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**Unsealed Request For Proposals
PBCHA-URFP-2020-28
Legal Services for Banyan Club Loan Servicing
Issue Date: **November 02, 2020**
Closing Date and Time: **November 17, 2020; 2:00 PM****

This communication serves to apprise you and your firm of the above-mentioned Unsealed Request For Proposals (URFP) for Legal Services for Banyan Club Loan Servicing. We invite you and your firm to respond to this URFP. Please review carefully all sections, paying particular attention to the closing date and time listed above and within the body of the documents.

UNSEALED PROPOSALS MUST BE MAILED, EMAILED, OR HAND DELIVERED TO THE APPLICABLE ADDRESS SHOWN ON PAGE 2 OF THE SOLICITATION.

All Inquiries For Information Should Be Directed To:
Kerry L. James Chief Administrative Officer
(561) 684-2160 ext.108 (voice)
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PALM BEACH COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
3432 W 45th Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

UNSEALED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Issue Date: November 2, 2020

Title: Legal Services for Banyan Club Loan Servicing

Issuing Agency: Palm Beach County Housing Authority
3432 W 45th Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Location Where Work Will Be Performed: 3432 W. 45th Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Initial Period of Contract: From Date of Award until project completion.

Proposals Will Be Received Until **November 17, 2020 until 2:00 P.M.** For Furnishing The Services Described Herein.

All Inquiries For Information Should Be Directed To: Kerry L. James, Chief Administrative Officer – kejjames@pbchaf1.org .

IF PROPOSALS ARE MAILED, SEND DIRECTLY TO ISSUING AGENCY SHOWN ABOVE. IF PROPOSALS ARE HAND DELIVERED, THEN DELIVER TO: Palm Beach County Housing Authority, Procurement and Contract Administration, 3432 W 45th Street, West Palm Beach, Florida 33407.

IF PROPOSALS ARE EMAILED: kejjames@pbchaf1.org . Respondents are responsible to insure that proposal are received on time. Late proposals will not be accepted.

In Compliance With This Unsealed Request For Proposal And To All The Conditions Imposed Therein And Hereby Incorporated By Reference, The Undersigned Offers And Agrees To Furnish The Services In Accordance With The Attached Signed Proposal Or As Mutually Agreed Upon By Subsequent Negotiation.

Name and Address of Firm:

Date: _____

By: _____

(Signature In Ink)

Name: _____

(Please Print)

_____ Zip Code: _____

Title: _____

FEI/FIN NO. _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Fax: (____) _____

D&B Number: _____

NOTE: Changes to this URFP may be issued in the form of an addendum at any time prior to the due date and time for submitting proposals. The Procurement Officer maintains a mailing list of all vendors that were provided copies of this solicitation (via vendor pickup, mail, fax, or email). The Procurement Officer will send the addendum to any vendor who directly received a copy of the URFP from the Procurement Officer. Any vendor who did not directly receive a copy of the URFP from PBCHA is encouraged to visit PBCHA's web site regularly to learn of any changes to the solicitation (www.pbchaf1.org) and to contact the Procurement Officer to have their name added to the mailing list. PBCHA's purchasing regulations require each Offeror to submit a signed copy of the addendum to be included with the firm's response to the solicitation.

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I. **PURPOSE:** The intent and purpose of this Unsealed Request For Proposals (URFP) is to establish a contract, through competitive negotiation, with one contractor to provide Legal Services for Banyan Club Apartments Holding Corp., an affiliate of Palm Beach County Housing Authority (PBCHA) whose main office is located at 3432 W. 45th Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33407 with various office sites throughout the Palm Beach County area. Banyan Club Apartments Holding Corp. needs to make application for an interest rate reduction of its 223(f) HUD backed loan on the property dba Banyan Club Apartments.

II. **BACKGROUND:**

A. **OVERVIEW:** The Palm Beach County Housing Authority (PBCHA) is a special district of the State of Florida; a public body corporate and politic created in 1969 pursuant to Chapter 421 Laws of the State of Florida. PBCHA administers public and affordable housing programs to serve eligible individuals and families within Palm Beach County. PBCHA is governed by a five (5) member Board of Commissioners (BOC). The Commissioners are appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida and exercise all powers granted to the Authority pursuant to Florida Statutes.

As a recipient and sub-recipient of funding awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) through an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC), PBCHA owns and operates 428 public housing dwelling units, located in its 4 multi-family communities, including 42 scattered site single-family dwelling units and several acres of vacant land throughout Palm Beach County. Additionally, PBCHA administers 2,639 Section 8 Vouchers under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, 75 Mainstream 5-year Vouchers and 221 Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids, owns 148 affordable (non-federally assisted) housing units and 6 NSP homes. SPECTRA Organization and Banyan Club Apartments Holding Corp. are instrumentalities of PBCHA.

