

Request for Proposal (RFP)



SURVEYORS SERVICES

RFP- 2022-03-23-JAG

Due Date: April 12, 2022

Time: 2:00 P.M.

**Julia A. Gibbs
Procurement Coordinator**

TENATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Task	Date	Time (ET)
RFP Issuance Date	03.23.22	4:00 P.M.
Optional Pre-Submittal Meeting	03.30.22	1:00 P.M.
Last Day to Submit Questions	04.05.22	2:00 P.M.
Last Day for final Addendum	04.07.22	2:00 P.M.
Submittal Deadline	04.12.22	2:00 P.M.
Estimated Selection Date	TBD	

Instructions for the optional Pre-Submittal Meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

At a minimum, 30 minutes before the scheduled pre-submittal meeting, each participant shall provide their Name, Business/Organization represented, Telephone Number, Fax Number, and Email address. Information shall be provided to jgibbs@columbahousing.org and copy adalenburg@columbahousing.org.

JuliaA. Gibbs is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: JuliaA. Gibbs' Zoom Meeting

Time: Mar 30, 2022 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Questions

Questions **must** be submitted to: Julia A. Gibbs jgibbs@columbahousing.org. Columbia Housing will not accept telephone calls or visits regarding this RFP. No interpretation shall be binding unless in writing from Columbia Housing.

Submittal

All responses **must** be submitted to Julia A. Gibbs jgibbs@columbahousing.org.

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I. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Actual Cost: All direct and indirect costs incurred for services, supplies, or construction, as distinguished from estimated or forecasted costs.

Addendum/Addenda: A written change, addition, alteration, correction or revision to a bid, proposal or contract document. Addendum/Addenda may be issued following a pre-bid/pre-proposal conference or as a result of a specification or work scope change to the solicitation.

Amendment: An agreed upon addition to, deletion from, or correction or modification of a document or contract to revise or change an existing document. It is a formal revision, improvement or correction.

Assignment: Legal transfer of a claim, right, interest or property.

Capability: The ability of a bidder to fulfill the contract at time of award.

Contract: An obligation, such as an accepted offer, between competent parties upon a legal consideration, to do or abstain from doing some act. It is a legally binding promise, enforceable by law between parties with binding, legal and moral force, usually exchanging goods or services for money or other considerations. The term *Agreement* is interchangeably throughout this Request for Qualifications (RFP) or Request for Proposal (RFP).

Contractor: Any individual or business having a contract with a governmental body to furnish goods, services, or construction for an agreed-upon price.

Cost: The actual expenses incurred in delivering a product, service, or construction; includes both direct and indirect costs, but does not include fee or profit for the contractor.

Disadvantaged Business: A business owned or controlled by a majority of persons who are determined to have been deprived of the opportunity to develop and maintain a competitive economic position because of specified social disadvantage. (i.e., Minority-Owned Business Enterprise, Women-Owned Business Enterprise, Disabled-Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise, and Small Business Enterprise)

Late Bid/Proposal: A bid, proposal, withdrawal, or modification received, at the designated place for receipt, after the established due date and time.

Mandatory: Obligatory, required by order, a provision that may not be waived.

Mandatory Requirements (Conditions): Conditions set out in the specifications/statement of work that must be met without alteration. Not meeting mandatory requirements may be grounds for disqualification.

Respondent: The person/entity who submits a Statement of Qualification (SOQ) in response to a Request for Qualifications. One who makes an offer in response to a solicitation. Terms *Respondent*, *Respondent*, and *Contractor* are interchangeably throughout this Request for Qualifications.

Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Conference (Meeting): A meeting held by the procurement officer with potential bidders/Respondents, prior to the opening of the solicitation for the purpose of answering questions, clarifying any ambiguities and responding to general issues in order to establish a common basis for understanding all of the requirements of the solicitation. This may result in the issuance of an addendum to all potential providers. In certain situations, a mandatory conference may be advisable.

Request for Proposal (RFP): The document used to solicit proposals from potential providers (proposers) for goods and/or services. Price is usually not a primary evaluation factor. Provides for the negotiation of all terms, including price, prior to contract award. May include a provision for the negotiation of best and final offers. May be a single-step or multi-step process. Introduced in the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1962 as well as by the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984.

Responsible Bidder/Respondent: Also referred to as Responsible Proposer or Respondent, this is a contractor, business entity, or individual who is fully capable of meeting all of the requirements of the solicitation and subsequent contract, and they must possess the full capability, including financial and technical, to perform as contractually required. They must also be able to document the ability to provide good faith performance fully.

Responsive Bidder/Respondent: Also referred to as Responsive Proposer or Respondent. A contractor, business entity or individual who has submitted a bid or proposal that fully conforms in all material respects to the Request for Qualifications and all of its requirements, including all form and substance.

Scope of Work/Services: A detailed, written description of the conceptual requirements for the project contained within a Request for Qualifications. The Scope of Work should establish a clear understanding of what is required by the procurement officer.

Service/Services Contract: An agreement calling for a company's time and effort. The furnishing of labor, time, or effort by a company, which may involve to a lesser degree, the delivery or supply of products.

Short List: Names of candidates that have been narrowed considerably from a longer list of top-ranked Respondents.

Solicitation: An invitation for bids, a request for proposals, telephone calls or any document used to obtain bids or proposals for the purpose of entering into a contract.

Unsuccessful Bidder: A company whose bid was not accepted for reasons of price, quantity, or failure to comply with specifications.

(Definitions above provided by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing & Free Dictionary.com)

II. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

Whenever the terms “**shall,**” “**must,**” or “**is required**” are used in the RFP, the referenced task is a mandatory requirement of this RFP. Failure to meet any mandatory requirement will be cause for rejection of a submittal.

Whenever the terms “**can,**” “**may,**” or “**should**” are used in the RFP, the referenced specification is discretionary. Therefore, although the failure to provide any items so termed will not be cause for rejection, the Selection Committee may consider such failure in evaluating the submittal.

Whenever the terms “**apparent successful**” or “**top-ranked**” or “**highest-ranking**” firm or Offeror are used in this document, the reference is to the firm that the Selection Committee ultimately judges to have submitted the case best satisfying the needs of the owner in accordance with the RFP. The selection of an apparent successful firm does not necessarily mean the Selection Committee accepts all aspects of the firm’s submittal or proposal.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, South Carolina (Columbia Housing) is seeking qualifications from Professional Real Estate Surveyors to perform a variety of real estate surveys on multi-family properties; single family homes and vacant land in accordance with the American Land Title Association (ALTA) and the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS)..

Columbia Housing intends to award a five year contract to two or more firms to create a pool of surveyors available on an as needed basis. Columbia Housing will issue Task Orders to secure pricing and requirements for specific surveys needed throughout the contact term. Licensed professional firms are encouraged to respond to this Request for Proposal.

IV. BACKGROUND

Columbia Housing - The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, SC was created under the 1937 Housing Act for the purpose of providing decent, safe and sanitary housing to the low and moderate-income residents of the City of Columbia and Richland County. Today, Columbia Housing is the largest housing authority in the State of South Carolina serving nearly 6,500 low-income households and over 16,000 individuals throughout the City of Columbia, Cayce and Richland County.

