made.

INTERNAL PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULE

Housing Authority of New Orleans Internal Hiring Procedure

For all positions at the authority, the human resources staff will include the Section 3 Individual Low-Income Person Self Certification form with the applications (virtually and paper) allowing each applicant to identify themselves accordingly. The completion of the form will remain voluntary and at the applicant's discretion.

Once all applications have been received and reviewed, the most desirous and qualified candidate will be progressed through the hiring process. The Section 3 status of the applicant will be considered only after the "Most Qualified" candidate has been determined. If there are multiple and equally qualified persons, the Section 3 status and category of the applicant will be considered. The candidate with the highest Section 3 priority based on the 24CFR Part 75.9(a)(2) will be offered the position. All advertisements for positions with the authority will carry this wording:

"This opportunity is covered under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968"

Housing Authority of New Orleans Contractor Hiring Notice

For all advertised contracts let by the authority, the responsible staff will include the Section 3 Business Self Certification form and the Section 3 Individual Low-Income Self Certification form with the bid package (virtually and paper) allowing each respondent to identify themselves and their business accordingly. The completion of the forms will remain voluntary and at the respondent's discretion.

Once all responses have been received and reviewed, the most desirous and qualified business will be progressed through the contracting process. The Section 3 status of the respondent will be considered only after the "Most Qualified and Advantageous" respondent has been determined.

If there are multiple and equally qualified businesses, the Section 3 status and category of the business will be considered. The business with the highest Section 3 priority, based on the 24CFR Part 75.9 (b)(2) will be awarded the contract. All other applicable procurement laws will be adhered to relative to contracting amounts. All advertisements for contracts with the authority will carry this wording:

"This opportunity is covered under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968"

Housing Authority of New Orleans Contracting Procedure

For all advertised and non-advertised contracts let by the authority, the responsible staff will include the Section 3 Business Self Certification form and the Section 3 Individual Low-Income Self Certification form (with no income limit area) with the solicitation/bid package (virtually and paper) allowing each respondent to identify themselves and their business accordingly. The completion of the forms will remain voluntary at the respondent's discretion.

Once all responses have been received and reviewed, the most desirous and qualified business will be progressed through the contracting process. The Section 3 status of the respondent will be considered only after the "Most Qualified and Advantageous" respondent has been determined. We encourage contractors to recruit, train, and hire as many Housing Authority of New Orleans residents and voucher holders as possible. At minimum, contractors are required to provide an opportunity notice the Section 3 coordinator so some outreach can be executed for any created or available employment opportunities.

If there are multiple and equally qualified businesses, the Section 3 status and category of the business will be considered. The business with the highest Section 3 priority, based on the 24CFR Part 75.9 (b)(2) will be awarded the contract. All other applicable procurement laws will be adhered to relative to contracting amounts. All advertisements for contracts with the authority or its contractors, and sub-contractors will carry this wording:

"This opportunity is covered under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968"

Housing Authority of New Orleans Internal Resident Training Procedure

For all resident training offered by Housing Authority of New Orleans and its contractors, the staff will include the Section 3 Individual Low-Income Person Self Certification form with the training notice or upon the first day of training (virtually and paper) allowing each prospective trainee to identify themselves accordingly as public housing or Section 8. The completion of the form will NOT be voluntary as the prospective trainees will be allowed to attend based on their prioritization in the 24CFR Part 75.9(a)(2).

If the training is being paid for with HUD Public Housing financial assistance, the training will be limited to residents and potentially voucher holders only.

All advertisements for training will carry this wording:

"This opportunity is covered under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968"

Key Rule Components

Note: Where a portion of a Section specifically spoke to areas not related to Public Housing Assistance, those pieces were intentionally removed. There is no need to feel something important is not included.

§ 75.1 Purpose.

This part establishes the requirements to be followed to ensure the objectives of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (Section 3) are met. The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that economic opportunities, most importantly employment, generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing or residents of the community in which the Federal assistance is spent.

§ 75.3 Applicability.

(a) General applicability. Section 3 applies to public housing financial assistance and Section 3 projects, as follows:

(1) Public housing financial assistance. Public housing financial assistance means:

(i) Development assistance provided pursuant to section 5 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (the 1937 Act);

(ii) Operations and management assistance provided pursuant to section 9(e) of the 1937 Act;

(iv) The entirety of a mixed-finance development project as described in 24 CFR 905.604, regardless of whether the project is fully or partially assisted with public housing financial assistance as defined in paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section.

