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## **RFP GHURA-24-002**

### **Utility Allowance Study for Public Housing**

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**UTILITY ALLOWANCE STUDY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING**

**I. PHA DESCRIPTION**

The Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) is a public housing agency that was created as an entity of the Government of Guam on December 18, 1962. GHURA's enabling act is Public Law 6-135, PL 21-148, and Chapter 5 of the Guam Code Annotated (GCA). GHURA's main office is located at 117 Bien Venida Avenue, Sinajana, Guam 96910.

***GHURA's mission is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of Guam's people through the provisions on providing every resident with a decent, safe, and sanitary housing for low- to moderate-income families; reduction of blighted areas, and the proper planning of community development programs to benefit low- to moderate-income families.***

GHURA is 100% federally funded through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). GHURA manages 750 Public Housing units that are located in the various villages throughout the island. The Authority also administers 2,668 Section 8 housing vouchers, from the Housing Choice Voucher Program, and various target-funded programs. GHURA also manages various Community Planning and Development grants, such as the Community Block grant, HOME Investment Partnership grant, Supportive Housing for the Elderly, Public Housing Capital Fund Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant.

For more information on GHURA and its rental assistance programs, please visit the Housing Authority's website at [www.ghura.org](http://www.ghura.org).

**II. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**A. General Overview**

GHURA is seeking a firm to conduct a utility allowance study to determine the appropriate utility allowances for our Public Housing Program in accordance with 24 CFR 965, Subpart E—Tenant Allowances for Utilities, HUD Utility Allowance Guidebook, and all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Utility Allowance Schedules must be provided on the required Form HUD-52667.

The utility allowance schedules are for all Asset Management Properties (AMP) under the Public Housing Program for implementation on April 1, 2024. GHURA must review its schedule of utility allowances each year and maintain information supporting its annual review. The Housing Authority's current utility schedules are attached to this RFP as **Appendix B** and are included for reference purposes only.

GHURA is seeking a response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified consultants with experience in developing utility allowance schedules in accordance with HUD guidelines. The selected consultant shall perform the work in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations as required by the Public Housing Program.

**B. Statement of Work**

GHURA seeks a qualified individual or firm to develop annual allowance schedules to be implemented for a 3-year term with option to renew up to 2 years to update the utility allowance schedules annually.

The Study will be developed in accordance with 24 CFR Part 965, Subpart E-Tenant Allowances for Utilities, HUD Utility Allowance Guidebook, and all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Utility Allowance schedules must be provided on the required Form HUD-52667.

GHURA must review its schedule of utility allowances each year and maintain information supporting its annual review. The Housing Authority's current utility schedules are attached to this RFP as Appendix **B** and are included for reference purposes only.

For each annual utility allowance schedule, the consultant selected by GHURA shall:

1. Determine appropriate utility allowances for the Public Housing Program residents in accordance with 24 CFR Part 965, Subpart E – Tenant Allowances for Utilities, HUD Utility Allowance Guidebook, and all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
2. Utility allowances shall be based upon a reasonable consumption of utilities by an energy-conservative household of modest circumstances consistent with the requirements of a safe, sanitary, and healthful living environment. Units with air conditioners will be exempted from this review.
3. Detailed description of how proposed services will be provided.
4. Listing of the deliverables that GHURA will receive.
5. Include bedroom sizes zero (efficiency) to six (6) on each HUD Form 52667.
6. Provide to GHURA all supporting documentation used in determining the utility allowances, including but not limited to, letters from local utility companies, Excel worksheets used in computing allowances, and quantities of the utilities that support the basis of the dollar allowances.
7. Proposals demonstrating an understanding of the required services of the GHURA, HUD regulatory policies, guidelines, and procedures governing the administration of a Public Housing Authority.
8. Provide written evidence of the firm's ability to perform the services.
9. Summary profiles of the firm's principals, staff, and associates.
10. Fixed Price cost estimate to provide the proposed services.
11. Evidence of the firm's ability to perform the services within the given timeframe for completion.
12. Completion of HUD Form 2992—Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension.
13. Completion of HUD Form 5369-C—Certification and Representations of Offerors—