Columbia Housing owns and manages a variety of affordable housing units and administers Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers along with a myriad of supportive service programs for residents. A seven-person Board of Commissioners authorized by laws of the State of South Carolina and appointed by the Mayor of Columbia, is responsible for the development of housing policy and the authorization of expenditures.

As with many urban Public Housing Authorities, Columbia Housing has encountered the difficulties of managing an aging housing stock with diminishing federal funding.

In an effort to change the face and character of traditional public housing in the City of Columbia,

Columbia Housing has embarked on an aggressive plan to reposition the Public Housing portfolio; revitalize its non-federal portfolio; and, expand affordable housing opportunities in the City of Columbia and Richland County.

This Request for Qualifications includes redevelopment of Public Housing communities; development of new housing on Columbia Housing vacant parcels; acquisition of land for new development' or partnering with Developers on projects they control or identify. It is anticipated that a myriad of HUD redevelopment methods will be used including the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program; Section 18 Disposition and Demolition; Project Based Vouchers; and Streamlined Voluntary Conversion.

V. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Columbia Housing seeks a variety of real estate survey services. All surveys to be performed under a contract awarded under this solicitation shall comply with the Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys adopted by the American Land Title Association (ALTA) and the American Congress on Surveying & Mapping (ACSM). Surveys made include the following:

- As-built
- ALTA
- Boundary
- Construction layout
- Control
- Topographic
- Hydrographic

Survey may include include some combination of the following:

1. Be prepared by a professional surveyor, duly licensed in South Carolina.
2. Show the boundaries of the property and the location and dimensions of all improvements located thereon.
3. Contain a certification indicating that it meets (or exceeds) the minimum technical standards set forth in Richland County (or any replacement or successor rule or regulation).
4. Be signed by the surveyor, dated and sealed with the surveyor's official seal.
5. Show a prominent north directional arrow and scale of the drawing.
6. Contain a metes and bounds or platted legal description which is identical to that set forth in the contract. The metes and bounds description should enable one reviewing the survey to trace the legal description of the property by following the bearings and distances around the boundaries as shown on the survey, while the platted legal description will refer to a specific lot within a subdivision.
7. Show interior lot lines, if applicable.
8. Tie into a legally established point of beginning such as a section or quarter section corner or a block corner in a platted subdivision.
9. Fix all corners with appropriate monuments unless sufficient monumentation is already in place.
10. Indicate the gross area of the property, in acres and in square feet.
11. Depict any easements that affect the property. Easements that benefit the property, as well as those that burden it should be shown. All easements should be referenced by recording date (i.e. official records book and page).

12. Show the following:
- Location and dimensions of all visible utility connections and service lines;
 - Location of setback lines, whether mandated by restrictive covenants, any applicable plat, or by building, zoning, land use, or other laws, ordinances, rules or regulations imposed by government authority;
 - Location and dimensions of natural and manufactured objects affecting the property;
 - Location of ditches, creeks, canals and other like objects; and
 - Show the 100-year flood plain contour line, if applicable to the property.
 - Indicate the flood zone and map number in which the property is located on the applicable FEMA flood insurance rate map, if applicable.
- Contain a statement that the means of access to and from the property is by a specified roadway

VI. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Respondents must address all of the minimum requirements required in this *RFP* and may include any additional information that the Respondent deems pertinent to the understanding and evaluation of the submittal. Submit one thumb drive and one hard copy and the format is the following:

Submittals print size shall be 12 pt. font minimum, on 8½ x 11 one-sided or two. One sheet printed on both sides counts as two pages. Responses shall not exceed 40 pages (**cover page, resumes, work samples, and appendices are excluded in the page count**). Submittals shall include the following information divided by tabs:

A. Cover Page

Provide a cover page that includes: Company Name, Address, Point of Contact (Email Address and Phone Number); **RFP- 2022-03-23-JAG Surveyor Services**; Date of Submission, and include the signed certification below:

B. Cover Letter and Company Overview

The cover letter must include the following:

- a. Name of primary point of contact
- b. Physical address
- c. Telephone and fax (if applicable) number
- d. Email
- e. Company website address
- f. Provide designation of South Carolina State or Federal Certification Participation Program (Small Business, Local Business Enterprise (LBE), Women-Owned, Minority, Veteran-Owned, Disadvantaged or Historically Underutilized Business), if applicable
- g. Company overview
- h. List of all offices and addresses
- i. Number of employees (retained consultants, subcontractors, and any other contract employees must be noted separately)

- j. Number of years that the company has provided the services required herein
- k. Statement of Interest

C. Executive Summary

Provide an explanation as to why the Respondent is the best qualified to provide the services requested for the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, SC. This should include any highlights, benefits, conclusion, assumptions, or general recommendations of the qualifications.

D. Experience, Qualifications and Technical Competence

Provide evidence necessary to demonstrate that the Respondent meets the qualifications herein. If the following items are not evidence in your response, your proposal may be deemed non-responsive.

1. General Qualifications of Company/Firm - a minimum of 5 years' experience. **Appendix A**
2. Previous project experience for at least three (3) projects which is related to the services in this RFP obtained within the last five (5) years. **Appendix A**
3. Provide at least 3 local references – **Appendix A**

Reference information should be current and include complete contact information (company name, contact person's name and signature, address, direct phone number and e-mail address) for individuals with knowledge of the Respondents completed work on projects that are substantially similar to the services outlined in this RFP.

E. Appendices

The following selected appendices must be submitted with your response:

- Appendix A - Qualifications
- Appendix B – HUD Form 5369
- Appendix C – HUD 5370 EZ
- Appendix D – Drug Free
- Appendix E – Section 3 Compliance
- Appendix F – MBE Form
- Appendix G – Non-Collusive
- Appendix H – Piggy Back
- Appendix I – Section 3 Policy
- Appendix J – Bid Certification

F. DBE and Subcontractor Participation

Provide the estimated DBE percentage of participation and sub-consultant participation - Appendix *Business Information Record for Subconsultants/Subcontractors* and Appendix *Small, Minority, Women-Owned Business Objectives (including Labor Surplus Utilization Plan)*

VII. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated based on the information presented in the response package, and on an analysis of other available information. CH may conduct investigations or interviews as it deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of submittals and to establish, to the CH's satisfaction, the qualifications of Respondents and team members proposed by each Respondent.

If deemed necessary CH reserves the right to request additional information from any or all Respondents and any team members proposed by Respondents.

The evaluation committee will review each submittal based upon the evaluation criteria below .

Evaluation Criteria	
Experience, Qualifications, and Technical Competence	75 Points
General Qualifications of Company/Firm including past experience in providing various types of real estate surveys for a variety of clients.	
References	25 Points

VIII. AWARD CRITERIA

Columbia Housing intends to award two or more contracts to the highest ranked firms.