B. Under Section 287.057, Florida Statutes, it is the intent of this solicitation to allow for cooperative purchasing. In addition, other local governments, school boards and other agencies serving local governments may have access to this contract(s). Participation in this cooperative procurement is strictly voluntary. If authorized by the Contractor, the resultant contract(s) will be extended to the public bodies indicated above to purchase at contract prices in accordance with contract terms. The Contractor shall notify PBCHA in writing of any such authorized users accessing the contract. No modification of this contract or execution of a separate contract is required to participate. The contractor will provide annual usage reports for all users of the contract(s). Authorized users shall work directly with the Contractor and shall administer their use of the contract(s) to include contractual disputes, invoicing and payments without direct administration from PBCHA. PBCHA shall not be held liable for any costs or damages incurred by any other participating body as a result of any authorization by the Contractor to extend the contract. It is understood and agreed that PBCHA is not responsible for the acts or omissions of any user of the contract(s) and will not be considered in default of the agreement no matter the circumstances. Use of this Contract(s) does not preclude any participating public body from using other contracts or competitive processes as required by law.

III. STATEMENT OF NEEDS: Palm Beach County Housing Authority (PBCHA) and its affiliates is are seeking respondents to this Unsealed Request for Proposal (URFP) to provide such services as defined and detailed herein and shall provide all labor, materials, equipment and services necessary to perform and complete, in an acceptable manner, the tasks contemplated or otherwise required herein. Service shall be consistent with the Contractor's proposal, and the terms of this contract. The contractor shall provide **Legal Services for Banyan Club Apartments Holding Corp. Loan Servicing**. Banyan Club has a HUD 223(f) loan and needs legal services to review the loan documents, work with PBCHA and the GMNA investor to prepare the legal package required by HUD to approve the Banyan Club Apartments Holding Corp's application for an interest rate reduction of the loan. PBCHA preference is to enter into an agreement with a single vendor who can demonstrate that they possess the organizational, functional and technical capabilities to perform the complete range of services and meet or exceed the requirements and service levels specified herein.

Vendors submitting a proposal ("Proposer") in response to this URFP must meet the following requirements:

- Solid customer base utilizing the proposed solution(s) with other PHAs or similar affordable housing entities of like or equal size and structure.

The award shall be made to the qualified vendor whose proposal is most advantageous to PBCHA with price and other factors considered. Other factors that may contribute to the selection process include but are not limited to:

- Project approach and understanding of PBCHA objectives and requirements
- Vendor's implementation methodology and success
- Feedback from customer references
- Compliance with PBCHA Terms and Conditions
- Ability to meet PBCHA's requirements (timeframe, team composition, performance)
- Vendor's experience with PHA or affordable housing entities similar to PBCHA
- Cost for expected duration of project.

Contract Definition:

The contract between PBCHA and the selected vendor to provide the required services will consist of:

- This Unsealed Request for Proposal
- The selected vendor's Proposal
- A mutually agreed upon Statement of Work that outlines the project scope, project timeline, Project Manager, assigned responsibilities (vendor and customer), estimated hours by role for the major work components, deliverables, milestones, services to be performed by the vendor, and costs by major work component.
- The contract documents (Professional Services Agreement)

Please contact the Chief Administrative Officer for more details and for any additional information:

Kerry L. James, Chief Administrative Officer

Palm Beach County Housing Authority
West Palm Beach County, FL 33407
561-684-2160 ext. 108
kejames@pbchaf1.org

Proposals received later than 2:00 PM, November 17, 2020 will not be considered. No proposal or any part will be returned to the respondent.

IV. PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

A. URFP RESPONSE:

1. In order to be considered for selection, offerors must submit a complete response to this URFP. Offeror response must be submitted to the following address on or before **November 17, 2020; 2:00PM**. Facsimile or electronically transmitted proposals will be accepted. Offerors assume sole and full responsibility for the timely delivery of the proposals. Late proposals will not be considered. All proposals will become a part of PBCHA's official files and will not be returned to the Offeror.
2. If mailed or hand delivered, the proposals shall be in a sealed envelope or sealed package and addressed as directed on Page 1 of the solicitation. The sealed envelope or sealed package should be clearly marked and identified in the lower left corner as follows:

Request for Proposal No. PBCHA-URFP-2020-28
Closing Date: November 17, 2020 @ 2:00 pm
Title of Proposal: Legal Services for Banyan Club Loan Servicing

Offeror's Authorized Contact Person: _____
Telephone number of Contact Person: _____
Name of Procurement Officer: Kerry James