(iii) The requirements in this part apply to an entire Section 3 project, regardless of whether the project is fully or partially assisted under HUD programs that provide housing and community development financial assistance.

(b) Contracts for materials. Section 3 requirements do not apply to material supply contracts.

(d) Other HUD assistance and other Federal assistance. Recipients that are not subject to Section 3 are encouraged to consider ways to support the purpose of Section 3.

§ 75.5 Core Definitions Only.

The terms HUD, Public housing, Public Housing Agency (PHA), and are defined in 24 CFR part 5. The also apply to this part: 1937 Act means the United States Housing Act of 1937, 42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq. Contractor means any entity entering into a contract with:

(1) A recipient to perform work in connection with the expenditure of public housing financial assistance or for work in connection with a Section 3 project; or

(2) A subrecipient for work in connection with a Section 3 project.

Labor hours means the number of paid hours worked by persons on a Section 3 project or by persons employed with funds that include public housing financial assistance.

Low-income person means a person as defined in Section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act.

Material supply contracts means contracts for the purchase of products and materials, including, but not limited to, lumber, drywall, wiring, concrete, pipes, toilets, sinks, carpets, and office supplies.

Professional services means non-construction services that require an advanced degree or professional licensing, including, but not limited to, contracts for legal services, financial consulting, accounting services, environmental assessment, architectural services, and civil engineering services.

Public housing financial assistance means assistance as defined in § 75.3(a)(1).

Public housing project is defined in 24 CFR 905.108.

Recipient means any entity that receives directly from HUD public housing financial assistance or housing and community development assistance that funds Section 3 projects, including, but not

limited to, any State, local government, instrumentality, PHA, or other public agency, public or private nonprofit organization.

Section 3 means Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701u).

Section 3 business concern means:

(1) A business concern meeting at least one of the following criteria, documented within the last six-month period:

- (i) It is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by low- or very low-income persons;
- (ii) Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three-month period are performed by Section 3 workers; or
- (iii) It is a business at least 51 percent owned and controlled by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing.

(2) The status of a Section 3 business concern shall not be negatively affected by a prior arrest or conviction of its owner(s) or employees.

[\(3\) Nothing in this part shall be construed to require the contracting or subcontracting of a Section 3 business concern.](#) Section 3 business concerns are not exempt from meeting the specifications of the contract.

Section 3 worker means:

(1) Any worker who currently fits or when hired within the past five years fit at least one of the following categories, as documented:

- (i) The worker's income for the previous or annualized calendar year is below the income limit established by HUD.
- (ii) The worker is employed by a Section 3 business concern.
- (iii) The worker is a YouthBuild participant.

(2) The status of a Section 3 worker shall not be negatively affected by a prior arrest or conviction.

[\(3\) Nothing in this part shall be construed to require the employment of someone who meets this definition of a Section 3 worker.](#) Section 3 workers are not exempt from meeting the qualifications of the position to be filled.

Section 8-assisted housing refers to housing receiving project-based rental assistance or tenant-based assistance under Section 8 of the 1937 Act.

Subcontractor means any entity that has a contract with a contractor to undertake a portion of the contractor's obligation to perform work in connection with the expenditure of public housing financial assistance or for a Section 3 project.

Targeted Section 3 worker has the meanings provided in §§ 75.11, 75.21, or 75.29, and does not exclude an individual that has a prior arrest or conviction.

Very low-income person means the definition for this term set forth in section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act.

YouthBuild programs refers to YouthBuild programs receiving assistance under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226).

§ 75.9 Requirements

(a) Employment and Training.

- (1) Consistent with existing Federal, state, and local laws and regulations, PHAs or other recipients receiving public housing financial assistance, and their contractors and subcontractors, must make their ***best efforts to provide employment and training opportunities*** generated by the public housing financial assistance to Section 3 workers.
- (2) PHAs or other recipients, and their contractors and subcontractors, must make their best efforts described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section in the following order of priority:
 - (i) To residents of the public housing projects for which the public housing financial assistance is expended;
 - (ii) To residents of other public housing projects managed by the PHA that is providing the assistance or for residents of Section 8-assisted housing managed by the PHA;
 - (iii) To participants in YouthBuild programs; and
 - (iv) To low- and very low-income persons residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the assistance is expended.

