

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF
WILMINGTON, NC**

(WHA)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

SOLICITATION NO: LITHC24.01

LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT OVERSIGHT

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WOODBIDGE APARTMENTS

CREEKWOOD LLC APARTMENTS

RANKIN PLACE TERRACE, LLC APARTMENTS

Request for Proposal

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Date Due: October 14, 2024

Time Due: 12:00 p.m.

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Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington, NC

Procurement Department

1524 S. 16th Street

Wilmington, NC 28401

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY
OF WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Tax Credit Oversight

The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (“WHA” or “the Authority”) WHA is inviting proposals from qualified professional Tax Credit Oversight services.

RFP packets may be picked up beginning, Tuesday, September 17, 2024, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Authority’s Central Office at 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina. There will be a \$25.00 charge for each copy. Questions will be due by October 4, 2024, at noon, and answered by October 7, 2024.

Interested Firms may request, by phone, email or letter, an RFP packet, which contains a description of the services required, by contacting Chauntrell Burns, SVP of Procurement by e-mailing at cburns@wha.net. Technical questions should be directed to Chauntrell Burns.

Proposals shall be received in a sealed envelope and will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2024. Proposals shall be kept confidential.

The criteria for evaluating these Proposals will be based solely on the items set forth in the RFP. There may be one or more contract awards to the most responsive and responsible proposal, which in the judgment of WHA best meets the objectives of the Housing Authority.

WHA reserves the right to interview the competitive range if such a process proves unnecessary.

WHA reserves the right to reject any Proposals and/or waive any informality in the solicitation process. The proposal will not be available for public review until contract has been awarded.

WHA does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, or activities.

The Award may be made to one, multiples or none.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

1. PURPOSE

The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina (“WHA” or “the Authority”) is inviting proposals from qualified professional services firms with specific expertise in Tax Credit Oversight services. The contract period begins with an award letter for 1 year, with a one-year renewal option.

The intent of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to provide Tax Credit Oversight services for tax credit properties Creekwood South, LLC, Rankin Terrace, LLC & Woodbridge Apts. The purpose of this RFP is to solicit meaningful proposals so that WHA may select, from among a range of proposals, the firm that best meets its needs and requirements.

Any Small Disadvantaged Business Concern (SDBC) proposer should state such status specifically. Proposals from small business enterprises, women’s business enterprises, and minority business enterprises are encouraged.

2. BACKGROUND

WHA is a body corporate and politic, and is governed by the U. S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and subject to regulations under Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Chartered in 1938, WHA was the first housing authority in North Carolina.

WHA is an equal opportunity housing organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for public housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher clients by providing and/or subsidizing attractive, secure, affordable housing units. In addition, WHA works to ensure its homeownership; economic development and community supportive service programs are designed and administered in a manner which enables clients to achieve a higher level of economic and social self-sufficiency. A nine-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Mayor of the City of Wilmington, N. C. sets policy for the Authority.

3. OPERATIONS

WHA is funded through a variety of federal, state and local sources, with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development being the cognizant primary funding agency.

Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington, NC (WHA)

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Scope of Work

The scope of services for this RFP includes some or all of the following services for:

- Review initial and existing tenant file audits to ensure all files are meeting eligibility requirements for the Tax Credit program.
- Upload all tax credit files to RCRS within 30 days of move in or recertification.
- Monitoring of partnership agreements and/or Land Use Agreements to each development to ensure the Housing Authority is meeting our minimum set aside Tax Credit requirements.
- Keeping up to date with the maximum allowable income limits for New Hanover County.
- Monitor all tenant files to ensure over income residents are not housed within our Tax Credit properties and that the development is following all other tax credit requirements for the specified development.
- Conduct file reviews upon request with the North Carolina Housing Finance agency.
- Provide up to date verification forms to the Housing Authority
- Provide staff training.
- Submit annual reporting to RCRS with the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency.

MANAGEMENT AGENT EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

Name of Agent: _____

Contact Person: _____

Office address, phone, and email: _____

1. Total number of the following that the proposed agent currently manages:
 North Carolina low-income housing tax credit properties: _____ units: _____
 out of state low- income housing tax credit properties: _____ units: _____

2. How many 8823's has been filed on properties for an event that occurred during the agent's tenure that remain uncorrected? _____

3. How many of the 8823's identified above in number 2 remain uncorrected more than six months from the date of notification by the agency? _____

4. If the application involves rehabilitation of existing housing units, does the agent have experience with the federal Uniform Relocation Act? [Yes, no or N/A] _____

5. Do you have any outstanding flags in HUD's national 2530 National Participation system?
 [Yes or No] _____

Attach the Experience Spreadsheet form and a thorough explanation for all "yes" answers to the questions above.

Complete the table below for all persons in a supervisory capacity with regard to the proposed project and attach a copy of certifications to this page).