- Non-Construction Contract
14. Completion of Non-Collusion Affidavit
  15. Section 3 Clause and Completion of Certification Statement
  16. Proof of insurance—workers’ compensation, general liability, and professional liability  
The proposer will establish utility allowance schedules for the following housing developments:

Development Name	Total No. of Units	Utilities		
		Electric	Water Sewer	Trash pick up
AMP 1 – Agana Heights, Asan, Mongmong, Sinajana	158	Yes	Yes	Yes
AMP 2 – Inarajan, Talofofo, Yona	163	Yes	Yes	Yes
AMP 3 - Agat, Merizo, Umatac	195	Yes	Yes	Yes
AMP 4 - Toto and Dededo	234	Yes	Yes	Yes

### C. Collection of Data and Analysis

The study should use a U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) acceptable methodologies, and utilize current local utility rates and charges. Necessary adjustments should be made for climatic conditions, unit vacancies, energy improvements, etc.

### D. Recommended Sources

Recommended sources of data shall be, but not limited to:

- Consumption information from the Agency, residents, and/or utility suppliers;
- Energy audits;
- Physical inspections of representative units;
- Interviews of residents to obtain insight into energy usage and to gather their historical data of utility usage;
- Interviews of maintenance personnel and project managers to gain understanding of housing facilities used by residents.

### E. Assistance

The study should be conducted with the aid of GHURA staff and resident participation. The utility allowance study must be completed and submitted to GHURA no later than 45 days from the date of contract execution.

GHURA will accept electronic submittals.

## III. SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

### A. Submission Requirements

In order to be considered eligible to submit proposal/bid, each organization, individual, or firm must submit written evidence with its proposal demonstrating that it fulfills the following eligibility criteria:

1. Must have experience in conducting studies, needs assessments, and or regulatory.
2. A minimum of three references with telephone numbers of housing agencies where work has been performed.
3. A certification statement that the proposer is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state, or local agency.

**B. Description of each Submission Requirement**

GHURA intends to retain the Respondent pursuant to a “Best Value” basis, not a “Low Bid” basis (“Best Value,” in that GHURA will, as detailed within this section, consider factors other than cost in making the award decision). All proposals must contain the following components and be organized in the following format, along with all supplemental documentation required under this invitation. Please note that failure to provide any information, certification, or document requested in this RFP may cause your submission not to be scored.

Items to be included with your Proposal in the sequential order listed below:

1. **Vendor Application Cover Sheet** (see Appendix A).
2. **Cover Letter**: A letter signed by a principal or authorized representative who can make legally binding commitments for the entity.
3. **Organizational Background**: A brief description of the Respondent’s firm, including the year the firm was established, type of organization (partnership, corporation, etc.), address of all offices, number of employees of firm, and the name and contact information for a representative of the firm authorized to discuss your proposal. Include a statement indicating the firm’s compliance with all government regulations regarding non-discriminatory employment practices. If applicable, a copy of your Minority- or Women-Owned Business Enterprise state certification.
4. **Scope of Services**: Include a detailed description of housing inspection services to be provided to meet the requirements in Section II. Scope of Services. Identify any resources expected to be provided by GHURA, including their roles and responsibilities. The Scope of Services should link directly to our fee schedule and be easily understandable relative to your fee schedule. Provide a timeline for implementation.
5. **Firm or Personnel Experience**: A profile of the firm’s experience, personnel and history relating to the Scope of Services identified in Section II. Include a description of the company profile including the range of the firm’s capabilities and services. In addition, provide the names of all personnel who will be assigned to this project, their education and previous experience. Describe your firm’s commercial general liability insurance coverage.
6. **Relevant Experience**: List of the Public Housing Agencies which your firm or personnel have provided utility allowance services within the last five (5) years. Information should include project description, year service is provided, client name, along with a person to contact and their telephone number. At least three (3) references should be provided.
7. **Sub Consultants**: Identification is required of any contemplated sub consultants to be used, with the identification of personnel to be assigned, their qualifications, education, and representative experience.
8. **Fee Schedule**: Please provide a cost proposal for providing the Scope of Services listed in Section II. Provide an itemized breakdown for billing rates and/or reimbursable

expenses, etc. for services.

9. **Required Forms**: see Appendix A.

10. **Other forms**:

- Company W-9
- Verification that your organization currently has or will be able to provide the insurance requirements as specified in this RFP in Section IV. G.