(b) Contracting.

- (1) Consistent with existing Federal, state, and local laws and regulations, PHAs and other recipients of public housing financial assistance, and their contractors and subcontractors, must make their ***best efforts to award contracts and subcontracts to business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers.***
- (2) PHAs and other recipients, and their contractors and subcontractors, must make their best efforts described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section in the following order of priority:
 - (i) To Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities for residents of the public housing projects for which the assistance is provided;
 - (ii) To Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities for residents of other public housing projects or Section-8 assisted housing managed by the PHA that is providing the assistance;
 - (iii) To YouthBuild programs; and

(iv) To Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the assistance is provided.

§ 75.11 Targeted Section 3 worker for Public Housing Financial Assistance.

(a) Targeted Section 3 worker. A Targeted Section 3 worker for public housing financial assistance means a Section 3 worker who is:

(1) A worker employed by a Section 3 business concern; or

(2) A worker who currently fits or when hired fit at least one of the following categories, as documented within the past five years:

(i) A resident of public housing or Section 8-assisted housing;

(ii) A resident of other public housing projects or Section 8-assisted housing managed by the PHA that is providing the assistance; or

(iii) A YouthBuild participant.

§ 75.13 Section 3 Safe Harbor. *(See Benchmarks on page 13)*

(a) General. Recipients will be considered to have complied with requirements in this part, in the absence of evidence to the contrary if they:

(2) Certify that they have followed the prioritization of effort in § 75.9; and

(3) (2) Meet or exceed the applicable Section 3 benchmark as described in paragraph (b) of this section.

§ 75.15 Reporting. *(See Benchmarks on page 13)*

(a) Reporting of labor hours. (1) For public housing financial assistance, PHAs and other recipients must report in a manner prescribed by HUD:

(i) The total number of labor hours worked;

(ii) The total number of labor hours worked by Section 3 workers; and

(iii) The total number of labor hours worked by Targeted Section 3 workers.

(2) Section 3 workers' and Targeted Section 3 workers' labor hours may be counted for five years from when their status as a Section 3 worker or Targeted Section 3 worker is established pursuant to § 75.31.

(5) PHAs and other recipients may report on the labor hours of the PHA, the recipient, a contractor, or a subcontractor based on the employer's good faith assessment of the labor hours of a full-time or part-time employee informed by the employer's existing salary or time and attendance based payroll systems, unless the project or activity is otherwise subject to requirements specifying time and attendance reporting.

(b) Additional reporting if Section 3 benchmarks are not met

If the PHA's or other recipient's reporting under paragraph (a) of this section indicates that the PHA or other recipient has not met the Section 3 benchmarks described in § 75.13, the PHA or other recipient must report in a form prescribed by HUD on the qualitative nature of its Section 3 compliance activities and those of its contractors and subcontractors. Such qualitative efforts may, for example, include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Engaged in outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Targeted Section 3 workers. Etc.

(2) of the (c) Reporting frequency. Unless otherwise provided, PHAs or other recipients must report annually to HUD under paragraph (a) of this section, and, where required, under paragraph (b) of this section, in a manner consistent with reporting requirements for the applicable HUD program.

§ 75.17 Contract Provisions.

(a) PHAs or other recipients must include language in any agreement or contract to apply Section 3 to contractors.

(b) PHAs or other recipients must require contractors to include language in any contract or agreement to apply Section 3 to subcontractors.

(c) PHAs or other recipients must require all contractors and subcontractors to meet the requirements of § 75.9, regardless of whether Section 3 language is included in contracts.

§ 75.29 Multiple Funding Sources.

(a) If a housing rehabilitation, housing construction or other public construction project is subject to Section 3 pursuant to § 75.3(a)(1) and (2), the recipient must follow subpart B of this part for the public housing financial assistance and may follow either subpart B or C of this part for the housing and community development financial assistance. For such a project, the following applies:

(2) The recipients of both sources of funding shall report on the housing rehabilitation, housing construction, or other public construction project as a whole and shall identify the multiple associated recipients. PHAs and other recipients must report the following information:

- (i) The Total number of labor hours worked on the project;
- (ii) The total number of labor hours worked by Section 3 workers on the project, and;
- (iii) The total number of labor hours worked by Targeted Section 3 workers on the project.