Name of individual	Capacity/Title	Name of Certification	Certification Sponsor

I hereby certify that the information above and any attached explanation is/are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation, false information or omission may result in disqualification of this application and any other involving the same owner(s), Principal(s), consultant(s) and/or application preparer(s).

 Signature of proposed management agent's authorized representative

MANAGEMENT AGENT COMPENSATION

**COMPLETE EITHER SECTION A OR SECTION B
COMPENSATION WILL BE BASED ON 239 UNITS**

SECTION A. - FOR PERCENTAGE FEE BID:

OUR COMPLIANCE OVERSIGHT FEE WILL BE _____ % OF _____

Select one of the following and print on line above:

Rents billed

Rents collected

Gross potential rent

Other (describe in words on line above).

SECTION B. - FOR FLAT FEE BID:

OUR COMPLIANCE OVERSIGHT FEE WILL BE A FLAT FEE OF \$ _____ PER UNIT PER MONTH.

Signature of proposed management agent's authorized representative

PRINT

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- A. The proposal must be for the entire scope of the requirements stated in the Scope of Work. The proposal should be in one original bound document, with 4 additional (or stapled) copies included.
- B. The proposal must contain specific information in the following format:
1. Title page including the firm's name, address, phone and fax numbers, contact person, date of the proposal.
 2. Table of Contents.
 3. Description of your firm as to size and organization.
 4. A listing of the most significant engagements (maximum of five) performed in the last five years that are similar to this engagement described in this request. Indicate the scope of work, date.
 5. Qualifications of staff members to be assigned to the WHA, their position in the firm.

All proposals must be submitted to:

**Chauntrell Burns, Sr. Vice President of Procurement
The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington, NC
1524 S. 16th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401**

One original bound document with 4 additional (or stapled) copies of the proposal must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "**Tax Credit Oversight.**" The proposals must be in our office no later than 12:00 p.m. on October 14, 2024.

Proposals sent by U. S. Mail, Overnight Delivery, Federal Express, or similar carriers should be packaged and addressed and marked as above, in a sealed envelope inside the courier's envelope. Proposals received prior to the time set forth in the above paragraph will be kept unopened until the time set for opening. Proposals received after the date and time noted above will not be considered. The proposer alone is responsible for the timely delivery of all proposals. WHA will not be held responsible for late proposals.

You may contact Chauntrell Burns, at (910) 341-7700, extension 247 regarding the submittal process and/or technical aspects of the project.

The RFP for Tax Credit Oversight services is available for review on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, on the Authority's website, www.wha.net or at the office at 1524 S. 16th Street Monday through Friday between 8:00 and 4:30 regular business hours.

WHA reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive any informality in the proposal process. Solicitation of the request for proposal does not commit WHA to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT/CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT/TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. Upon selection of a qualified team through the RFP process, WHA shall enter into a contract for services (based on an approved scope of services and budget) with the selected firm/firms on terms and conditions acceptable to WHA. Until execution of a contract, WHA reserves the right to cease negotiations and to start the RFP process again. Submissions will be held in confidence and not released in any manner until after the award of contract(s).

- C. The successful bidders shall furnish proof of insurance to the Authority including the type and amount for coverage specified below before beginning work:
 - 1. Workers' Compensation as required by law
 - 2. General Liability Insurance \$1,000,000.00

- D. The successful bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless from any liability whatsoever; including wrongful death, based or asserted upon any act or omission of the bidder, its employees, sub-contractors and agents relating to or in any way connected with the accomplishment of the work or performance of service under this agreement. As part of the forgoing indemnity the successful bidder agrees to protect and defend at its own expense, including attorney fees, the Authority, its officers, agents, and employees in any legal action based upon any alleged acts or omission.

- E. The successful bidder and its agents, servants and employees shall act at all times in an independent capacity during the term of the agreement and in the performance of the services to be rendered there under, and shall not act as, and shall not be, and shall not in any manner be considered to be agents, officers or employees of the WHA.

- F. The successful bidders shall not discriminate in its recruiting, hiring, promotion, demotion or termination practices on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status or sex in the performance of the contract, and, to the extent they shall be found to be applicable thereto, shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment Practices Act and the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.

- G. At the option of the Authority, finalists may be selected for a best and final round of negotiations; however, vendors are encouraged to present their best offers with their initial submission.
- H. WHA reserves the right to bring in any or all respondents to the RFP for an interview.
- I. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals. In addition to other factors, the proposals will be evaluated on the basis of advantages and disadvantages to WHA that might result from the award of more than one contract. WHA reserves the right to make a contract award based solely upon the proposals, or to negotiate further with one or more vendors. The vendor (s) selected for the award will be chosen on the basis of greatest benefit to WHA, and not necessarily on the basis of lowest pricing. Nothing contained herein shall require WHA to enter into exclusive negotiations and WHA reserves the right to amend, alter and revise its own criteria in the selection of a respondent without notice.
- J. Neither the agreement, nor any part thereof, shall be assigned by the successful bidder without the prior written consent of WHA.