B. PROPOSAL PREPARATION:

1. Proposals shall be signed by an authorized representative of the offeror. All information requested should be submitted. Failure to submit all information requested may result in PBCHA requiring prompt submission of missing information and/or giving a lowered evaluation of the proposal. Proposals which are substantially incomplete or lack key information may be rejected by PBCHA. Mandatory requirements are those required by law or regulation or are such that they cannot be waived and are not subject to negotiation. HUD forms that are required are not open to negotiations and must be accepted as published.
2. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the URFP. Emphasis should be placed on completeness and clarity of content. All copies should be in color, if color is utilized in the original. All text materials must also be submitted in an electronic format (Adobe PDF and/or Microsoft Word format).
3. Proposals should be organized in the order in which the requirements are presented in the URFP. All pages of the proposal should be numbered. Each paragraph in the proposal should reference the paragraph number of the corresponding section of the URFP. It is also helpful to cite the paragraph number, sub-letter, and repeat the text of the requirement as it appears in the URFP. If a response covers more than one

page, the paragraph number and sub-letter should be repeated at the top of the next page. The proposal should contain a table of contents which cross-references the URFP requirements. Information which the offeror desires to present that does not fall within any of the requirements of the URFP should be inserted at an appropriate place or be attached at the end of the proposal and designated as additional material. Proposals that are not organized in this manner risk elimination from consideration if the evaluators are unable to find where the URFP requirements are specifically addressed.

4. As used in this URFP, the terms “must”, “shall”, “should” and “may” identify the criticality of requirements. “Must” and “shall” identify requirements whose absence will have a major negative impact on the suitability of the proposed solution. Items labeled as “should” or “may” are highly desirable, although their absence will not have a large impact and would be useful but are not necessary. Depending on the overall response to the URFP, some individual “must” and “shall” items may not be fully satisfied, but it is the intent to satisfy most, if not all, “must” and “shall” requirements. The inability of an Offeror to satisfy a “must” or “shall” requirement does not automatically remove that Offeror from consideration; however, it may seriously affect the overall rating of the Offerors’ proposal.
5. Each copy of the proposal should be bound or contained in a single volume where practical. All documentation submitted with the proposal should be contained in that single volume.
6. Ownership of all data, materials, and documentation originated and prepared for PBCHA pursuant to the URFP shall belong exclusively to PBCHA and be subject to public inspection in accordance with the *Florida Freedom of Information Act*. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by an offeror shall not be subject to public disclosure under the *Florida Freedom of Information Act*; however, the offeror must invoke the protections of Florida Statutes s.119.0713 (4)(a), in writing, either before or at the time the data and/or other material is submitted. The written notice must specifically identify the data or materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary. The proprietary or trade secret material submitted must be identified by some distinct method such as highlighting or underlining and must indicate only the specific words, figures or paragraphs that constitute trade secret or proprietary information. The classification of an entire proposal document, line item prices, and/or total proposal prices as proprietary or trade secrets is not acceptable and will result in rejection of the proposal.
7. Oral Presentation: Offerors who submit a proposal in response to this URFP may be required to give an oral presentation of their proposal to PBCHA. This provides an opportunity for the offeror to clarify or elaborate on the proposal. This is a fact finding and explanation session only and does not include negotiation. PBCHA will schedule the time and location of these presentations. Oral presentations are an option of PBCHA and may or may not be conducted.

C. SPECIFIC PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS: Proposals should be as thorough and detailed as possible so that PBCHA may properly evaluate your capabilities to provide the required services. Offerors are required to submit the following items as a complete proposal:

1. URFP cover sheet and all addenda, if any, signed and filled out as required.
2. Completed Statement of Offeror's Qualifications (Attachment A)
3. Completed Non-Collusive Affidavit (Attachment B).
4. Signed Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities (Attachment C).
5. Signed Section 3 Certificate of Compliance (Attachment D).
6. Exceptions to URFP (Attachment E).
7. HUD 5969B Instructions to Offerors (Attachment F)
8. Initialed General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts (Attachment G).
9. A written narrative statement to include the following:
 - a. Experience of your company and its staff in providing the services described in the Statement of Needs.
 - b. Names, qualifications and experience of personnel to be assigned to the contract.
 - c. Resumes of staff to be assigned to the contract.
 - d. Locations of company offices that will service this contract.
 - e. The Offeror's ability to successfully complete a project of this scope, size, and nature.
 - f. Information describing the Offeror's structure for addressing conflicting representation requirements.
 - g. Provide information outlining experience in developing a successful implementing sanitizing and regular cleaning services for other clients of like or equal size or complexity to PBCHA.
 - h. Provide information defining similar projects, services performed, changes recommended in the operations and benefits realized by the clients.
 - i. Provide information outlining how specific plans for providing the services outlined including the following:
 - i. List of proposed services
 - ii. How services will be performed and scheduled

- iii. Method of initiating services
 - iv. Proposed approach and methodology
 - v. Itemized cost for services so that PBCHA can initiate or choose services for the non-regular services that were outline in the Statement of Needs.
- j. Description of any other services the Offeror may wish to propose. Examples of possible services could include the offering of other types of real estate services not outlined in the solicitation.
10. PBCHA has an agency goal to take all necessary steps to assure that qualified small, women-owned and minority business enterprises (MBEs) public housing resident-owned and Section III vendors are used when possible. It is the policy of PBCHA to encourage and promote economic opportunity by encouraging participation by MBEs and Section III vendors in PBCHA contracts through subcontracting, joint ventures, or other contracting methods. Please address the actions that the Offeror will take if awarded the contract to assist and support PBCHA in achieving the economic opportunity goals as described.
11. Proposed Compensation: It is imperative that PBCHA gain a clear understanding of the Offeror's total rates for the services described in the Statement of Needs. Provide detailed proposed compensation information for all expenses to include all charges.