§ 75.31 Recordkeeping.

(b) Recipients must maintain documentation, or ensure that a subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor that employs the worker maintains documentation, to ensure that workers meet the definition of a Section 3 worker or Targeted Section 3 worker, at the time of hire or the first reporting period, as follows:

(1) For a worker to qualify as a Section 3 worker, one of the following must be maintained:

- (i) A worker's self-certification that their income is below the income limit from the prior calendar year;
- (ii) A worker's self-certification of participation in a means-tested program such as public housing or Section 8-assisted housing;
- (iii) Certification from a PHA, or the owner or property manager of project-based Section 8-assisted housing, or the administrator of tenant-based Section 8-assisted housing that the worker is a participant in one of their programs;
- (iv) An employer's certification that the worker's income from that employer is below the income limit when based on an employer's calculation of what the worker's wage rate would translate to if annualized on a full-time basis; or
- (v) An employer's certification that the worker is employed by a Section 3 business concern.

(2) For a worker to qualify as a Targeted Section 3 worker, one of the following must be maintained:

(i) For a worker to qualify as a Targeted Section 3 worker under subpart B of this part:

(A) A worker's self-certification of participation in public housing or Section 8-assisted housing programs;

(B) Certification from a PHA, or the owner or property manager of project-based Section 8-assisted housing, or the administrator of tenant-based Section 8-assisted housing that the worker is a participant in one of their programs;

(C) An employer's certification that the worker is employed by a Section 3 business concern; or

(D) A worker's certification that the worker is a YouthBuild participant.

Benchmarks

For Public Housing Financial Assistance, the proposed benchmark notification set the benchmarks for the recipient's fiscal year. The proposed benchmark notification provided that recipients would meet the safe harbor in the new §75.13 by certifying to the prioritization of effort in the new §75.9 and meeting or exceeding Section 3 benchmarks for total number of labor hours worked by Section 3 workers and by Targeted Section 3 workers. The benchmark for Section 3 workers was set at 20 percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers paid with public housing financial assistance. The benchmark for Targeted Section 3 workers was set at 5 percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers paid with public housing financial assistance.

Simply stated, the recipient needs to meet these two benchmarks annually in order to achieve Safe Harbor.

Section 3 Workers Labor Hours = 20%
Total Labor Hours for the Recipient

Section 3 Targeted Workers Labor Hours = 5%
Total Labor Hours for the Recipient

Forms Package Follows on the Next Page

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS

SECTION 3 NEW RULE 24 CFR Part 75

On November 30, 2020, HUD put into effect a New and Final Section 3 Rule for all recipients. This rule is drastically different from the old rule and therefore, we want everyone to know these requirements and plan accordingly.

Every contractor must ensure this package is included in their sub-contracts. Every sub-contractor must include this package in their lower-tiered sub-contracts.

This new rule exempts all material and supply only agreements. The rule applies to all service-related contracts/agreements despite the dollar amount or project duration, except CPA's, Attorneys, Engineers, and Architects.

There is an Order of Priority for employment that needs to be followed in the event there are multiple "equally" qualified persons for a job. Contracting is based on "Economic Opportunities" provided to Section 3 persons. Please ask if you desire to do any of these things.

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The Acknowledgement and Affidavit must be executed and returned by Every Contractor.

Housing Authority of New Orleans
Annual "Section 3 Benchmarks" Requirement Summary

- * Twenty (20) percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers employed with public housing financial assistance in a HA's fiscal year are Section 3 workers; and
- * Five (5) percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers employed with public housing financial assistance in a HA's fiscal year are Section 3 workers
- * There are **No specific hiring or contracting goals** under this new rule.
- * There is **No Section 3 Business Preference** under the new rule and **No points awarded** for being a Section 3 Business.
- * All **person or business be fully qualified to perform the work.**

The two new categories of Section 3 are now referred to as:

- * **Section 3 Worker** - Any low or very low-income persons residing in the Metropolitan area
- * **Targeted Section 3 Worker** - Public Housing, Voucher Holder, and YouthBuild participants