Submittals will be evaluated per criteria listed stated above. Columbia Housing reserves the right to determine the final number of firms to be selected fro the creation of a pool of available surveyors. Once selected, task orders will be issued for individual surveys requested. Taks orders will be issued to all members of the pool to secure availability, timing of completion and pricing for a specific survey task and availablit Work will be awarded to the firm that can best meet Columbia Housing's needs at the time of issuance of the task order and will not be based soley on the costs of each survey task.

IX. PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND STANDARDS

A. Procurement Process

The RFP is not a bid. CH reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject all submissions, reissue a subsequent RFP, terminate, restructure or amend this procurement process at any time. The final selection and contract negotiation rests solely with the CH.

B. No Contact Period

This solicitation is an active procurement and is subject to the No Contact Period.

No questions may be directed to or contacts made with CH Staff not identified in this RFP as points of contacts during the period of time that this RFP is made public until the final selection is made, except as otherwise provided for herein. Violation of this prohibition may disqualify the contractor and/or consulting firm from further consideration.

C. Confidentiality

Unless otherwise required by law, and until the public opening of the proposals, all information, materials and other documents submitted by a Respondent shall not be released or made available to any person or entity except CH representatives assisting in this procurement process. Unless required by law, proprietary or financial information submitted to CH by a Respondent will not be disclosed if the Respondent visibly marks each part of the response that the Respondent considers confidential, financial or proprietary information with the word “Confidential.”

D. Respondent’s Duty to Inspect, Advise and Declare All Costs

Each Respondent shall become fully acquainted with the CH’s requirements and the scope of the services to be provided. Respondents have a duty to request any information from the CH as it deems necessary to prepare the RFP. Such requests shall be made in compliance with Paragraph B of this section. No contract amendment will be granted or additional compensation permitted if it is based upon information that the Respondent knew, or should have known, as part of the Respondent’s duty to become acquainted with the CH’s circumstances and requirements.

E. Time for Receiving Statement of Qualifications

Proposals submitted online prior to the time of opening will be encrypted and kept unopened. The official whose duty it is to open them will decide when the specified time has arrived, and no proposals there-after will be considered.

F. Acceptance and Rejection

Any submittals that do not conform to the essential requirements of the RFP shall be rejected. CH reserves the right to waive informalities and minor irregularities in submittals and reserves the sole right to determine what constitutes informalities and minor irregularities. The City also reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP and to negotiate separately with competing Respondents. CH is not obligated to enter into any contract on the basis of any submittal in response to this RFP. CH reserves the right to request additional information from any firm submitting under this Request for Qualifications if the CH deems such information necessary to further evaluate the firm's qualifications.

G. Acceptance Period

Any submittal in response to this solicitation shall be valid for 120 calendar days. At the end of this time the submittal may be withdrawn at the written request of the Respondent if no award has been made. If the RFP is not withdrawn at that time, the submittal in its entirety, including the price structure, shall remain in effect.

H. Cancellation of Proposals

Proposals may be cancelled prior to the time fixed for opening. Negligence on the part of the Respondent in submitting the proposal confers no right for the withdrawal of the proposal after it has been opened.

I. Respondents Present

At the time fixed for the opening of proposals, their contents will be made public for the information of Respondents and the general public. Respondents will not be permitted to examine the proposals until award is made.

J. Alternate Proposals

Any proposal which does not conform to the specifications contained or referenced in the RFP may be rejected unless the invitation authorized the submission of Alternate Proposal and the equipment or supplies offered as alternates meet the requirements specified in the invitation.

K. Ambiguous Proposals

Proposals which are uncertain as to terms, compliance to requirements and/or specifications shall be rejected.

L. Conflict of Interest; Non-Collusion Affidavit

The following terms and conditions regarding Conflict of Interest, and Certification of Subcontractors will be included in the Agreement for this project.

1. Conflict of Interest. See Appendix – *Conflict of Interest*. Respondents shall promptly notify the Procurement Coordinator, in writing, by certified mail, of all potential conflicts of interest for any prospective business association, interest, or other circumstance, which may influence or appear to influence

the Respondent's judgment or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest, or circumstance, the nature of work that such a person may undertake, and request an opinion of CH as to whether the association, interest, or circumstance would, in the opinion of the CH, constitute a conflict of interest. The CH will respond to such notification by certified mail within thirty (30) days.

By submitting this proposal, the Respondent certifies that it has no conflict of interest with any employee, agent, elected official or officer of the city or any other conflict as may be set forth herein. Employee working solely for the consultant or Subcontractor(s) to solicit or secure this Agreement and that he and his Subcontractor(s) have not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant or his Subcontractor(s) any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award of this contract.

For any breach or violation of this provision, CH shall have the right to terminate the Agreement without liability and at its discretion to deduct from the price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, payment, or consideration.

2. Non-Collusive Affidavit. More than one proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association or related parties under the same or different names will not be considered. If CH believes that collusion exists among Respondents, all proposals from the suspected firms will be rejected. "Related parties" means Respondents or the principals thereof, which have a direct or indirect ownership or profit sharing interest in another Respondent.

Respondents shall comply with all local, state, and federal directives, orders, and laws as applicable to this RFP and any resulting contract.

By responding to this RFP, Respondents certify that the response is made without previous understanding, agreement, or connection with any person, firm or corporation making a proposal for the same item, and they certify the knowledge that this would constitute an illegal action.

M. Protest Procedures

1. Right to protest: Any actual or prospective Bidder, Respondent, Respondent, or Subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract may protest to the appropriate procurement officer. The protest setting forth the grievance shall be submitted in writing within five (5) days after such aggrieved persons know or should have known of the facts giving rise thereto, but in no circumstance after 10 days of notification of the award of the contract.

2. Authority to resolve protests: The appropriate procurement officer shall have the authority, prior to the commencement of an administrative review as provided in this article, to settle and resolve a protest of an aggrieved Bidder, Respondent, Respondent or Subcontractor, actual or prospective, concerning the solicitation or award of a contract. This authority shall be applied in a manner consistent with regulations or laws governing the procurement of supplies, services and construction for CH.
3. Decision: If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the appropriate procurement officer shall issue a decision in writing within 10 days. The decision shall state the reasons for the action taken.
4. Notice of decision: A copy of the decision under Number 3 above of this section shall be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the protestant and any other party intervening.
5. Finality of decision: A decision under Number 3 of this section shall be final and conclusive, unless fraudulent, or unless any person adversely affected by the decision requests a review in writing, setting forth the grievance to the Capital Assets Manager within 10 days of the decision. The protestant may also request an interview with the Capital Assets Manager.
6. Request for review. The request for a review shall not stay the contract unless fraudulent.

N. Sales Tax and/or Use Tax

Upon submission of a bid or quote to CH, will compute 8% sales or use tax when applicable (service and labor excluded) and include in the Purchase Order total, as applicable. The tax rate applied is in accordance to the SC Tax Commission Sales and Use Tax Regulation 447-174-95.

O. Assignments

No contract may be assigned, sublet, or transferred without a written consent of CH.

P. Manufacturers Brochures and Specifications Data

Offerors shall submit manufacturer's brochures and specifications data as part of RFP response. Submittal of such data shall not be deemed a counter offer unless so noted in the RFP response. Offerors failing to comply will be deemed non-responsive.