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V. EVALUATION AND AWARD CRITERIA:

- a. **EVALUATION CRITERIA:** Proposals shall be evaluated by PBCHA using the following criteria:

Factor No.	Max Point Value	Factor Type	Factor Description
1	20 points	Objective	The PROPOSED COSTS submitted by the proposer.
2	10 points	Subjective (Technical)	The proposer's DEMONSTRATED UNDERSTANDING of the AGENCY'S REQUIREMENT.
3	10 points	Subjective (Technical)	The APPROPRIATENESS of the TECHNICAL APPROACH and the QUALITY of the SERVICES PROPOSED.
4	20 points	Subjective (Technical)	The proposer's TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES (in terms of personnel) and the MANAGEMENT PLAN (including the ability to provide the services detailed herein).
5	30 points	Subjective (Technical)	The proposer's DEMONSTRATED RELEVANT EXPERIENCE in performing similar work and the proposer's DEMONSTRATED SUCCESSFUL PAST PERFORMANCE (including meeting costs, schedules, and performance requirements) of contract work substantially similar to that required by this solicitation as verified by reference checks or other means. (NOTE: The Agency will place particular emphasis on the proposer's above described EXPERIENCE and PAST PERFORMANCE with Public Housing- and HUD-related work).
6	10 points	Subjective (Technical)	The OVERALL QUALITY and PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE and ORGANIZATION of the PROPOSAL SUBMITTED , based upon the opinion of the evaluators.
	100 Points	Total Points (Other than preference points)	

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b. Preference Evaluation Factor. The Contract Officer will utilize the following factors to evaluate each proposal submittal received:

NO.	MAX POINT VALUE	FACTOR TYPE	FACTOR DESCRIPTION
7		Objective	SECTION 3 BUSINESS PREFERENCE PARTICIPATION. A firm may qualify for Section 3 status as detailed within Attachments D and D-1 (NOTE: A max of 15 points awarded).
7a	15 points		Priority I, Category 1a. Business concerns that are 51 percent or more owned by residents of the housing development or developments for which the Section 3-covered assistance is expended.
7b	13 points		Priority II, Category 1b. Business concerns whose workforce includes 30 percent of residents of the housing development for which the Section 3-covered assistance is expended, or within three (3) years of the date of first employment with the business concern, were residents of the Section 3-covered housing development.
7c	11 points		Priority III, Category 2a. Business concerns that are 51 percent or more owned by residents of any other housing development or developments.
7d	9 points		Priority IV, Category 2b. Business concerns whose workforce includes 30 percent of residents of any other public housing development or developments, or within three (3) years of the date of first employment with the business concern, were "Section 3" residents of any other public housing development.
7e	7 points		Priority V, Category 3. Business concerns participating in HUD Youth-build programs being carried out in the metropolitan area in which the Section 3-covered assistance is expended.
7f	5 points		Priority VI, Category 4a. Business concerns that are 51 percent or more owned by Section 3 residents in the metropolitan area, or whose permanent, full-time workforce includes no less than 30 percent of Section 3 residents in the metropolitan area, or within three (3) years of the date of employment with the business concern, were Section 3 residents in the metropolitan
7g	3 points		Priority VII, Category 4b. Business concerns that subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the total amount of subcontracts to Section 3 business concerns.
7h	15 points		Maximum Available Preference Points (Additional)

- B. **AWARD OF CONTRACT:** Selection shall be made of an offeror deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those submitting proposals on the basis of the evaluation factors included in the Unsealed Request for Proposals, including price, if so, stated in the Unsealed Request for Proposals. Negotiations shall be conducted with the offeror so selected. Price shall be considered but need not be the sole determining factor. After negotiations have been conducted with offeror so selected, PBCHA shall select offeror which, in its opinion, have made the best proposal, and shall award the contract to offeror. PBCHA reserves the right to make multiple awards as a result of this solicitation. PBCHA may cancel this Request for Proposals or reject proposals at any time prior to an award and is not required to furnish a statement of the reasons why a proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous.

VI. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. **APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS:** This solicitation and any resulting contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the state of Florida and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the Clerk & Comptroller, Palm Beach County. This contract is made, entered into, and shall be performed in the jurisdiction of the Palm Beach County, Florida. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. The Contractor shall procure any permits and licenses required for its business or the services to be provided by it hereunder.
- B. **ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING:** By submitting their proposals, Offerors certify that their proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their proposal, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.
- C. **IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986:** By submitting their proposals, Offerors certify that they do not and will not during the performance of this contract employ illegal alien workers or otherwise violate the provisions of the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.
- D. **DEBARMENT STATUS:** By submitting their proposals, Offerors certify that they are not currently debarred by PBCHA, the state of Florida or the Federal Government from submitting offers or proposals on contracts of the type of goods and/or services covered by this solicitation, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently so debarred.
- E. **ANTITRUST:** By entering into a contract, the contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfer to all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the state of

Florida, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by under said contract.