Contractors will provide these three (3) data sets to the Section 3 Consultant within 45 days of the month after the hours have been worked by EVERY person that worked directly on the contract. **No back-office staff hours are counted:**

- * Total Hours Worked by all workers
- * Total Hours Worked by Section 3 Workers (Individual Self-Certification Form Required)
- * Total Hours worked by Targeted Section 3 Workers (Individual Self-Certification Form Required)

There are new definitions of how to be a Section 3 Business Concern:

- * It is at least 51 percent owned by low- or very low-income persons; with businesses at least 6 months old
- * Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business are performed by low- or very low-income persons; or (Based on the prior 90 days of full business payrolls)
- * It is a business at least 51 percent owned by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing, with businesses at least 6 months old.

HANO MONTHLY REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

STEP ONE

Enter your company name and the name of the contract or task you are performing in the appropriate lines at the top of the form.

STEP TWO

Determine which workers qualify as Section 3 by having each complete a **Section 3 Individual Low-Income Person Self-Certification Form**. This form is submitted once per Section 3 employee or those that believe they meet the definition of a Section 3 employee.

The form is to be completed by the individual and stress to the employee that the form is **Voluntary**:

1. Complete contact info section
2. Check the box that describes your situation
3. Sign and date the form
4. Complete the employer information
5. Return to your employer

STEP THREE

After determining which workers are Section 3, determine their classification based on what they check in the box on the form as **Non-Targeted** or **Targeted**:

Non-Targeted Workers are those low-income people who reside within the HANO metro area

Targeted Workers are those low-income people who are currently active HANO public housing , or Section 8 residents, and/or YouthBuild participants.

STEP FOUR

Enter the monthly dates of reporting on the first line, then proceed as follows:

1. Enter total hours worked by ALL contract or project level staff with exceptions as noted above*
2. Enter total hours worked by all Section 3 staff **Non-Targeted**
3. Enter total hours worked by all Section 3 staff **Targeted**

List **ONLY** the individual names of the workers who have self-certified as Section 3 (**Non-Targeted** and **Targeted**) along with their total hours for this months report only.

STEP FIVE

Submit the Section 3 Hours Worked Reporting on a monthly basis in the electronic system provided by the Section 3 Consultant on a future communication.

SECTION 3 BUSINESS

Voluntary Self-Certification Form

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE HUD ACT OF 1968 UPDATED 24 CFR PART 75 11/30/2020

The purpose of this form is to comply with Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 Business Certification requirements. To count as a Section 3 Business your company/firm must meet one of the listed categories below. Each category will require additional documentation to support the election. You must provide that supporting documentation with this form properly completed to be confirmed as a Section 3 business. If this form is submitted without the required supplemental data, your certification will not be processed.

| CATEGORY | DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED | YOUR ELECTION |
|---|---|---------------|
| a business at least 51 percent owned by low- or very low-income persons; | Proof of ownership showing all owners and their percentages and a completed Section 3 Individual Self-Certification form for all low- and very low-income owners | |
| Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business are performed by low- or very low-income persons; or | Provide the last 90 days full payrolls for the entire company, make a list of the names from the payrolls of the Section 3 workers, and provide a completed Section 3 Individual Self-Certification for all low- and very low-income workers you list | |
| It is a business at least 51 percent owned by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing. | Proof of ownership showing all owners and their percentages and a Section 3 Individual Self-Certification form for all public housing and/or Section 8 owners | |

I hereby certify to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that all of the information on this form is true and correct. I attest under penalty of perjury that my business meets the elected definition and understand proof of this information may be requested. If found to be inaccurate, I understand that I may be disqualified as a certified Section 3 business.

Full Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 3 INDIVIDUAL LOW-INCOME PERSON

Voluntary Self-Certification Form

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE HUD ACT OF 1968 UPDATED 24 CFR PART 75 11/30/2020

The purpose of this form is to comply with Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 self-certification income requirements. To count as a Section 3 individual, any legal resident of the United States annual income must not exceed the HUD income limits for the year before they were hired, or, the individual's current year income annualized for the year they are being confirmed as low-income.

Print Name

| | | | |
|-------|--|-------|--|
| Phone | | Email | |
|-------|--|-------|--|

Address

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| City | State | Zip |
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To qualify as a Section 3 Person, you must meet one of the standards in the brackets below or your individual annual income must not exceed the number in the box below.