### C. **Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals that meet the threshold criteria/submission requirements will be evaluated as described below. A selection committee shall evaluate and score each proposal using the method described in the chart below.

<b>Scoring Criteria</b>	<b>Point Possible</b>
Organizational background and overall experience	<b>Max. Total 35 points</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Qualifications and experience relevant to the scope of services describe in Section II. B. Scope of Work</li></ul>	Max 25 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experience working with Public Housing Agencies</li></ul>	Max 10 points
Overall Quality and Depth of Proposal	<b>Max. Total 30 points</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quality and organizational of proposal</li></ul>	Max. 15 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completeness of proposal (all information provided)</li></ul>	Max. 15 points
Fee Schedule	<b>Max. Total 15 points</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overall fee schedule</li></ul>	Max. 15 points
Other pertinent information submitted	<b>Max. Total 20 points</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minority-or Women- Owned Business Enterprise state certification</li></ul>	Max. 5 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Veteran Owned Business</li></ul>	Max. 10 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Timeline for Implementation</li></ul>	Max. 5 points
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100 points</b>

One or more Respondents may be invited to make presentations or to submit more detailed proposals on specific projects as they arise.

## IV. **SCHEDULE AND REQUIRED INFORMATION**

### A. **Selection Process and Schedule**

The Respondent determined by GHURA to be most qualified in terms of actual demonstrable experience, knowledge, and perceived benefits to GHURA's objectives will be selected and contract negotiations with said Respondent.

The following list contains the steps in the selection process and the schedule:



- February 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm- All proposals must be submitted to GHURA.
- March 01, 2024 at 2:00 pm - Announcement of selected Respondent.

Late proposals will not be accepted or considered. It is the responsibility of each Respondent to ensure a timely submission of their proposal. In no event will GHURA permit modification to a Proposal after the submission deadline.

## **B. Selection Committee**

An RFP Selection Committee, consisting of GHURA staff, will review all proposals. This Selection Committee only evaluates the content of the proposals. The committee may contact any of the references provided by the Respondent, contact any Respondent for clarification of response, and/or seek information from any other sources concerning any aspect of this invitation. Factors not specified in the RFP will not be considered.

The selection committee shall make a recommendation to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners will make the final selection of the Respondent to be awarded the contract.

## **C. Interpretation**

Any prospective Respondent desiring an explanation or interpretation of the RFP, statement of work, etc., must request it in writing. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. Any information given to a perspective Respondent concerning an RFP will be posted on the GHURA website, [www.ghura.org](http://www.ghura.org), as an addendum to the RFP.

All questions regarding this RFP should be directed to Mr. Antonio Camacho, Housing Procurement Administrator, no later than (2:00 PM / February 09, 2024).

Inquiries must be sent via email to [accamacho@ghura.org](mailto:accamacho@ghura.org). All addendums will be placed on the GHURA's website at [www.ghura.org](http://www.ghura.org) by (January 30, 2024).

## **D. PHA Options**

GHURA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFP process, or to terminate the RFP process at any time, in its sole and absolute discretion if deemed by GHURA to be in its best interests.

1. **Right to Not Award.** GHURA reserves the right not to award a contract pursuant to this RFP.
2. **Right to Terminate.** GHURA reserves the right to terminate a contract awarded pursuant to this RFP, at any time for its convenience upon five (5) days written notice to the successful Respondent(s).
3. **Right to Determine Time and Location.** GHURA reserves the right to determine the days, hours, and locations that the successful Respondent(s) shall provide the services called for in this RFP.
4. **Right to Retain Proposals.** All proposals submitted, including all items and materials submitted as part of the proposals, become the property of GHURA, whether or not selected. Proposals may be appended by GHURA to any contract between GHURA and Respondent providing such materials. GHURA may permit the withdrawal of proposals when requested in writing by the Respondent.
5. **Right to Reject or Prohibit Any Proposal.** GHURA reserves the right to reject and not consider any proposal that does not meet the requirements of this RFP, including but not

limited to incomplete proposals and/or proposals offering alternate or non-requested services. GHURA shall reserve the right at any time during the RFP or contract process to prohibit any further participation by a Respondent.