F. **CLARIFICATION OF TERMS:** If any prospective offeror has questions about the specifications other solicitation documents, the prospective offeror should contact the Contract Officer whose name appears on the face of the solicitation no later than five working days before the due date. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by addendum issued by the buyer.

G. **PAYMENT:**

1. To Prime Contractor:

Invoices for items ordered, delivered and accepted shall be submitted by the contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the state contract number and/or purchase order number; social security number (for individual contractors) of the federal employer identification number (for proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations).

Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 30 days will be regarded as requiring payment 30 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 30 days, however.

All goods or services provided under this contract or purchase orders, that are to be paid for with public funds, shall be billed by the contractor at the contract price.

The following shall be deemed to be the date of payment: the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail, or the date of offset when offset proceedings have been instituted as authorized under the Florida Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

Unreasonable Charges. Under certain Unsealed Request For Proposals and for most time and material purchases, final job costs cannot be accurately determined at the time orders are placed. In such cases, contractors should be put on notice that final payment in full is contingent on a determination of reasonableness with respect to all invoiced charges. Charges that appear to be unreasonable will be researched and challenged, and that portion of the invoice held in abeyance until a settlement can be reached. Upon determining that invoiced charges are not reasonable, PBCHA shall promptly notify the contractor, in writing, as to those charges which it considers unreasonable and the basis for the determination. A contractor may not institute legal action unless a settlement cannot be reached within thirty (30) days of notification. The provisions of this section do not relieve PBCHA of its prompt payment obligations with respect to those charges which are not in dispute.

2. To Subcontractors:

A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:

- (1) To pay the subcontractor (s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the sub-contractor under the contract; or
- (2) To notify PBCHA and the sub-contractor, in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason.

The contractor is obligated to pay the sub-contractor interest at the rate of one percent per month (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from, except for amounts withheld as stated in (2) above. The date of mailing of any payment by U.S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each sub-tier contractor performing under the primary contract. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of PBCHA.

- H. **PRECEDENCE OF TERMS:** The following General Terms and Conditions, APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS, ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING, IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986, DEBARMENT STATUS, ANTITRUST, CLARIFICATION OF TERMS, PAYMENT, HUD FORMS shall apply in all instances. In the event there is a conflict between any of the other General Terms and Conditions and any special Terms and Conditions in this solicitation, the state and federal procurement guidelines outlined in the Florida Public Bid Law and the HUD handbook 7460.8 Rev 2 shall apply.
- I. **QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFERORS:** PBCHA may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the offeror to perform the services/furnish the goods and the offeror shall furnish to PBCHA all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested.
- PBCHA reserves the right to inspect offeror's physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the offeror's capabilities. PBCHA further reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such offeror fails to satisfy that such offeror is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to provide the services and/or furnish the goods contemplated therein.
- J. **TESTING AND INSPECTION:** PBCHA reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure goods and services conform to the specifications.
- K. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** A contract shall not be assignable by the contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of PBCHA. None of the required work shall be subcontracted by the contractor without the prior, written consent of PBCHA, which may be withheld by PBCHA in its sole discretion. The contractor shall be as fully responsible to for acts and omissions of the contractor's subcontractor's and of

persons either directly or indirectly employed by its subcontractors, as the contractor is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by the contractor. The contractor shall include in each subcontract the contractor enters into for the provision of services under this contract, all provisions required to be included in such subcontracts established elsewhere within this contract.

- L. **CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT**: Changes can be made to the contract in any of the following ways:
1. The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.
 2. PBCHA may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation.

The contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give PBCHA a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods:

- a. By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
- b. By agreeing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of units or work performed, subject to 's right to audit the contractor's records and/or to determine the correct number of units independently; or
- c. By ordering the contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The contractor shall present PBCHA with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. shall have the right to audit the records of the contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim, for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to PBCHA within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the question of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance the procedures for resolving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract or, if there is none, in accordance with state and federal guidelines.

- M. **INSURANCE:** By signing and submitting a proposal under this solicitation, the Proposer certifies that if awarded the contract, it will have the following insurance coverage at the time the contract is awarded. The Offeror further certifies that the contractor and any subcontractors will maintain this insurance coverage during the entire term of the contract and that all insurance coverage will be provided by insurance companies authorized to sell insurance in the state of Florida. The contractor's insurance company will supply a Certificate of Insurance to listing the below required limits and the Certificate of Insurance shall name PBCHA as an additional insured.