Check only one box below that describes your situation:

- I am a low or very low-income person residing in the HANO Metropolitan Area below
- My employer will certify that I am employed by a Section 3 business
- I reside in a HANO property
- I live in Section 8 housing administered by HANO
- I am a current YouthBuild participant

My Individual Annual Income Does Not Exceed: \$45,950*

Orleans Parish is part of the New Orleans-Metairie, LA HUD Metro FMR Area

I hereby certify to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that all of the information on this form is true and correct. I attest under penalty of perjury that my total income does not exceed the one shown above, and that proof of this information may be requested. If found to be inaccurate, I understand that I may be disqualified as a certified Section 3 individual.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SECTION 3

Required Hours Worked Reporting

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE HUD ACT OF 1968 UPDATED 24 CFR PART 75 11/30/2020

The purpose of this form is to comply with Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 tracking of hours worked by all person's employed on a [Housing Authority of New Orleans](#) contract, including those meeting the Section 3 income requirements as low- or very low-income.

Section 3 Employees are now defined to as:

Section 3 Workers - Any low or very low-income persons residing in the HANO Metropolitan Area (MSA)

Targeted Section 3 Workers - I reside in public housing or Section 8 housing managed by HANO or a current YouthBuild participants (If a program is active in the area)

If your company employs any person it believe is low income now or was when they were hired within the past five years, please have them complete the **SECTION 3 INDIVIDUAL LOW-INCOME PERSON SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM**" and return it with their first report of employment in the Hours Worked Reporting System.

All hours worked by everyone on the project must be reported monthly electronically or by email. If you have questions please contact the HANO Section 3 Contact:

Housing Authority of New Orleans

Name: Peter Do

Email: section3@hano.org

Phone: 504-670-3266

- * Total Hours Worked by non-Section 3 staff
- * Total hours worked by all **Non-targeted** Section 3 employees
- * Total hours worked by all **Targeted** Section 3 employee

Housing Authority of New Orleans
Section 3 New Rule Contractor Acknowledgement
(Return this form with your final contract)

Company Name: _____

Contract or Project Name: _____

Trade Work/Classification: _____

I hereby certify to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that I have read all of the information in this policy package and agree to follow the requirements for complying with the order of prioritization in 75.9 and reporting of all labor hours associated with my contract as required. I further understand that failure to comply with these requirements will cause my payments to be held and not processed or not released until I come into full compliance with this policy.

Monthly, I will be required to provide these data points for all contract staff working directly on the contract **not including any back-office staff**:

- Total Hours Worked by all employees (Section 3 and regular employees)
- Total Hours Worked by All **Non-Targeted Section 3 employees** (Low-Income persons residing in the HANO Metropolitan Area (MSA))
- Total Hours Worked by All **Targeted Section 3 employees** (Public Housing, Section 8, YouthBuild)

You are required to enter the names and hours worked by each Section 3 employee individually.

Signature: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) No. 24-911-45: Architectural and Engineering
Services to Replace the Fire Alarm and Announcement Systems at Guste High Rise Housing
Community

RFQ Attachment E (HUD-5369-B)



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

**Instructions to Bidders for Contracts
Public and Indian Housing Programs**

Instructions to Bidders for Contracts

Public and Indian Housing Programs

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1. Bid Preparation and Submission

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Explanations and Interpretations to Prospective Bidders

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

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

3. Amendments to Invitations for Bids

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

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

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

4. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

5. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Bids

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. Bid Opening

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

7. Service of Protest

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

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

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

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

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

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

8. Contract Award

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Assurance of Completion

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

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

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

[] (3) a 20 percent cash escrow;

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

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

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

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

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

11. Preconstruction Conference (applicable to construction contracts)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RFQ 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 the duration of the awarded project. The contract extension option is subject to funding availability.

Contract Type

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

Invoicing

Invoices shall be submitted monthly to the Department of Finance with a copy to the Modernization and Development Department. 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 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 respondent(s) 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

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(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 RFQ, and not otherwise required by law to be submitted, where such information should reasonably be considered confidential.

Indemnification

The successful Respondent(s) 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, 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 RFQ will survive the expiration or termination of that contract.

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

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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.

The successful Respondent 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 Respondent 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 selected respondent(s) responsible for the proposed services.