TERMINATION CLAUSE

WHA reserves the right to reject any and all submittals, to take exception to these RFP specifications or to waive minor irregularities in any submittal, to issue additional RFP's and to either substantially modify or terminate the Project at any time prior to final execution of a contract.

WHA will reject the proposal of any respondent who is debarred by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development providing services to public housing authorities, and reserves the right to reject the proposal of any respondent who has previously failed to perform any contract properly for any purchaser, or to complete on time, contracts of a similar nature, who is not in the position to perform the contract, or who has neglected the payment of bills or otherwise disregarded its obligations to clients, purchasers, subcontractors, material men, or employees. Each firm must complete "Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension.

EVALUATION

A. Process

A team of reviewers will rate proposals. If negotiations are not completed with the top ranked team, negotiations may proceed with the next most qualified company.

B. Evaluation and Selection Criteria

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated using five (5) categories listed below: The evaluation criteria for the award of the contract will be weighted according to the points assigned to each category. The following represent the principal selection criteria, which will be considered during the evaluation process.

Proposals will be ranked based upon the merits of the written proposal and the qualifications and experience of the firm or consultant team. Each reviewer will award a score based on a 100-point total as follows:

Evaluation Criteria

	CRITERIA	PERCENT
1.	Have the necessary organization, experience, operational controls, and technical skills, or the ability to obtain them.	40 %
2.	Have a satisfactory performance record; WHA will require offerors to submit contract information for recent contracts they have performed for other customers and contact them to ascertain the offeror's quality of performance, including timeliness of delivery / completion, quality of work, compliance with terms and conditions of the contract, and cost control, if applicable. Inquire of past customers whether or not they would contract with the offeror again and why.	30%
3.	Pricing	20%
4.	MWBE	5%
5.	Complete packet as requested	5%

- Debarment Statement
- Minority/Women Business Enterprise
- Section 3 Certification

Yes ___ No ___

Yes ___ No ___

Yes ___ No ___

- Evidence of Insurance Yes ___ No ___
- Equal Employment Opportunity Certification Yes ___ No ___

The WHA reaffirms its right to make any selection it deems prudent, and responding firms or individual participants acknowledge through their participation that such selection is not subject to protest or contest.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

This checklist must be completed and submitted with your proposal.

- A. Five bound (or stapled) copies of the proposal _____
- B. Equal Employment Opportunity Certification (signed) _____
- C. "Certifications and Representations of Offerors, Non-Construction Contract" for (signed) _____
- D. Section 3 Certification (signed) _____
- E. References _____

Submitted by:

Company Name	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Phone	
Fax	
Authorized Signature	
Authorized Personnel (please print)	
Date	

REFERENCES

CURRENT CLIENT REFERENCES (REQUIRED) – LITHC24.01- Tax Credit Oversight Services

Submit this form with the BID, failure to do so is grounds for disqualification.

Company _____

Address _____

City, ST, Zip _____

Fax/Phone/Email _____

Contact Name/Title _____

Type of Engagement _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, ST, Zip _____

Fax/Phone/Email _____

Contact Name/Title _____

Type of Engagement _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, ST, Zip _____

Fax/Phone/Email _____

Contact Name/Title _____

Type of Engagement _____

SAMPLE
Contract for Service
(Contract No.: _____)

This **Contract for Tax Credit Oversight Services** (the "Contract") made this the ___ day of _____ by and between the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA (the "Authority"), whose address is 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 and _____ ("Contractor") whose address is _____.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Authority is a public body and body corporate and politic organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina;

WHEREAS, the Authority has selected the Contractor to perform the services describe in this Contract in accordance with the Authority's procurement policy;

WHEREAS, the Contractor has the knowledge and experience required to fully perform the scope of work herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and other good valuable consideration hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Section 1. Contract Performance

The Contractor shall perform all tasks set forth in the "Scope of Work" attached as Exhibit A and the Project Manual.

Section 2. Statement of Work

The Contractor shall furnish all labor, material, tools, equipment, transportation, supervision and related services to perform and complete all work required under this Contract. All work shall be in strict conformance with the Contract, as amended.

In its performance of the work under the Contract, the Contractor shall perform all work in a prompt and efficient manner, as well as use its best efforts to minimize disturbance to residents at the Authority's premises.

Section 3. Changes

The Authority may at any time, by written order, and without notice to the sureties, if any, make changes within the scope of the Contract (including the Scope of Work and Project Manual in the services to be performed or supplies to be delivered by the Contractor) .

If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the hourly rate or the time required for performance of any part of the work under the Contract, or otherwise affects the conditions under which the Contract shall be performed by the Contractor, the Authority shall make an equitable adjustment in the hourly rate, the delivery schedule, or other affected terms, and shall modify the Contract accordingly.

The Contractor must assert its right to an equitable adjustment under this Section within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order for change. However, if the Authority decides that the facts justify it, the Authority may receive and act upon a proposal submitted before final payment of the contract.

Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute which shall be resolved under Section 18. However, nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the Contract as changed.

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 Authority.

If the contractor fails to complete the work within the time specified in the contract, or any extension, as specified in the clause entitled Default of the contract, the contractor shall pay to the Authority liquidated damages in the sum of **\$50.00** per day for each day of delay.

Disputes: Failure to complete the project, or any part thereof, on a specified date or dates shall not form a basis for a contractor claim for extra fee or extra compensation. No claims by a contractor for extra compensation or adjustments will be allowed on account of deletions of work items or delay or failure of others to complete work.

Default: If the Authority deems it inexpedient to require the Contractor to correct work injured or not done in accordance with the contract, an equitable deduction from the contract price shall be made by agreement between the contractor and the Authority subject to prior approval of HUD and subject to settlement in case of dispute, as herein provided.

Section 4. Contract Price

Prices for the Contract shall be as follows:

- A. For services as specified in the Scope of Work and Project Manual, Contractor shall be paid in the amount \$ _____ for such services.

Section 5. Contract Term

The Contract shall commence with the date listed on the award letter for one year, with an option exercisable by the Authority to extend the contract for an additional one (1) year period, unless terminated sooner by either party in accordance with the provisions of the Contract. Contractor will be notified by letter if an extension is granted.

Contractor will be fined \$50.00 per day, for every day, over the agreed upon completion date.

Section 6. Insurance Requirements

Before work begins, the Contractor shall procure from a reputable insurance company authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina the following insurance policies that provide (at a minimum) the following coverage:

- A. **Commercial General Liability** - \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit with a \$2,000,000 annual aggregate for bodily injury liability and property damage liability, including premises and/or operations, independent contractors, products and/or completed operations, broad form property damage and commercial umbrella coverage, and a contractual liability endorsement.
- B. **Commercial Auto Policy** - \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined for bodily injury liability and property damage liability, including owned vehicles, hired and non-owned vehicles, and employee non-ownership.
- C. **Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability** - coverage for all employees to the statutory limits in compliance with state and federal law; employer's liability of \$500,000 each accident; \$500,000 bodily injury by disease each employee; \$500,000 bodily injury by disease policy limit.
- D. **Builders Risk Insurance** - is required written in the amount of 100% of the contract amount. Coverage shall apply to risks of direct physical loss or damage to buildings and structures while in the course of construction, including foundations, attachments, machinery and all permanent fixtures constituting a part of said buildings or structures.

The Authority shall be named as an additional insured on the contractor's commercial general liability and business auto liability. Current, valid insurance meeting the requirements shall be maintained during the entire duration of the Contract. Renewal certificates shall be sent to the Authority thirty (30) days prior to any expiration date. The Authority shall be provided written notification in the event of cancellation or modification by either Contractor or Contractor's insurer of any coverage required under the Contract no less than thirty (30) days prior to such cancellation or modification.

The Contractor shall furnish the Authority with a Certificate(s) of Insurance evidencing the coverage required hereunder. It shall be unacceptable for any Certificate of Insurance to

contain language or wording to the effect that the insurer shall have no liability for failure to provide the prior notices required hereunder.

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that any agreements between Contractor and sub-contractors contain the same insurance requirements as set forth in the Contract.

Section 7. Payment and Performance Bonds Requirements, if applicable.

The Contractor shall provide to the Authority payment and performance bonds naming the Authority as a dual obligee in an amount not less than the full value of the Contract. The Contractor shall not have done or permitted anything to be done that would affect the coverage of any performance or labor and material payment bonds required by the terms of the Contract and, upon demand of the Authority, the Contractor shall have obtained a written statement from the bonding company or companies assuring that such coverage continues in full force and effect.

Section 8. Billing and Payment

The Contractor shall submit an original copy of each invoice containing contract number, location and signature of Interim Director of Housing Choice Vouchers to insure all work has been performed as requested, to the Authority at 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, Attn: Finance Department. The Authority shall pay the Contractor within 30 calendar days following receipt of an acceptable invoice. The Authority is not responsible for any equipment on site.

Section 9. License

During the term of the Contract, the Contractor shall maintain the proper license(s) under applicable state and local laws as required by the Authority, to perform all work under the Contract.

Section 10. Termination for Convenience

The Authority may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, for the Authority's convenience. The Authority 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: (a) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise); and (b) deliver to the Authority all information, reports, papers, and other materials accumulated or generated in performing the Contract, whether completed or in process.

Upon termination for the convenience by the Authority, the Authority shall be liable to the Contractor for reasonable and proper costs resulting from such termination (and upon the receipt by the Authority of a properly presented claim setting out in detail) including: (i) the

total cost of the work performed to date of termination; (ii) the cost of settling and paying claims under subcontracts and material orders for any work performed and materials and supplies delivered to the site, payment for which has not been made by the Authority to the Contractor; (iii) the cost of preserving and protecting the work already performed (provided that such work was approved by the Authority), until the Authority or a party designated by the Authority takes possession thereof or assumes responsibility therefore.