MINIMUM INSURANCE COVERAGES AND LIMITS REQUIRED FOR MOST CONTRACTS:

1. Workers' Compensation – The Contractor shall also obtain and maintain worker's compensation insurance as required by statutory requirements and benefits, and in such policy limits as mandated, by the State and shall require any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor to satisfy such requirement as well. Coverage is compulsory for employers of three or more employees, to include the employer.

Contractors who fail to notify PBCHA of increases in the number of employees that change their workers' compensation requirements under the state of Florida during the course of the contract shall be in noncompliance with the contract.

2. Employer's Liability - \$100,000.
3. Automobile Liability (minimum) – \$1,000,000 combined single limit.
4. Commercial General Liability (minimum) - \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate, including \$50,000 for fire damage. Commercial General Liability is to include bodily injury and property damage, personal injury and advertising injury, products and completed operations coverage. **PBCHA must be named as an additional insured and so endorsed on the policy.**
5. The Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend PBCHA, its officers, agents, servants, and employees from and against any claims, demands, losses, liabilities, and damages, causes of actions and costs and expenses of whatsoever kind or nature arising from or related to:
 - a. the provision of services by or the failure to provide any services or the use of any services or materials furnished (or made available) by the Contractor or its agents, servants or employees;
 - b. any conduct or misconduct of the Contractor or its agents, servants or employees not included in subparagraph (1) hereof and for which, its agents, servants or employees are alleged to be liable;
 - c. the negligence or other actionable fault of any subcontractors engaged by the Contractor; or

- d. claims, suits, actions or proceedings of whatsoever nature that are brought by the Contractor's employees, candidates for employment and statutory employees, as determined under the State workers' compensation laws.

- N. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD**: Upon the award or the announcement of the decision to award a contract over \$50,000, as a result of this solicitation, PBCHA will publicly post such notice on website (www.pbchafl.org) for a minimum of 10 days.
- O. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE**: During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (1) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, of/or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees place by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "drug-free workplace" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

- P. **NONDISCRIMINATION OF CONTRACTORS**: An Offeror, or contractor shall not be discriminated against in the solicitation or award of this contract because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, faith-based organizational status, any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment or because the Proposer or contractor employs ex-offenders unless has made a written determination that employing ex-offenders on the specific contract is not in its best interest. If the award of this contract is made to a faith-based organization and an individual, who applies for or receives goods, service, or disbursements provided pursuant to this contract objects to the religious character of the faith-based organization from which the individual receives or would receive the goods, services, or disbursements, shall offer the individual, within a reasonable period of time after the date of his/her objection, access to equivalent goods, services, or disbursements from an alternative provider.
- Q. **PERSONNEL**:
 - 1. The Contractor represents that it will secure, at its own expense, all personnel necessary to perform the required services hereunder. Such personnel shall not be employees of PBCHA, nor shall they have any contractual relationship with PBCHA. All commitments made by the Contractor in the Proposal with respect to (i) the Contractor's qualifications and its satisfaction of mandatory requirements in the

URFP and (ii) the number and qualifications of its personnel to be assigned to this Contract, shall be incorporated herein by this reference.

2. All the required services will be performed by the Contractor or under its supervision, and all personnel employed by the Contractor shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under State and local law to perform such services. The Contractor certifies that it will comply with PBCHA's request for the reassignment of any employee of Contractor performing the Required Services hereunder when PBCHA determines, in its reasonable opinion that such employee is not suited to work on this Contract.
- R. **NO WAIVER**: No failure or delay by a party to insist on the strict performance of any term of this Contract, or to exercise any right or remedy consequent on a breach thereof, shall constitute a waiver of any breach or any subsequent breach of such term. Neither this Contract nor any of its terms may be changed or modified, waived, or terminated (unless as otherwise provided hereunder) except by an instrument in writing signed by the party against whom the enforcement of the change, waiver or termination is sought. No waiver of any breach shall affect or alter this contract, but each and every terms of this Contract shall continue in full force and effect with respect to any other than existing or subsequent breach thereof. The remedies provided in this Contract are cumulative and not exclusive of the remedies provided by law or in equity.
- S. **MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**: The Contractor shall use its best efforts to comply with the commitment it has made in the Proposal relative to the participation of businesses primarily (at least 51%) owned by minorities, women or public housing residents or small businesses (collectively, "Disadvantaged Business Enterprises") in the performance of this Contract. By executing this Contract, the Contractor accepts the right of PBCHA to appoint an employee to monitor the Contractor's compliance with the commitments and requirements of this Paragraph. The Contractor agrees to promptly submit reports to PBCHA on request detailing the level of participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in this Contract. PBCHA shall have the right to review all relevant documents of the Contractor relating to the participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in this Contract on an ongoing basis. PBCHA reserves the right to evaluate the Contractor's performance with regard to the commitments and requirements of this Paragraph on an annual basis.