**E. Contract Terms**

GHURA is offering a three (3) year contract, with the option to renew for two (2) additional years, in one-year increments, each at the discretion of GHURA.

**F. Rules, Regulations and Licensing Requirements**

Each Respondent shall comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations applicable to scope of services contemplated herein. The successful Respondent is presumed to be familiar with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations applicable to scope of services contemplated herein.

**G. MBE/WBE**

GHURA is dedicated to furthering the growth of minority-owned business enterprises – (“MBEs”), women owned business enterprises (“WBEs”) and local businesses.

**H. Section 3**

The purpose of Section 3 of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) act of 1968 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generate by certain HUD financial assistance, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing federal, state, and local laws, be directed toward low and very low-income persons.

Low income is defined as a single person or family whose income does not exceed 80% of the median income for the area. A very low-income person is defined as a family or single persons whose income does not exceed 50% of the median income for the area.

Section 3 is applicable when funds from HUD are used on a project and when additional persons (new hires) are employed. A new hire is any person hired after signing the contract or who is not a current employee.

For information regarding our Section 3 program, contact the GHURA Section 3 Coordinator.

**I. Equal Opportunity Employment**

Respondents agree that there will not be discrimination as to sex, religion, color, age, creed or national origin, disability, or sexual orientation in regards to obligations, work and services performed under the terms of any contract ensuing from this RFP.

**J. Personnel**

The Respondents will not be considered GHURA personnel, and GHURA assumes proposal of assigned personnel to be a statement of their availability to do the work.

**K. Contact with PHA Staff, Board and Residents**

Beyond the above referenced written communications, Respondents and their representatives may not make any other form of contact with GHURA staff, Board members, or residents. Any improper contact by or on behalf of Respondents may be grounds for disqualification.

**L. Insurance Requirements & Conditions**

**Insurance Requirements:**

If awarded the contract, GHURA will need a Certificate of Insurance and Additionally Insured Endorsement with GHURA listed as additional insured with the following:

<b>Insurance</b>	<b>Limit</b>
Error and Omissions	\$1,000,000
Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 combined single limit (with defense cost in excess of limit of liability)
Comprehensive General Liability	\$2,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personnel injury, and property damage
Workers' Compensation	As required by State Law
Automobile insurance	\$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage

**Indemnity:**

Respondent agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold GHURA and its administrators, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, losses, expenses, and liabilities for, or related to, loss of damage to property or injury or death of any person relating to or arising or resulting in any way from the performance of the Respondent.

**M. Incurred Costs in Preparing Proposals**

GHURA shall have no obligation to compensate any Respondent for any costs incurred in responding to this RFP.

**N. Review and Compliance**

Subsequent to the award of the contract, all information submitted as part of, or in support of the proposal, will be available for public inspection in compliance with state and federal laws.

**O. Proposal Terms**

All proposals submitted by Respondents and received by GHURA will be treated as contract offers. A Respondent's proposal must remain open from the time of receipt of the proposal by GHURA and continue for a minimum of 90 days after the date of Respondent's proposal, pursuant to this invitation, and may not be unilaterally modified by the Respondent during that period.

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# Appendix A

(Required by 5 GCA § 5233 as amended by P.L. 36-13 (4/9/2021))

ISLAND OF GUAM

- [ ] One or more of the more-than-10% owners listed above is a business or artificial person. Any more-than-25% owners of such a business or artificial person are listed below per 5 GCA § 5233. Note: any less-than-25% owners of such a business or artificial person is encouraged to also be listed below.

**Name of >10% Owner Business or Artificial Person:**

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Names of owners of the >10% Owner Business or Artificial Person ("Second Tier Owner")	Owner's Principal Place of Business Street Address	% of Interest

**Name of other >10% Owner Business or Artificial Person:**

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Names of owners of the >10% Owner Business or Artificial Person ("Second Tier Owner")	Owner's Principal Place of Business Street Address	% of Interest

- B. If any Second Tier Owner identified above is an artificial person, the natural or artificial owners of such Second Tier Owner who have held more than 49% of the shares or interest in the Bidder/Offeror/Prospective Contractor (Third Tier Owners) are as follows [if none, please so state]:

Second Tier Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Third Tier Owner	Principal Place of Business Street Address	% of Interest
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- C. If the name of no natural person has been identified as an owner, or a Second or Third Tier Owner of the Bidder/Offeror/Prospective Contractor, please identify the name, position, address, and contact information of the natural person having the authority and responsibility for the Bid/Offer/Proposal/Prospective Contract, and the name of any natural person who has the authority and power to remove and replace the designated responsible person:

Name of Natural Person	Position	Street Address of Principal Place of Business	Phone Number, Email Address, and other Contact Information

- D. Further, I say that the persons who have received or are entitled to receive a commission, gratuity, contingent fee or other compensation to solicit, secure, or assist in obtaining business related to the Bid/Offer/Proposal/Prospective Contract for which this Affidavit is submitted are as follows (if none, please so state):

Name	Principal Place of Business Street Address	Amount of Compensation

- E. Further, I say that the persons who have directly or indirectly participated in this solicitation and who are also employees of the government of Guam or the government of the United States, if federal funds are to be used in the payment of the contract related to the Bid/Offer/Proposal/Prospective Contract for which this Affidavit is submitted, are as follows (if none, please so state):

Name	Principal Place of Business Street Address

- F. Regardless of any ownership interest, the following individuals have the power to control the performance of the contract or to control the Bidder/Offeror/Prospective Contractor, directly or indirectly:

Name	Principal Place of Business Street Address

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- G. Until award of the contract, and throughout the term of any contract awarded to the Bidder/Offeror/Prospective Contractor represented herein, I agree to promptly make any disclosures not made previously and update changes in ownership, identities of owners and other required information, interests, compensation or conflicts of the persons required to be disclosed. I understand that failure to comply with this requirement shall constitute a material breach of contract.
- H. I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of one of the following:  
Bidder/Offeror/Prospective Contractor, if a licensed individual  
Owner of sole proprietorship Bidder/Offeror/Prospective  
Contractor  
Partner, if the Bidder/Offeror/Prospective Contractor is a  
partnership  
Officer, if the Bidder/Offeror/Prospective Contractor is a  
corporation

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



# AFFIDAVIT RE NON-COLLUSION

CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) SS.  
ISLAND OF GUAM )

\_\_\_\_\_ [state name of affiant signing below], being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. The name of the offering company or individual is *[state name of company]*

2. The proposal for the solicitation identified above is genuine and not collusive or a sham. The offeror has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other offeror or person, to put in a sham proposal or to refrain from making an offer. The offeror has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by an agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person to fix the proposal price of offeror or of any other offeror, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said proposal price, or of that of any other offeror, or to secure any advantage against the government of Guam or any other offeror, or to secure any advantage against the government of Guam or any person interested in the proposed contract. All statements in this affidavit and in the proposal are true to the best of the knowledge of the undersigned. This statement is made pursuant to 2 GAR Division 4 § 3126(b).

3. I make this statement on behalf of myself as a representative of the offeror, and on behalf of the offeror's officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors, and employees.

Signature of one of the following:

Offeror, if the offeror is an individual;  
Partner, if the offeror is a partnership;  
Officer, if the offeror is a corporation.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

NOTARY PUBLIC  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

## **AFFIDAVIT RE GRATUITIES OR KICKBACKS**

CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) ss.  
ISLAND OF GUAM )

\_\_\_\_\_ [state name of affiant signing below], being  
first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. The name of the offering firm or individual is [state name of offeror company]  
\_\_\_\_\_. Affiant is \_\_\_\_\_ [state one  
of the following: the offeror, a partner of the offeror, an officer of the offeror] making the foregoing  
identified bid or proposal.

2. To the best of affiant's knowledge, neither affiant, nor any of the offeror's officers,  
representatives, agents, subcontractors, or employees have violated, are violating the prohibition against  
gratuities and kickbacks set forth in 2 GAR Division 4 § 11107(e). Further, affiant promises, on behalf of  
offeror, not to violate the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks as set forth in 2 GAR  
Division 4 § 11107(e).

3. To the best of affiant's knowledge, neither affiant, nor any of the offeror's officers,  
representatives, agents, subcontractors, or employees have offered, given or agreed to give, any government  
of Guam employee or former government employee, any payment, gift, kickback, gratuity or offer of  
employment in connection with the offeror's proposal.