Certification of Legal Entity

Prior to execution of the Contract Agreement, the Respondent shall certify that joint ventures, partnerships, team agreements, new corporations or other entities that either exist or will be formally 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 RFQ, 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.

Respondent Status

The successful Respondent will be held to be an independent Consultant and will not be an employee of HANO.

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Assignment

The successful Respondent shall not enter into any subcontracts, retain consultants, or assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise delegate its obligations under the contract resulting from this RFQ, 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.

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 Acknowledgment of Addenda



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA
(ATTACHMENT H)

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 Certification of Contractor Non- Exclusion



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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 (5) 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 (5) 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 I

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

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Go to 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

Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____

Other (see instructions) ▶ _____

C Corporation

S Corporation

Partnership

Trust/estate

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.

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) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.

6 City, state, and ZIP code

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

Social security number

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 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
- 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
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if 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 II, later.

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| Sign Here | Signature of U.S. person ▶ | Date ▶ |
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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 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or 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 Form 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 20 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 II 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 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) 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 DBA 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 DBA 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)(iii). 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, DBA 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 | Partnership |
| • Trust/estate | 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(f)(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)(ii)

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

I—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 payor 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 SS-4. 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), ABL E 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)(i)(B)) | 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 DBA 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/complaint. 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 J

Corporate Resolution

Form

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

This is a Required 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 City of Austin: 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 City of Austin 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_.

Secretary-Treasurer

(Corporate Seal)

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) No. 24-911-45: Architectural and Engineering
Services to Replace the Fire Alarm and Announcement Systems at Guste High Rise Housing
Community

RFQ Attachment K (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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this contract:

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

2. Changes

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

proposal submitted before final payment of the contract.

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

3. Termination for Convenience and Default

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

4. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

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

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

5. Rights in Data (Ownership and Proprietary Interest)

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

6. Energy Efficiency

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

7. Disputes

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

8. Contract Termination; Debarment

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

9. Assignment of Contract

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

10. Certificate and Release

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

11. Organizational Conflicts of Interest

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

12. Inspection and Acceptance

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

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

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

13. Interest of Members of Congress

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

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

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

15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Prohibition.

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

(v) The prohibition does not apply as follows:

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

During the performance of this contract, the

Contractor/Seller agrees as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17. Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information

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

19. Contractor's Status

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

20. Other Contractors

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

21. Liens

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

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

- (a) The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
- (b) The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 75, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the Part 75 regulations.
- (c) The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 prioritization requirements, and shall state the minimum percentages of labor hour requirements established in the Benchmark Notice (FR-6085-N-04)..
- (d) The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 75, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 75. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 75.
- (e) Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 75 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts
- (f) Contracts, subcontracts, grants, or subgrants subject to Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5307(b)) or subject to tribal preference requirements as authorized under 101(k) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 4111(k)) must provide preferences in employment, training, and business opportunities to Indians and Indian organizations, and are therefore not subject to the requirements of 24 CFR Part 75.

23. Procurement of Recovered Materials

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

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

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

RFQ Attachment L (Non-Collusive Affidavit)



**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) No. 24-911-45: Architectural and Engineering
Services to Replace the Fire Alarm and Announcement Systems at Guste High Rise
Housing Community**

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 24-911-45**

CERTIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR NON-EXCLUSION

This certification applies to a sole proprietor or any bidding entity or any individual partner, incorporation, 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:

- (e) Public bribery
- (f) Corrupt Influencing
- (g) Extortion
- (h) 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:

- (j) Theft
- (k) Identity theft
- (l) Theft of a business record
- (m) False accounting
- (n) Issuing worthless checks
- (o) Bank fraud
- (p) Forgery
- (q) Contractors; misapplication of payments
- (r) 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)

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**NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT
(Prime Offeror)**

State of _____

City/County of _____

_____ Being duly sworn deposes and says:
(Name)

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

The party making the foregoing proposal or bid, that such proposal or bid is genuine and not collusive or sham: that said bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any bidder or person, to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person to fix the bid price or affiant or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead profit or cost element of said bid price, or that any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the Housing Authority of New Orleans or any personal interest in the proposed contracts; and that all statements in said proposal or bid are true.

Signature of

Bidder, if the Offeror is 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 _____, 20_____.