VII. **SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**:

A. **Notices**:

1. Any notice, instruction, request or demand required to be given or made to the Contractor hereunder shall be deemed to be duly and properly given or made if delivered or mailed, postage pre-paid, the contractor.
2. Any notice, request, information, or documents required to be given or delivered hereunder by the Contractor to or any of its representatives, unless

stated otherwise elsewhere in this Contract, shall be signed or approved in writing by the Contractor, and shall be sufficiently given or delivered if mailed, certified or registered, postage prepaid, to:

Palm Beach County Housing Authority
Procurement and Contract Administration
3432 W 45th Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
ATTN: LaQuavial Pace, Contracts and Procurement Officer

or to such representative or address as may designate in writing to the Contractor.

- B. **ADVERTISING**: The Contractor shall not use any indication of its services to PBCHA for commercial or advertising purposes without prior approval from PBCHA.
- C. **AUDIT**: The Contractor hereby agrees to retain all books, records, and other documents relative to this contract for five (5) years after final payment, or until audited by the state of Florida, whichever is sooner. PBCHA, its authorized agents, and/or State auditors shall have full access to and the right to examine any of said materials during said period.
- D. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**: It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that PBCHA shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available or which may hereafter become available for the purpose of this agreement.
- E. **PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE PERIOD**: Any proposal in response to this solicitation shall be valid for 60 days. At the end of the 60 days the proposal may be withdrawn at the written request of the Offeror. If the proposal is not withdrawn at that time it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.
- F. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**: The Contractor warrants that he has fully complied with the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (Florida Public Bid Law s.112.311 of Florida Statutes), The Florida Communications Fraud Act (Section 817.034).
- G. **INDEMNIFICATION**: Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless PBCHA, its officers, agents, and employees from any claims, damages and actions of any kind or nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from or caused by the use of any materials, goods, or equipment of any kind or nature furnished by the Contractor/any services of any kind or nature furnished by the Contractor, provided that such liability is not attributable to the sole negligence of the using agency or to failure of the using agency to use the materials, goods, or equipment in the manner already and permanently described by the Contractor on the materials, goods, or equipment delivered.
- H. **MINORITY/WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING AND REPORTING**: Where it is practicable for any portion of the awarded contract to be subcontracted to other suppliers, the Contractor is encouraged to offer such business to minority and/or women-owned businesses. Names of firms may be available from the buyer and/or from the Division

of Purchases and Supply. When such business has been subcontracted to these firms and upon completion of the contract, the contractor agrees to furnish the purchasing office the following information: name of firm, phone number, total dollar amount subcontracted, and type of product/service provided.

- I. **SAFETY STANDARDS**: All personnel shall, at all times, wear approved clothing, hard hats, safety vest, and any other equipment required to meet OSHA standards. They will obey all safety rules and regulations and will not create hazardous conditions within the operation.

The Contractor must meet motor carrier safety regulations (Federal and State), as applicable. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure the OSHA regulations are met in all applicable areas for all exposures encountered during the term of the contract.

- J. **WORK SITE DAMAGES**: Any damage to existing utilities, equipment or finished surfaces resulting from the performance of this contract shall be repaired to PBCHA's satisfaction at the contractor's expense.

- K. **QUANTITIES**: Quantities set forth in this solicitation are estimates only, and the contractor shall supply at proposal prices actual quantities as ordered, regardless of whether such total quantities are more or less than those shown.

VIII. METHOD OF PAYMENT:

- B. The Contractor shall receive commission at settlement of each property sold. The Contractor shall submit all required information for commission payments to the Department of Real Estate Development. All invoices/statements shall clearly describe the tasks performed.
- C. The Contractor shall submit invoices to Accounts Payable upon completion of any other services by the 10th day of the month following the month in which the required Goods and Services were rendered. PBCHA may take a 2% discount from an invoice if payment can be made within ten (10) days from receipt of a valid invoice. Otherwise, PBCHA shall pay such invoices net thirty (30) days following receipt. All invoices shall clearly describe the work performed. PBCHA shall not be subject to payment of late fees or finance charges to the Contractor for its failure to timely pay invoices submitted by the Contractor hereunder. Invoices shall be sent to the following address:

Palm Beach County Housing Authority
Accounts Payable
3432 W 45th Street
West Palm Beach, Florida 33407

X. ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Statement of Offerors Qualifications**
- B. Non-Collusive Affidavit**
- C. Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities**
- D. Section 3 Certificate of Compliance**
- E. Exceptions to URFP**
- F. HUD-5369-B – Instructions to Offerors**
- G. HUD-5370-C – General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts**

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ATTACHMENT A

STATEMENT OF OFFEROR'S QUALIFICATIONS

All questions must be answered, and the data given must be clear and comprehensive. This statement must be notarized. If necessary, questions may be answered on separate attached sheets. The Offeror may submit any additional information he/she desires.