Section 11. Termination for Cause

The Authority may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, for cause. "Cause" shall include, but not be limited to: (a) failure of the Contractor to fulfill its obligations under the Contract; (b) falsification by any officer, employee or agent of the Contractor of any document or information submitted by the Contractor past or present in connection with the subject matter of the Contract; (c) Contractor's bankruptcy, insolvency, assignment for the benefit of creditors, marshaling of assets, or other such events; or (d) occurrences reasonably justifying the Authority's opinion that the Contractor is about to become unable to meet its obligations under the Contract.

The Authority shall terminate the Contractor for cause 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 Authority all information, reports, papers, and other materials accumulated or generated in performing the Contract, whether completed or in process.

If the termination is for cause, the Authority may (1) require the Contractor to deliver to it, in the manner and to the extent directed by the Authority, any work as described in Subsection 11. (ii) above, and compensation be determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3 above; (2) 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 Authority; and/or (3) 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 Authority by the Contractor.

Section 12. Reports and Records

The Contractor shall provide all reports pertaining to its performance of the Contract reasonably required by the Authority.

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

Section 13. Assignment

The Contractor shall not assign or otherwise transfer any of its obligations or interest under the Contract without the prior written consent of the Authority.

Section 14. Equal Opportunity

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of any federal, state, or local laws prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, creed, national origin, marital status or handicap, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88352, 78 Stat. 241), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Section 15. Authority's Waiver of Claim

In the event of the suspension or termination of the Contract, the Contractor shall remit to the Authority any unexpended balance of payments made by the Authority under this Agreement. The Authority's acceptance of the Contract remittance shall not constitute a waiver of any claim that the Authority might have against the Contractor.

Section 16. Indemnification

The Contractor shall protect, defend, indemnify and hold the Authority, its commissioners, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs, charges, professional fees or other expenses or liabilities of every kind and character arising out of or relating to any and all claims, liens, demands, obligations, actions, proceedings, or causes of action of every kind in connection with or arising out of the Contract and/or the performance hereunder that are due to the omission, negligence or action of the Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents. The Contractor further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend the same at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto.

Section 17. Third Party Relationships

The Contract shall not be construed to create any relationship of third-party beneficiary involving the Authority. The Contractor shall include in all contracts, subcontracts, or other agreements with other parties relating to the Contract an acknowledgment by those parties that this Contract does not create any relationship of third-party beneficiary.

Section 18. Dispute Resolution

All disputes arising under or relating to the Contract in connection with the Contractor's claims, except for disputes arising under provisions contained in the General Conditions for

Non-Construction Contracts (Form HUD-5370-C) which is attached to the Contract as Exhibit E, including any claims for damages for the alleged breach there of which are not disposed of by agreement, shall be resolved under this Section.

All claims by the Contractor shall be made in writing and submitted to the Authority. A claim by the Authority against the Contractor shall be subject to a written decision by the Authority.

The Authority shall, with reasonable promptness, but in no event in no more than sixty (60) days, render a decision concerning any claim hereunder. Unless the Contractor, within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Authority's decision, shall notify the Authority in writing that it takes exception to such decision, the decision shall be final and conclusive.

Provided the Contractor has (i) given the notice within the time stated above, (ii) excepted its claim relating to such decision from the final release; and (iii) brought suit against the Authority not later than one (1) year after receipt of final payment, or if final payment has not been made, not later than one (1) year after the Contractor has had a reasonable time to respond to a written request by the Authority that it submit a final voucher and release, whichever is earlier, then the Authority 's decision shall not be final or conclusive, but the dispute shall be determined on the merits by a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of the Contract, pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal, or action arising under the Contract, and comply with any decision of the Authority.

Section 19. Notices, Demands, Approvals and Verifications.

All notices required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed served at the earlier of (i) receipt; (ii) the business day following deposit with a naturally recognized overnight courier service, postage prepaid for overnight delivery and addressed to the parties at their applicable addresses; or (iii) four (4) business days after deposit in registered, certified or first-class United States mail, postage pre-paid, return receipt requested and addressed to the parties at their applicable addresses. For purposes of notice, the following addresses, or such other addresses as may from time to time be designated by written notice given as herein required shall be the parties' applicable addresses:

The Contractor:

Attn: _____

The Authority:

Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina
1524 South 16 Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Attention: CEO

Section 20. Section 3

The work performed under this Contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1986, 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 person, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

The parties agree to comply with HUD regulations in 24 CFR part 135 which implement Section 3. As evidenced by its execution of the Contract, the Contractor certifies that it is under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.

Section 21. Independent Contractor

The Contractor agrees that it is an independent contractor, and this Agreement shall not be construed as establishing a joint venture, partnership, or, any principal-agent relationship between the Authority and the Contractor. Employees of the Contractor shall remain subject to the exclusive control and supervision of the Contractor, which is solely responsible for their compensation and any claims arising there from.