Q. Default

In case of default, CH reserves the right to purchase any or all items and/or services on the open market, charging firm with any excessive costs. Should such charges be assessed, no subsequent bids and/or proposals submitted by the defaulting firm shall be considered until the assessed charges have been satisfied.

R. Non-Appropriations

Any contract entered into by the Offeror resulting from this request for proposal shall be subject to cancellation without damages or further obligation when funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period or appropriated year.

S. Proposal Opening Delay

If it becomes necessary to postpone a proposal opening, the procurement officer shall issue the appropriate amendments to the solicitation postponing or rescheduling the proposal opening. When the purchasing agency is closed due to force majeure, proposal opening will be postponed to the same time on the next official business day.

T. Exceptions

Notwithstanding any prior negotiations, the specifications and terms and conditions provided herein take precedence. Formal objection is hereby made to any or different terms proposed by Respondents unless listed on a separate sheet labeled "Exceptions", and agreed to in writing by the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, SC.

U. Non-Discrimination in Contracting Policy

In carrying out the service, the Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of that employee or applicant's age, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, religion, creed, color, disability, national origin, veteran or military status, political affiliation, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local laws ("protected characteristic"). The Contractor shall take affirmative steps to ensure equal employment opportunities for all applicants for employment, without regard to their protected characteristics. For the purpose of this Non-Discrimination in Contracting Policy, the term "sex" includes medical needs and / or lactation needs arising from pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions pursuant to the South Carolina Pregnancy Accommodations Act, 2018 S.C. Act No. 244. This Non-Discrimination in Contracting Policy extends to all aspects of the Contractor's operations, including, but not limited to the Contractor's employment practices (including selection, hiring, assignment, re-assignment, training, promotion, transfer, compensation, layoff, leave of absence, return from layoff or leave of absence, discipline, and termination); selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. The Contractor shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the government setting forth the provisions of this Non-Discrimination in Contracting Policy. The Contractor shall incorporate the provisions of this Non-Discrimination in Contracting Policy in all subcontracts for service work.

Qualification Questionnaire

PART 1 - GENERAL

The following information and completed forms are required by Columbia Housing (CH), and failure to provide the data in this section will subject the bidder to disqualification.

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. Information submitted will be used by CH to determine the competency and ability of the Contractor to perform the scheduled work in a manner deemed satisfactory to the Owner. CH’s decision shall be final.
- B. The Contractor shall include with this section the most recent audited financial statements for a 5-year period (either SEC filings or Certified Annual Financial Reports). Complete balance sheets and income statements must be included. **(This information must be submitted back in a sealed envelope labeled “Financials” with your company name).** Data provided for parent or child entities related to the contractor firm in lieu of the Contractor’s data shall not be reviewed.
- C. The Contractor shall certify, by attaching his signature, that all information contained herein is complete and all statements and answers are accurate and true. Providing misinformation, incomplete information, inaccurate information, or failure to certify the information will subject the bidder to disqualification.

1.2 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.2. General Company information (Primary/Main office location)

Company Name

Physical Address

Mailing Address

City/State Zip Code + 4

(____) _____
Phone number

(____) _____
Fax number

Primary Contact Name

Secondary Contact Name

Primary Contact Email Address

Secondary Contact Email Address

1.3 ORGANIZATION

1.3.a. Business type (check box) Corporation Partnership Limited Liability Company Sole Proprietor Joint Venture

1.3.b. Type of Work (check box) General Construction Electrical Mechanical Plumbing Other (please specify)

1.3.c. Licensing information (Please provide all South Carolina professional licenses required for you to perform your services.)

SC License Type (check box) General Construction Electrical Mechanical Plumbing Other (please specify)

SC License number License Limit/Level State/County/City Privilege License (provide a copy)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

1.4 BONDING

1.4.a. Attach a letter, dated within the last 30 days, from your surety company, signed by their Attorney, in Fact, verifying their willingness to issue a payment and performance bond in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 for this project, on behalf of your firm or its agent licensed to do business in South Carolina, and verifying your company's capability and capacity based on your current value of work. Surety company bond rating shall be rated "A" or better under the A.M. Best Rating system or The Federal Treasury List.

Have you attached a surety letter? Yes No

1.4.b. Have any funds been expended by a surety company on your firm's behalf?

Yes No If yes, explain:

1.4.c. List all surety companies that have provided bonds for your company for the past five (5) years, provide an explanation, required, if more than one company.

_____	_____	_____
Date	Firm	Reason
_____	_____	_____
Date	Firm	Reason
_____	_____	_____
Date	Firm	Reason

1.5 INSURANCE

1.5.a. Evidence of Insurance

In order to prequalify, contractors must indicate that they can provide evidence of insurance coverage, see below, as follows should they subsequently be the successful bidder. Do you agree? Yes No

Liability Insurance - The Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for any injuries to persons or damages to property, which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work by the Contractor, his agents, or representatives, employees or subcontractors.

A.) **Commercial General Liability Insurance:** Coverage in an amount not less the 1,000,000.00 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000.00 aggregate combined single limit for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, naming Columbia Housing as an additional insured.

B.) **Automobile Liability Insurance:** \$500,000.00 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

C.) **Excessive Liability Insurance:** Naming the Contractor or other person who will be performing the activity as insured and also naming the City of Columbia as an additional insured in an amount no less than \$2,000,000.00 for bodily injury, personal injury, property damage and products completed operations.

D.) **Professional Liability Insurance:** The minimum Professional Liability Policy limits to be provided by the successful Interior Designer Consultant shall be \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate limit for bodily injury liability and property damage liability. The limits afforded by the Professional Liability Policy shall apply only to the CH and CH's officials, officers, agents and employees and only to claims arising out of or in connection with the work under this Agreement.

1.6 SIZE/CAPACITY

1.6.a. How many full-time permanent employees work for the company?

1.6.b. If the company has more than one office location, how many full-time permanent employees work for the company at the location which will serve this project?

PART 2 - EXPERIENCE

2.1 EXPERIENCE

Does your company have a minimum of 10 years of experience to provide Interior Design, Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) as indicated in the proposed scope of services?

Yes No (If No, your company will be deemed not qualified.)

If yes, list the number of proven years' experience. _____

2.2 YEARS OF OPERATION

Number of years in business as a contractor under the company name listed in 1. 2. a., above: _____ years.
List any other names your firm operated under previously including dates of operation.

2.2.a. List date, State, and type of incorporation, partnership, or proprietorship establishment:

Date

State/Type (incorporation, partnership/proprietorship)

2.2.b. List names of the firm principals appropriate to the type of the firm:

Corporation: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer

Partnership: Partners

Proprietorship: Owner

Other: List and explain

Title: _____ Full Name: _____ Yrs. Service: _____

Title: _____ Full Name: _____ Yrs. Service: _____

Title: _____ Full Name: _____ Yrs. Service: _____

Title: _____ Full Name: _____ Yrs. Service: _____

Title: _____ Full Name: _____ Yrs. Service: _____

2.2.c. Within the last 5 years, has your organization been pre-qualified to bid on a substantially similar project and failed to submit a bid without notice of good cause before the final bid date?