1. Name of Proposer.
2. Permanent main office address, including City, State, Zip Code, Phone Number and Fax Number.
3. When organized?
4. If incorporated, where incorporated?
5. How many years have you been engaged in business under your present firm or trade name?
6. Contracts on hand: (Schedule these, showing gross amount of each contract and the appropriate anticipated dates of completion).
7. General character of work performed by your company.
8. Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you? If so, where and why?
9. Have you ever defaulted on a contract? If so, where and why?
10. List the more important contracts recently completed by you, stating approximate gross cost for each, and the month and year completed.
11. Describe your experience in work similar in nature to this project. Provide a listing of at least three (3) current or recent accounts, either commercial or government (e.g., another public or housing project of similar dollar value) that your company is servicing, has serviced, or has provided similar services. Include a short description of the project, timeline, and dollar value.

Also provide contact information including the company name, contact person name, telephone number and email address.

1. Project Description: _____
Timeline/Dates of Service: _____
Dollar Value: _____
Company Name: _____
Contact Person Name: _____
Contact Person Telephone Number: _____
Contact Person Email Address: _____

2. Project Description: _____
Timeline/Dates of Service: _____
Dollar Value: _____
Company Name: _____
Contact Person Name: _____
Contact Person Telephone Number: _____
Contact Person Email Address: _____

3. Project Description: _____
Timeline/Dates of Service: _____
Dollar Value: _____
Company Name: _____
Contact Person Name: _____
Contact Person Telephone Number: _____
Contact Person Email Address: _____

ATTACHMENT B

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT For Advertised Proposals

State of _____)
County of _____)

_____, being first
duly sworn, deposes and says that:

(1) He is _____
(Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent)
of _____, the Offeror that has submitted
the attached proposal;

(2) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached proposal
and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such proposal;

(3) Such proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham proposal;

(4) Neither the said Offeror nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents,
representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit, has in any way colluded,
conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly with any other offeror, firm or person to submit a
collusive or sham proposal in connection with the contract for which the attached proposal has been
submitted or to refrain from proposing in connection with such contract, or has in any manner, directly
or indirectly, sought by unlawful agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any
other offeror, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the proposal price or the proposal price of any
other offeror, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any
advantage against the Palm Beach County Housing Authority or any person interested in the proposed
contract; and

(5) The price or prices in the attached proposal are fair and proper and are not tainted by
any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Offeror or any of its
agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

(Name)

(Title)

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this _____ day of _____, 20____

My Commission Expires _____

ATTACHMENT C

CERTIFICATE OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

The Offeror certifies that he does not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that he does not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The Offeror certifies further that he will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that he will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The Offeror agrees that a breach of this certification will be a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in any contract resulting from acceptance of the proposal. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The Offeror agrees that (except where he has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause, and that he will retain such certifications in its files.

Date _____, 20_____

(Name of Offeror)

Treasury Number:

Official Address

By _____

Title _____

ATTACHMENT D
SECTION 3 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Certification of Compliance with Regulations to Section 3 of Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 as required for participation at Palm Beach County Housing Authority.

PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U. S. C., 1731u (hereinafter Section 3) requires that to the greatest extent feasible, employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall be directed to low-income and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

_____ (Hereinafter called the Company),
CERTIFIES that upon being awarded a contract to _____
in the municipality of the City of West Palm Beach, Florida, that the Company:

- a) is under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent it from complying with requirements of Section 3 as set forth in 24 CFR part 135; and
- b) will comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135; and
- c) will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the Company has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, a notice advising the labor organization or the representative or workers of the Company's commitments under Section 3; and
- d) will include this Section 3 Certificate of Compliance in every subcontract subject to compliance with the regulations found in 24 CR Part 135 and further agrees to take the appropriate action pursuant to those regulations in the event the subcontractor is found to be in violation of 24 CFR Part 135; and
- e) will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the Company has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of any provision of 24 CFR Part 135; and
- f) will not fill any vacant employment positions, including training positions, (1) after the Company is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to who the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, in order to circumvent the Company's obligations under 24 CFR Part 135; and
- g) will, to the extent feasible, make a good faith effort to utilize the services of businesses located in or substantially owned by persons who live within the project boundaries.

Company Name

Name and Title

Signature

Date

ATTACHMENT F

HUD-5369-B INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

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:]

ATTACHMENT G

HUD-5370-C GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR NON-CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section I – (With or without Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

Office of Labor Relations

OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (exp. 3/31/2020)

Public Reporting Burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.08 hours 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. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Reports Management Officer, Office of Information Policies and Systems, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C. 20410-3600; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (2577-0157), Washington, D.C. 20503. Do not send this completed form to either of these addressees.

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 \$105,000 - use Section I;**
- 2) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance as defined at 24 CFR 968.105) **greater than \$2,000 but not more than \$150,000 - use Section II;** and
- 3) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance), **greater than \$150,000 – use Sections I and II.**

Section I - Clauses for All Non-Construction Contracts greater than \$150,000

1. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this contract:

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

2. Changes

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

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

3. Termination for Convenience and Default

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

4. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

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

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

5. Rights in Data (Ownership and Proprietary Interest)

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

6. Energy Efficiency

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

7. Disputes

- (a) All disputes arising under or relating to this contract, except for disputes arising under clauses contained in Section 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.