Section 22. Compliance with Laws

The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations pertaining to performance of work under or in connection with the Contract, and shall hold the Authority harmless against any fine, penalty, or damage for any actual negligent failure on the part of the Contractor to comply therewith.

Section 23. Entire Agreement

The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Authority and the Contractor and supersedes all prior oral and written agreements, if any, between the parties.

Section 24. Contract Documents

The Contract shall consist of the following components which are incorporated herein by reference:

- A. Scope of Work (Exhibit A)
- B. The Project Manual dated ___N/A___ (Exhibit B) if applicable.
- C. Instructions to Bidders for Contract (Form HUD-5369) (Exhibit B)
- D. Representations, Certifications and Other Statements of Bidders (Form HUD-5369C) (Exhibit D)
- E. General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, (Form HUD-5370-C) (Exhibit E)
- F. Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension (Form HUD-2992) (Exhibit F)
- G. Equal Employment Opportunity Certification (Form HUD-92010) (Exhibit G)
- H. Section 3 Compliance Certification (Exhibit H)
- I. The Request for Proposal (_____) including all amendments and addenda, (provided, however, in the event that any provision in the Contract is inconsistent or conflicts with any provision in the Request for Proposals, the provision in the Contract shall govern) Entire Packet.
- J. The Contractor's bid form dated _____ (provided, however, in the event that any provision in the Contract is inconsistent or conflicts with any provision in the Contractor's bid form, the provision in the Contract shall govern)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties thereto have caused this instrument to be executed in two (2) original counterparts as of the day and the year first above written.

AUTHORITY:

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, NC

By:

C.E.O. Tyrone Garrett /Contracting Officer

Date:

CONTRACTOR:

By: _____

Name:

Title:

Exhibit A
Instructions to Bidders for Contracts (Form HUD- 5369)

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:]

Exhibit B

Representations, Certifications and Other Statements of Bidders

(Form 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/offerors 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)

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| <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:

Exhibit C

Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension (Form HUD -2992)

Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

Certification A: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions

1. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that its principals;

a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal debarment or agency;

b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Instructions for Certification (A)

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

5. The terms **covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded**, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of these regulations.

6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines this eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (6) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification B: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Instructions for Certification (B)

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

4. The terms **covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded**, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of these regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (5) of these instructions, if a participant in a lower covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies including suspension and/or debarment.

Applicant		Date
Signature of Authorized Certifying Official		Title

Exhibit D

Equal Employment Opportunity Certification (Form HUD- 92010)

**Equal Employment
Opportunity Certification**
Excerpt From 41 CFR §60-1.4(b)

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Housing
Federal Housing Commissioner

Department of Veterans Affairs

The applicant hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 CFR Chapter 60, which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, the following equal opportunity clause:

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

- (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor 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, 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 agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (3) The contractor 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 advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (4) The contractor 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.
- (5) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

- (6) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts 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.
- (7) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) 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 subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: **Provided, however,** That in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work:

Provided, That if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and Federally-assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed

Firm Name and Address

By

Title

upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

Excerpt from HUD Regulations

200.410 Definition of term "applicant".

- (a) In multifamily housing transactions where controls over the mortgagor are exercised by the Commissioner either through the ownership of corporate stock or under the provisions of a regulatory agreement, the term "applicant" as used in this subpart shall mean the mortgagor.
- (b) In transactions other than those specified in paragraph(a) of this section, the term "applicant" as used in this subpart shall mean the builder, dealer or contractor performing the construction, repair or rehabilitation work for the mortgagor or other borrower.

200.420 Equal Opportunity Clause to be included in contracts and subcontracts.

- (a) The following equal opportunity clause shall be included in each contract and subcontract which is not exempt:
During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
 - (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, creed, color, 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 agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause.
 - (2) The contractor will in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard race, creed, color, or national origin.
 - (3) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notices in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
 - (4) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 10925 of March 6 1961, as amended, and of the regulations, and relevant orders of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity created thereby.

(5) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 10925 of March 6, 1961, as amended, and by the regulations, and orders of the said Committee, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by HUD and the Committee for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clause of this contract or with any of the said regulations, or orders, this contract may be cancelled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or Federally-assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 10925 of March 6, 1961, as amended, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked provided in the said Executive Order or by regulations, or order of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, or as otherwise provided by law.

(7) The contractor will include the provisions of Paragraphs(1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by regulations, or orders of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity issued pursuant to Section 303 of Executive Order 10925 of March 6, 1961, 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 orders as HUD may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by HUD, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

- (b) Except in subcontracts for the performance of construction work at the site of construction, the clause is not required to be inserted in subcontracts below the second tier. Subcontracts may incorporate by referenced to the equal opportunity clause.