Yes No If yes, on a separate sheet, list the name of the project and the reason you did not submit a bid.

2.2.d. Provide the resumes for the key personnel that will be assigned to the project, if awarded. These individuals shall be assigned for the term of the project. Include the Project Manager, Site Superintendent, and any other relevant individuals. (Please use a separate sheet of paper and label the section accordingly)

2.3 WORKLOAD AND CAPACITY

How many solar projects do you currently have under contract or in progress, and what is their total dollar value?

_____ (#) of projects

\$_____ (Current projects contract amount)

2.4 LITIGATION/CLAIMS

2.4.a. Has your company ever failed to complete work awarded to it? Yes No

If yes, please provide project name(s), contact information for the Owner, year(s), and the reason why. Attach relevant documentation.

2.4.b. Have you ever paid liquidated damages on any project? Yes No If yes, state the project name(s), year(s), and the reason why.

2.4.c. Has your company filed any claims on any previous services within the last five years? Yes No If yes, state the entity name(s), year(s), case number, and reason why.

2.4.d. Has your present company, its officers, owners, or agents ever been convicted of charges relating to conflicts of interest, bribery, or bid-rigging? Yes No If yes, state the entity name(s), year(s), and the reason why:

2.4.e. Has your present company ever been suspended or debarred? Yes No If yes, state the year(s) and the reason why:

2.5 SIMILAR WORK/REFERENCES

2.5.a Please identify three (3) references most closely reflecting the scope of services being requested for the currently proposed project. The substantially similar projects should have been completed within the last five (5) years. The references must also complete the Reference Questionnaire (Appendix II). Columbia Housing shall **not** be used as a reference.

#1	
Entity Name	

Owner Name/ Representative	
Owner Address/Direct Phone #	
Original contract price:	
Final construction price:	
Specified completion time:	
Actual completion time:	
Explanation of work:	
Reference Letter Attached (y/n)	

#2	
Entity Name	
Owner Name/ Representative	
Owner Address/Direct Phone #	
Original contract price:	
Final construction price:	
Specified completion time:	
Actual completion time:	
Explanation of work:	
Reference Letter Attached (y/n)	

#3	
Entity Name	
Owner Name/ Representative	
Owner Address/Direct Phone #	
Original contract price:	
Final construction price:	
Specified completion time:	
Actual completion time:	
Explanation of work:	
Reference Letter Attached (y/n)	

2.5.b Please identify the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), if any, participation in the three (3) references provided in 2.5 a.

Reference	Type of DBE participation	Percentage and Contract Value
1		
2		
3		

PART 3- CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that as a duly authorized representative of _____ (bidder), the information provided is to the best of my knowledge accurate and that failure to provide accurate information will result in disqualification of my bid.

Company Name

Physical Address

Mailing Address

a. Dated this day of: _____

Submitted by: _____
Signature by Authorized Officer Print Title of Authorized Officer

Phone: _____
Contact person's phone number

Email: _____ (SEAL)
Contact person's E-mail address

b. Notary Certification:

State: _____ **County:** _____

Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that _____, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official seal, this the _____ day of _____, 20 _____

(Official Notary Seal or Stamp) _____
Signature of Notary Public

My commission expires _____, 20 _____

**Instructions to Bidders for Contracts
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1. Bid Preparation and Submission

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Explanations and Interpretations to Prospective Bidders

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

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

3. Amendments to Invitations for Bids

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

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

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

4. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

5. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Bids

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. Bid Opening

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

7. Service of Protest

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

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

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

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

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

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

8. Contract Award

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Assurance of Completion

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

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

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

[] (3) a 20 percent cash escrow;

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

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

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

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

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

11. Preconstruction Conference (applicable to construction contracts)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

General Contract Conditions for Small Construction/Development Contracts

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing
OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (exp. 3/31/2020)

Applicability. The following contract clauses are applicable and must be inserted into small construction/development contracts, greater than \$2,000 but not more than \$150,000.

1. Definitions

Terms used in this form are the same as defined in form HUD-5370

2. Prohibition Against Liens

The Contractor is prohibited from placing a lien on the PHA's property. This prohibition shall apply to all subcontractors at any tier and all materials suppliers. The only liens on the PHA's property shall be the Declaration of Trust or other liens approved by HUD.

3. Disputes

- (a) Except for disputes arising under the **Labor Standards** clauses, all disputes arising under or relating to this contract, including any claims for damages for the alleged breach thereof 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 Contracting Officer for a written decision. A claim by the PHA against the Contractor shall be subject to a written decision by the Contracting Officer.
- (c) The Contracting Officer shall, within 30 days after receipt of the request, decide the claim or notify the Contractor of the date by which the decision will be made.
- (d) The Contracting Officer's decision shall be final unless the Contractor (1) appeals in writing to a higher level in the PHA in accordance with the PHA's policy and procedures, (2) refers the appeal to an independent mediator or arbitrator, or (3) files suit in a court of competent jurisdiction. Such appeal must be made within 30 days after receipt of the Contracting Officer's decision.
- (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 or relating to the contract, and comply with any decision of the Contracting Officer.

4. Default

- (a) If the Contractor refuses or fails to prosecute the work, or any separable part thereof, with the diligence that will insure its completion within the time specified in this contract, or any extension thereof, or fails to complete said work within this time, the Contracting Officer may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the right to proceed with the work (or separable part of the work) that has been delayed. In the event, the PHA may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, equipment, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the PHA resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within the specified time, whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the PHA in completing the work.

- (b) The Contractor's right to proceed shall not be terminated or the Contractor charged with damages under this clause if –
 - (1) The delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor; and
 - (2) The Contractor, within 10 days from the beginning of such delay notifies the Contracting Officer in writing of the causes of delay. The Contracting Officer shall ascertain the facts and the extent of the delay. If, in the judgment of the Contracting Officer, the findings of Fact warrant such action, time for completing the work shall be extended by written modification to the contract. The findings of the Contracting Officer shall be reduced to a written decision which shall be subject to the provisions of the **Disputes** clause of this contract.
- (c) If, after termination of the Contractor's right to proceed, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligation of the parties will be the same as if the termination had been for convenience of the PHA.

5. Termination for Convenience

- (a) The Contracting Officer may terminate this contract in whole, or in part, whenever the Contracting Officer determines that such termination is in the best interest of the PHA. Any such termination shall be effected by delivery to the Contractor of a Notice of Termination specifying the extent to which the performance of the work under the contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.
- (b) If the performance of the work is terminated, either in whole or in part, the PHA shall be liable to the Contractor for reasonable and proper costs resulting from such termination upon the receipt by the PHA of a properly presented claim setting out in detail: (1) the total cost of the work performed to date of termination less the total amount of contract payments made to the Contractor; (2) the cost (including reasonable profit) of settling and paying claims under subcontracts and material orders for work performed and materials and supplies delivered to the site, payment for which has not been made by the PHA to the Contractor or by the Contractor to the subcontractor or supplier; (3) the cost of preserving and protecting the work already performed until the PHA or assignee takes possession thereof or assumes responsibility therefore; (4) the actual or estimated cost of legal and accounting services reasonably necessary to prepare and present the termination claim to the PHA; and (5) an amount constituting a reasonable profit on the value of the work performed by the Contractor.
- (c) The Contracting Officer will act on the Contractor's claim within days (60 days unless otherwise indicated) of receipt of the Contractor's claim.
- (d) Any disputes with regard to this clause are expressly made subject to the provisions of the Disputes clause of this contract.