200.425 Modification in and exemptions from the regulations in this subpart.

- (a) The following transactions and contracts are exempt from the regulations in this subpart:
 - (1) Loans, mortgages, contracts and subcontracts not exceeding \$10,000.
 - (2) Contract and subcontracts not exceeding \$100,000 for standard commercial supplies or raw material;
 - (3) Contracts and subcontracts under which work is to be or has been performed outside the United States and where no recruitment of workers within the United States is involved. To the extent that work pursuant to such contracts is done within the United States, the equal opportunity clause shall be applicable;
 - (4) Contracts for the sale of Government property where no appreciable amount of work is involved; and
 - (5) Contracts and subcontracts for an indefinite quantity which are not to extend for more than one year if the purchaser determines that the amounts to be ordered under any such contract or subcontract are not reasonably expected to exceed \$100,000 in the case of contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies and raw materials, or \$10,000 in the case of all other contracts and subcontracts.

Exhibit E

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts (Form HUD-5370-C)

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section I – (With or without Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

Office of Labor Relations

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

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

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

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

3. Termination for Convenience and Default

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

4. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

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

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

5. Rights in Data (Ownership and Proprietary Interest)

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

6. Energy Efficiency

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

7. Disputes

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

8. Contract Termination; Debarment

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

9. Assignment of Contract

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

10. Certificate and Release

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

11. Organizational Conflicts of Interest

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

12. Inspection and Acceptance

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

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

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

13. Interest of Members of Congress

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

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

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

15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Prohibition.

- (i) Section 1352 of title 31, U.S.C. provides in part that no appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered Federal actions: the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (ii) The prohibition does not apply as follows:

(1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Professional and technical services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) Selling activities by independent sales representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16. Equal Employment Opportunity

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

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

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

17. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information

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

18. Contractor's Status

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

19. Other Contractors

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

20. Liens

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

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

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

apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

- (d) The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.
- (e) The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.
- (f) Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

22. 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.

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section II – (With Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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

in the classification under this Contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

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

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Section II – Labor Standard Provisions for all Maintenance Contracts greater than \$2,000
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1. Minimum Wages

- (a) All maintenance laborers and mechanics employed under this Contract in the operation of the project(s) shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than semi-monthly, and without subsequent deduction (except as otherwise provided by law or regulations), the full amount of wages due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill. Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein; provided, that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination, including any additional classifications and wage rates approved by HUD under subparagraph 1(b), shall be posted at all times by the Contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.
- (b) (i) Any class of laborers or mechanics which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the Contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. HUD shall approve an additional classification and wage rate only when the following criteria have been met:
 - (1) The work to be performed by the classification required is not performed by a classification in the wage determination;
 - (2) The classification is utilized in the area by the industry; and
 - (3) The proposed wage rate bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.
- (ii) The wage rate determined pursuant to this paragraph shall be paid to all workers performing work

2. Withholding of funds

The Contracting Officer, upon his/her own action or upon request of HUD, shall withhold or cause to be withheld from the Contractor under this Contract or any other contract subject to HUD-determined wage rates, with the same prime Contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics employed by the Contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by this clause. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic employed under this Contract all or part of the wages required under this Contract, the Contracting Officer or HUD may, after written notice to the Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment or advance until such violations have ceased. The Public Housing Agency or HUD may, after written notice to the Contractor, disburse such amounts withheld for and on account of the Contractor or subcontractor to the respective employees to whom they are due.

3. Records

- (a) The Contractor and each subcontractor shall make and maintain for three (3) years from the completion of the work records containing the following for each laborer and mechanic:
 - (i) Name, address and Social Security Number;
 - (ii) Correct work classification or classifications;
 - (iii) Hourly rate or rates of monetary wages paid;
 - (iv) Rate or rates of any fringe benefits provided;
 - (v) Number of daily and weekly hours worked;
 - (vi) Gross wages earned;
 - (vii) Any deductions made; and
 - (viii) Actual wages paid.
- (b) The Contractor and each subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 3(a) available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of HUD or the HA and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the Contractor or any subcontractor fails to make the required records available, HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance or guarantee of funds.

4. Apprentices and Trainees

- (a) Apprentices and trainees will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they perform when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in:
 - (i) A bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Office of

Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services (OATELS), or with a state apprenticeship agency recognized by OATELS, or if a person is employed in his/her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by OATELS or a state apprenticeship agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice;

- (ii) A trainee program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, ETA; or
 - (iii) A training/trainee program that has received prior approval by HUD.
- (b) Each apprentice or trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered or approved program for the apprentice's/trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices and trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the registered or approved program. If the program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices/trainees must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification.
- (c) The allowable ratio of apprentices or trainees to journeyman on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the employer as to the entire work force under the approved program.
- (d) Any worker employed at an apprentice or trainee wage rate who is not registered in an approved program, and any apprentice or trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the approved program, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed.
- (e) In the event OATELS, a state apprenticeship agency recognized by OATELS or ETA, or HUD, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship or trainee program, the employer will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices/trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