6. Insurance

- (a) Before commencing work, the Contractor and each subcontractor shall furnish the PHA with certificates of insurance showing the following insurance is in force and will insure all operations under the Contract:

(1) Workers' Compensation, in accordance with state or Territorial Workers' Compensation laws.

(2) Commercial General Liability with a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of not less than \$ _____ [Contracting Officer insert amount] per occurrence to protect the Contractor and each subcontractor against claims for bodily injury or death and damage to the property of others. This shall cover the use of all equipment, hoists, and vehicles on the site(s) not covered by Automobile Liability under (3) below. If the Contractor has a "claims-made" policy, then the following additional requirements apply: the policy must provide a "retroactive date" which must be on or before the execution date of the Contract; and the extended reporting period may not be less than five years following the completion date of the Contract.

(3) Automobile Liability on owned and non-owned motor vehicles used on the site(s) or in connection therewith for a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of not less than \$ _____ [Contracting Officer insert amount] per occurrence.

(b) Before commencing work, the Contractor shall furnish the PHA with a certificate of insurance evidencing that Builder's Risk (fire and extended coverage) Insurance on all work in place and/or materials stored at the building site(s), including foundations and building equipment, is in force. The Builder's Risk Insurance shall be for the benefit of the Contractor and the PHA as their interests may appear and each shall be named in the policy or policies as an insured. The Contractor in installing equipment supplied by the PHA shall carry insurance on such equipment from the time the Contractor takes possession thereof until the Contract work is accepted by the PHA. The Builder's Risk Insurance need not be carried on excavations, piers, footings, or foundations until such time as work on the superstructure is started. It need not be carried on landscape work. Policies shall furnish coverage at all times for the full cash value of all completed construction, as well as materials in place and/or stored at the site(s), whether or not partial payment has been made by the PHA. The Contractor may terminate this insurance on buildings as of the date taken over for occupancy by the PHA. The Contractor is not required to carry Builder's Risk Insurance for modernization work which does not involve structural alterations or additions and where the PHA's existing fire and extended coverage policy can be endorsed to include such work.

(c) All insurance shall be carried with companies which are financially responsible and admitted to do business in the State in which the project is located. If any such insurance is due to expire during the construction period, the Contractor (including subcontractors, as applicable) shall not permit the coverage to lapse and shall furnish evidence of coverage to the Contracting Officer. All certificates of insurance, as evidence of coverage, shall provide that no coverage may be canceled or non-renewed by the insurance company until at least 30 days prior written notice has been given to the Contracting Officer.

7. Contract Modifications

(a) Only the Contracting Officer has authority to modify any term or condition of this contract. Any contract modification shall be authorized in writing.

(b) The Contracting Officer may modify the contract unilaterally (1) pursuant to a specific authorization stated in a contract clause (e.g., Changes); or (2) for administrative matters which

do not change the rights or responsibilities of the parties (e.g., change in the PHA address). All other contract modifications shall be in the form of supplemental agreements signed by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer.

(c) When a proposed modification requires the approval of HUD prior to its issuance (e.g., a change order that exceeds the PHA's approved threshold), such modification shall not be effective until the required approval is received by the PHA.

8. Changes

(a) The Contracting Officer may, at any time, without notice to the sureties, by written order designated or indicated to be a change order, make changes in the work within the general scope of the contract including changes:

(1) In the specifications (including drawings and designs);

(2) In the method or manner of performance of the work;

(3) PHA-furnished facilities, equipment, materials, services, or site; or,

(4) Directing the acceleration in the performance of the work.

(b) Any other written order or oral order (which, as used in this paragraph (b), includes direction, instruction, interpretation, or determination) from the Contracting Officer that causes a change shall be treated as a change order under this clause; provided, that the Contractor gives the Contracting Officer written notice stating (1) the date, circumstances and source of the order and (2) that the Contractor regards the order as a change order.

(c) Except as provided in this clause, no order, statement or conduct of the Contracting Officer shall be treated as a change under this clause or entitle the Contractor to an equitable adjustment.

(d) If any change under this clause causes an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for the performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by any such order, the Contracting Officer shall make an equitable adjustment and modify the contract in writing. However, except for an adjustment based on defective specifications, no proposal for any change under paragraph (b) above shall be allowed for any costs incurred more than 20 days (5 days for oral orders) before the Contractor gives written notice as required. In the case of defective specifications for which the PHA is responsible, the equitable adjustment shall include any increased cost reasonably incurred by the Contractor in attempting to comply with the defective specifications.

(e) The Contractor must assert its right to an adjustment under this clause within 30 days after (1) receipt of a written change order under paragraph (a) of this clause, or (2) the furnishing of a written notice under paragraph (b) of this clause, by submitting a written statement describing the general nature and the amount of the proposal. If the facts justify it, the Contracting Officer may extend the period for submission. The proposal may be included in the notice required under paragraph (b) above. No proposal by the Contractor for an equitable adjustment shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this contract.

(f) The Contractor's written proposal for equitable adjustment shall be submitted in the form of a lump sum proposal supported with an itemized breakdown of all increases and decreases in the contract in at least the following details:

(1) Direct Costs. Materials (list individual items, the quantity and unit cost of each, and the aggregate cost); Transportation and delivery costs associated with materials; Labor

breakdowns by hours or unit costs (identified with specific work to be performed); Construction equipment exclusively necessary for the change; Costs of preparation and/or revision to shop drawings resulting from the change; Worker's Compensation and Public Liability Insurance; Employment taxes under FICA and FUTA; and, Bond Costs - when size of change warrants revision.

- (2) Indirect Costs. Indirect costs may include overhead, general and administrative expenses, and fringe benefits not normally treated as direct costs.
- (3) Profit. The amount of profit shall be negotiated and may vary according to the nature, extent, and complexity of the work required by the change.

The allowability of the direct and indirect costs shall be determined in accordance with the Contract Cost Principles and Procedures for Commercial Firms in Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR 1-31), as implemented by HUD Handbook 2210.18, in effect on the date of this contract. The Contractor shall not be allowed a profit on the profit received by any subcontractor. Equitable adjustments for deleted work shall include a credit for profit and may include a credit for indirect costs. On proposals covering both increases and decreases in the amount of the contract, the application of indirect costs and profit shall be on the net-change in direct costs for the Contractor or subcontractor performing the work.

- (g) The Contractor shall include in the proposal its request for time extension (if any), and shall include sufficient information and dates to demonstrate whether and to what extent the change will delay the completion of the contract in its entirety.
- (h) The Contracting Officer shall act on proposals within 30 days after their receipt, or notify the Contractor of the date when such action will be taken.
- (i) Failure to reach an agreement on any proposal shall be a dispute under the clause entitled Disputes herein. Nothing in this clause, however, shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed.
- (j) Except in an emergency endangering life or property, no change shall be made by the Contractor without a prior order from the Contracting Officer.

9. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

The HA, HUD, or Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives shall, until three 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.

10. Rights in Data and Patent Rights (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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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

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- 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.

14. Labor Standards - Davis-Bacon and Related Acts

(a) Minimum Wages.

(1) All laborers and mechanics employed under this contract in the construction or development of the project(s) involved will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR Part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the Contractor and such laborers and mechanics. Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under Section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv); also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the regular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits in the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein; provided, that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(ii) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the Contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in

a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

- (2) (i) Any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. HUD shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefor only when all the following criteria have been met:
 - (a) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and
 - (b) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and
 - (c) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.
- (ii) If the Contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and HUD or its designee agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action shall be sent by HUD or its designee to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employee Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise HUD or its designee or will notify HUD or its designee within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.
- (iii) In the event the Contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and HUD or its designee do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), HUD or its designee shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of HUD or its designee, to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise HUD or its designee or will notify HUD or its designee within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.
- (iv) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to subparagraphs (a)(2)(ii) or (iii) of this clause shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.
- (3) Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the Contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.
- (4) If the Contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the Contractor may consider as part

of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program; *provided*, that the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the Contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the Contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

(b) **Withholding of Funds.** HUD or its designee shall, upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the Contractor under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime Contractor, or any other Federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime Contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the Contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working in the construction or development of the project, all or part of the wages required by the contract, HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased. HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the Contractor, disburse such amounts withheld for and on account of the Contractor or subcontractor to the respective employees to whom they are due.

(c) **Payrolls and Basic Records.**

(1) Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the Contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working in the construction or development of the project. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made, and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found, under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv), that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the Contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of

the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

- (2) (i) The Contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the Contracting Officer for transmission to HUD or its designee. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under subparagraph (c)(1) of this clause. This information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 (Federal Stock Number 029-005-00014-1) is available for this purpose and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. The prime Contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Number 1214-0149.)
- (ii) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:
- (A) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be maintained under paragraph (c)(1) of this clause and that such information is correct and complete;
- (B) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in 29 CFR Part 3; and
- (C) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.
- (iii) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirements for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by subparagraph (c)(2)(ii) of this clause.
- (iv) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the Contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under Section 1001 of Title 18 and Section 3729 of Title 31 of the United States Code.
- (3) The Contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under subparagraph (c)(1) available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of HUD or its designee, the Contracting Officer, or the Department of Labor and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the Contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

- (d) Apprentices. Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services (OATELS), or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by OATELS, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by OATELS or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice.
- The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the Contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated in this paragraph, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the Contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event OATELS, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by OATELS, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the Contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

- (e) Trainees. Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate

specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed in the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate in the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate in the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate in the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the Contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

- (f) Equal Employment Opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees, and journeymen under this clause shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR Part 30.
- (g) Compliance with Copeland Act Requirements. The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR Part 3, which are hereby incorporated by reference in this contract.
- (h) Contract Termination; Debarment. A breach of the labor standards clauses in this contract may be grounds for termination of the contract and for debarment as a Contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.
- (i) Compliance with Davis-Bacon and related Act Requirements. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and related Acts contained in 29 CFR Parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.
- (j) Disputes Concerning Labor Standards. Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this clause shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR Parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the PHA, HUD, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.
- (k) Certification of Eligibility.
- (1) By entering into this contract, the Contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the Contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded contracts by the United States Government by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).
 - (2) No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a United States Government

contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

(3) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U. S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(l) Subcontracts. The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts all the provisions contained in this clause, and such other clauses as HUD or its designee may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these provisions in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all these provisions.

(m) Non-Federal Prevailing Wage Rates. Any prevailing wage rate (including basic hourly rate and any fringe benefits), determined under State law to be prevailing, with respect to any employee in any trade or position employed under the contract, is inapplicable to the contract and shall not be enforced against the Contractor or any subcontractor, with respect to employees engaged under the contract whenever such non-Federal prevailing wage rate exceeds:

- (i) the applicable wage rate determined by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.) to be prevailing in the locality with respect to such trade;
- (ii) an applicable apprentice wage rate based thereon specified in an apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) or a DOL-recognized State Apprenticeship Agency; or
- (iii) an applicable trainee wage rate based thereon specified in a DOL-certified trainee program.

Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Applicant Name

Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding

Acting on behalf of the above named Applicant as its Authorized Official, I make the following certifications and agreements to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the sites listed below:

I certify that the above named Applicant will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Applicant's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.

b. Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees ---

- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The Applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.

c. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph a.;

d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph a. that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will ---

- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- e. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federalagency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
- f. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted ---

- (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
- (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs a. thru f.

2. Sites for Work Performance. The Applicant shall list (on separate pages) the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the HUD funding of the program/activity shown above: Place of Performance shall include the street address, city, county, State, and zip code. Identify each sheet with the Applicant name and address and the program/activity receiving grant funding.)

Check here if there are workplaces on file that are not identified on the attached sheets.

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. **Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Name of Authorized Official	Title
Signature	Date
X	

CERTIFICATE OF SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE

I certify that I have reviewed and fully understand the attached Section 3 Specification Clause and program and will demonstrate compliance to the "greatest extent feasible" to meet the numerical goal of 30% new hires. I further certify that I have and will make every reasonable effort to purchase from those small businesses located within the boundaries of the Section 3 covered project area and further, will take concrete steps to expand resident training and employment opportunities such as, asking if residents are aware of available training and employment positions, encouraging residents to participate in the job application process, and actually employing Section 3 area residents. Furthermore, I will contact the Housing Authority to obtain listings of available individuals to fill my labor needs, if any such needs arise, for the duration of this contract.

Principal Officer of Bidding Company

Date

END OF DOCUMENT

MBE PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have reviewed and fully understand the attached Columbia Housing Authority MBE requirements and will take the five affirmative steps listed and make a GOOD FAITH EFFORT to achieve the MBE participation goal.

Principal Officer of Bidding Company

Date

END OF DOCUMENT

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

THAT HE/SHE IS _____ (*a partner or officer of the firm of, etc.*) the party making the foregoing proposal or bid; that such proposal or bid is genuine and not collusive nor sham; that said bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived nor agreed, directly or indirectly, with any bidder or person, to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding; and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement of collusion, or communication or convergence, with any person, to fix the bid price of affiant or of any other bidder; nor to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of said bid price, nor of that of any other bidder; nor to secure any advantage against THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said proposal or bid are true.

Signatures of:

BIDDER, if the Bidder is an individual:

PARTNER, if the Bidder is a partnership:

OFFICER, if the Bidder is a corporation:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME

This _____ day of _____, 20_____

(Notary Public)

My Commission expires: _____

PIGGYBACK CLAUSE FORM

Piggybacking is when an existing contract is used by another governmental agency to acquire the same commodities or services at the same or lower price from another public entity contract.