5. Disputes concerning labor standards

- (a) Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions contained in Section II of this form HUD-5370-C, other than those in Paragraph 6, shall be subject to the following procedures. Disputes within the meaning of this paragraph include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the HA, or HUD, or the employees or their representatives, concerning payment of prevailing wage rates or proper classification. The procedures in this section may be initiated upon HUD's own motion, upon referral of the HA, or upon request of the Contractor or subcontractor(s).
- (i) A Contractor and/or subcontractor or other interested party desiring reconsideration of findings of violation by the HA or HUD relating to the payment of straight-time prevailing wages or classification of work shall request such reconsideration by letter postmarked within 30 calendar days of the date of notice of findings issued by the HA or HUD. The request shall set

forth those findings that are in dispute and the reasons, including any affirmative defenses, with respect to the violations. The request shall be directed to the appropriate HA or HUD official in accordance with instructions contained in the notice of findings or, if the notice does not specify to whom a request should be made, to the Regional Labor Relations Officer (HUD).

- (ii) The HA or HUD official shall, within 60 days (unless otherwise indicated in the notice of findings) after receipt of a timely request for reconsideration, issue a written decision on the findings of violation. The written decision on reconsideration shall contain instructions that any appeal of the decision shall be addressed to the Regional Labor Relations Officer by letter postmarked within 30 calendar days after the date of the decision. In the event that the Regional Labor Relations Officer was the deciding official on reconsideration, the appeal shall be directed to the Director, Office of Labor Relations (HUD). Any appeal must set forth the aspects of the decision that are in dispute and the reasons, including any affirmative defenses, with respect to the violations.
 - (iii) The Regional Labor Relations Officer shall, within 60 days (unless otherwise indicated in the decision on reconsideration) after receipt of a timely appeal, issue a written decision on the findings. A decision of the Regional Labor Relations Officer may be appealed to the Director, Office of Labor Relations, by letter postmarked within 30 days of the Regional Labor Relations Officer's decision. Any appeal to the Director must set forth the aspects of the prior decision(s) that are in dispute and the reasons. The decision of the Director, Office of Labor Relations, shall be final.
- (b) Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of paragraph 6 shall not be subject to paragraph 5(a) of this form HUD-5370C. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the U.S. Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR Parts 5, 6 and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this paragraph 5(b) include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the HA, HUD, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

6. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

The provisions of this paragraph 6 are applicable only where the amount of the prime contract exceeds \$100,000. As used in this paragraph, the terms "laborers" and "mechanics" includes watchmen and guards.

- (a) **Overtime requirements.** No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the Contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of 40 hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in such workweek.
- (b) **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.** In the event of any violation of the provisions set forth in paragraph 6(a), the Contractor and any

subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to the District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the provisions set forth in paragraph (a) of this clause, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of 40 hours without payment of the overtime wages required by provisions set forth in paragraph (a) of this clause.

- (c) **Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.** HUD or its designee shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the U.S. Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor under any such Contract or any federal contract with the same prime Contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Contractor such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the provisions set forth in paragraph (b) of this clause.

7. Subcontracts

The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts all the provisions contained in this Section II and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these provisions in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the provisions contained in these clauses.

8. Non-Federal Prevailing Wage Rates

Any prevailing wage rate (including basic hourly rate and any fringe benefits), determined under state law to be prevailing, with respect to any employee in any trade or position employed under the Contract, is inapplicable to the contract and shall not be enforced against the Contractor or any subcontractor, with respect to employees engaged under the contract whenever such non-Federal prevailing wage rate, exclusive of any fringe benefits, exceeds the applicable wage rate determined by the Secretary of HUD to be prevailing in the locality with respect to such trade or position.

Exhibit F

Section 3 Compliance

CONTRACTOR'S Section 3 COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

The undersigned makes this certification with full knowledge that its contents will be used in the expenditure of funds provided by the United States Government. Under penalty of perjury I hereby state:

1. I am the _____ of _____,
(Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative, Agent)
the Bidder that has submitted the attached Bid; and

2. My company adheres to Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u which requires, to the greatest extent feasible, that a "good faith effort" is given to identifying small businesses located within the boundaries of the Section 3 service area, making them aware of contracting opportunities, encouraging their participation and actually awarding contracts to Section 3 business concerns.

3. Efforts will be made to undertake outreach activities intended to encourage participation by Section 3 residents in training and employment opportunities, to include but not limited to:
 - A. Advertising in local media;
 - B. Distributing flyers on training and job opportunities to public housing sites and posting flyers in common areas;
 - C. Informing labor organizations and private job training agencies of potential jobs and contract opportunities;
 - D. Participation in job information meetings and workshops to help Section 3 residents complete applications and learn interviewing techniques.

Signature of Authorized Certifying Official: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Company Name: _____