Columbia Housing shall permit Piggybacking on all contracts resulting from a formal solicitation including a Competitive Bid; a Request for Proposals and/or a Request for Qualifications under the following provisions.

For the term of the contract period resulting from this solicitation and any mutually agreed upon extensions pursuant to this request for goods and/or services, at the option of the vendor, other Public Housing Authorities, any public corporation or agency, including any town, city, county, or state agency, may purchase or contract for the same goods and/or services identified upon the same terms and conditions or such terms and conditions as may be negotiated with the vendor pursuant to the applicable joint, permissive and interstate cooperative procurement statutes of the location in which such public corporation or agency is located.

Acceptance or rejection of this clause will not affect the outcome of this solicitation.

_____ *(Initial)* Vendor hereby grants the Piggyback option for this solicitation.

_____ *(Initial)* Vendor does not grant the Piggyback option for this solicitation.

Vendor: _____

Name of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF SECTION 3 HIRES

Qualified Applicants

Through its Resident Services Programs, Columbia Housing will work with Service Partners that offer job readiness programs and training in day-to-day employment skills and apprenticeship programs to establish a pool of qualified applicants for referral to contractors procured by Columbia Housing.

The Resident Services Staff will identify and maintain a list of Section 3 Residents interested in employment and training opportunities. Columbia Housing will conduct preliminary screening of all applicants referred to contractors. This screening shall include a criminal background check and a drug screening, as applicable. Columbia Housing will match applicant skills to the available Section 3 positions and issue a formal referral to the corresponding contractor.

Applicants for available positions shall be referred in the order listed below.

1. Current or former residents of the property where the work is to be performed. Former residents are defined as individuals listed on a CH lease agreement at the time the property was vacated.
2. Current residents of other properties owned by Columbia Housing.
3. Participants of the Housing Choice Voucher Program administered by Columbia Housing.
4. Other qualified Section 3 residents of the City of Columbia.
5. Other qualified Section 3 residents of Richland County.
6. Other qualified Section 3 residents of Lexington County.

Contractor Requirements - Section 3 Employees.

Contractors and subcontractors shall be required to submit a notice of intent to comply with the Section 3 regulations within all contracts. The notice is to be sent to Columbia Housing Resident Services Department. The notice is also to be posted 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. The notice 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 persons receiving the referrals for each of the positions, and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

The contractor shall, to the greatest extent feasible, give preference to Section 3 Residents when hiring any full-time employee for permanent, temporary or seasonal employment under the contract. Contracts in excess of \$250,000 shall have an establishment number of Section 3 positions to be created under the contract. The contractor will be deemed to be in compliance with the training and employment requirements of the Section 3 Policy if 50% or the stated number in the applicable solicitation or contract, of new hires are Section 3 Residents from Columbia Housing communities or programs. The contractor is responsible for complying with the requirements of this policy in its own operations and for assuring compliance in the operations of its subcontractors.

Contract Preference for Section 3 Business Concerns.

The contractor shall, to the greatest extent feasible, give preference to Section 3 Business Concerns when entering into any contract for the work of the Project. The Contractor will be deemed to be in compliance with the contract preference for Section 3 Business Concerns if it commits to award to Section 3 Business Concerns at least 30% of the total dollar amount of the Contract.

Certifications and Assurances

The form of contract executed by Contractors/Subcontractors will include the requirements set forth in this policy.

Marketing Efforts

Columbia Housing will market the Section 3 policies to Residents and Program Participants through posting of information on its website; posting of notices at CH offices and developments; and issuance of flyers describing employment and training opportunities.

CH will also provide notices at strategic locations within the community where people gather (i.e., schools recreational facilities, and area churches). CH will also inform community leaders, contractors, political leaders and interested community organizations of the Section 3 and MBE/WBE hiring commitments.

Reporting

The contractor shall submit to CH a completed Monthly Employee/Business Concern Utilization Report in a format determined by CH each month throughout the contract period. The contractor shall promptly provide to CH at its request, any such other information or reports which CH may require and shall permit access to the job site and to any books, records, accounts and/or other material deemed by CH to be necessary to monitor the contractor's compliance with this Policy.

Termination

The contractor or any of its subcontractors may terminate the employment of a Section 3 Resident or the contract of a Section 3 Business Concern for good cause, provided that the contractor or subcontractor first notifies CH in writing of the proposed termination and the specific reasons for dismissal. If any Section 3 Resident employed by the contractor or a subcontractor pursuant to this Provision leaves or is terminated from such employment, or if any Section 3 Business Concern fails to perform under its contract or its contract is terminated, CH shall require the contractor and/or its subcontractor to employ another Section 3 Resident or contract with another Section 3 Business Concern in order to remain in compliance with the requirements of this Policy.

Department of Labor Requirements

Contractors subject to the Section 3 Resident Employment Provision are also required to comply with Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 12036 and the Department of Labor regulations issued pursuant thereto (41 CFR chapter 60), which provide that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in all phases of employment during the performance of Federal or Federally-assisted construction contracts.

Sanctions

If contractors or subcontractors do not comply with Section 3 mandates, CH will address the issues promptly. All sanctions against any contractor should be based on language in the signed contract.

Performance Standards

On each construction job site, it is expected from the contractor/subcontractors, that all referred and hired Section 3 Residents will be treated with the same respect and consideration that is demonstrated toward non-Section 3 Residents.

At no time should there be any disparity in hours worked per day, nor days worked per week, unless both contractor and employee agree upon it. Violation of these performance standards by the general contractor and its subcontractors will be interpreted as violation of contract agreement.

Payment in Lieu of Section 3 Hires

If a contractor is unable to meet the required Section 3 goals specified under their contract or in this policy, for any of the following reasons, Columbia Housing, at its sole discretion may approve a payment in lieu of Section 3 hires.

1. There are no new hires throughout the life of the contract.
2. The contract is of a highly technical nature and requires a high level of technical knowledge and/or skills for which there are no qualified Section 3 applicants.
3. CH Resident Services has been unable to provide referrals with the necessary skills for the available positions under the contract and the Contractor has made every effort to identify qualified Section 3 applicants.

The payment in lieu of Section 3 hires shall apply to all contracts in excess of \$10,000 and shall be 3% of the total contract amount. All funds received under the Payment in Lieu of Section 3 hires shall be directed restricted for the Resident Services Department and shall be utilized solely for job readiness and employment training for Columbia Housing residents or program participants.

BID CERTIFICATION

I certify that this submittal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a response to this RFP, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of the RFP and certify that I am authorized to submit this response. By submitting this response to the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, SC, I offer and agree that if the response is accepted, I will convey, sell, assign or transfer to the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, SC all rights, title, interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the Anti-trust laws of the United States and the State of South Carolina for price fixing relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, SC. At the discretion of the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, SC, such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency proffers final payment.

Authorized Signature (Print) Authorized Signature w/Title E-mail Address

a. Notary Certification:

State: _____ **County:** _____

Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that _____, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official seal, this the _____ day of _____, 20 _____

(Official Notary Seal or Stamp) _____
Signature of Notary Public

My commission expires _____, 20 _____