4. I make these statements on behalf of myself as a representative of the offeror, and on behalf of  
the offeror's officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors, and employees.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of one of the following:

Offeror, if the offeror is an individual;  
Partner, if the offeror is a partnership;  
Officer, if the offeror is a corporation.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

## **AFFIDAVIT RE ETHICAL STANDARDS**

CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) ss.  
ISLAND OF GUAM )

\_\_\_\_\_ [state name of affiant signing below], being first  
duly sworn, deposes and says that:

The affiant is \_\_\_\_\_ [state one of the following: *the offeror, a partner of the offeror, an officer of the offeror*] making the foregoing identified bid or proposal. To the best of affiant's knowledge, neither affiant nor any officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors or employees of offeror have knowingly influenced any government of Guam employee to breach any of the ethical standards set forth in 5 GCA Chapter 5, Article 11. Further, affiant promises that neither he or she, nor any officer, representative, agent, subcontractor, or employee of offeror will knowingly influence any government of Guam employee to breach any ethical standards set forth in 5 GCA Chapter 5, Article 11. These statements are made pursuant to 2 GAR Division 4 § 11103(b).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of one of the following:

Offeror, if the offeror is an individual;  
Partner, if the offeror is a partnership;  
Officer, if the offeror is a corporation.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

## **AFFIDAVIT RE CONTINGENT FEES**

CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) ss.  
ISLAND OF GUAM )

\_\_\_\_\_ [state name of affiant signing below], being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. The name of the offering company or individual is [state name of company]  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. As a part of the offering company's bid or proposal, to the best of my knowledge, the offering company has not retained any person or agency on a percentage, commission, or other contingent arrangement to secure this contract. This statement is made pursuant to 2 GAR Division 4 11108(f).
3. As a part of the offering company's bid or proposal, to the best of my knowledge, the offering company has not retained a person to solicit or secure a contract with the government of Guam upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business. This statement is made pursuant to 2 GAR Division 4 11108(h).
4. I make these statements on behalf of myself as a representative of the offeror, and on behalf of the offeror's officers, representatives, agents, subcontractors, and employees.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of one of the following:

Offeror, if the offeror is an individual;  
Partner, if the offeror is a partnership;  
Officer, if the offeror is a corporation.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

# Instructions to Bidders for Contracts

## Public and Indian Housing Programs

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### 1. Bid Preparation and Submission

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 2. Explanations and Interpretations to Prospective Bidders

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

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

### 3. Amendments to Invitations for Bids

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

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

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

### 4. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

## 5. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Bids

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 6. Bid Opening

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

## 7. Service of Protest

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

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

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

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

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

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

## 8. Contract Award

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**10. Assurance of Completion**

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

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

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

[ ] (3) a 20 percent cash escrow;

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

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

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

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

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

**11. Preconstruction Conference** (applicable to construction contracts)

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders

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### 1. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

#### (a) The bidder certifies that--

(1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other bidder or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit a bid, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;

(2) The prices in this bid have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a competitive proposal solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

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

(1) Is the person in the bidder's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; or

(2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.

[insert full name of person(s) in the bidder's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the bidder's organization];

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; and

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

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

[ ] [Contracting Officer check if following paragraph is applicable]

(d) Non-collusive affidavit. (applicable to contracts for construction and equipment exceeding \$50,000)

(1) Each bidder shall execute, in the form provided by the PHA/IHA, an affidavit to the effect that he/she has not colluded with any other person, firm or corporation in regard to any bid submitted in response to this solicitation. If the successful bidder did not submit the affidavit with his/her bid, he/she must submit it within three (3) working days of bid opening. Failure to submit the affidavit by that date may render the bid nonresponsive. No contract award will be made without a properly executed affidavit.

(2) A fully executed "Non-collusive Affidavit" [ ] is, [ ] is not included with the bid.

### 2. Contingent Fee Representation and Agreement

#### (a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

"Bona fide employee" means a person, employed by a bidder and subject to the bidder's supervision and control as to time, place, and manner of performance, who neither exerts, nor proposes to exert improper influence to solicit or obtain contracts nor holds out as being able to obtain any contract(s) through improper influence.

"Improper influence" means any influence that induces or tends to induce a PHA/IHA employee or officer to give consideration or to act regarding a PHA/IHA contract on any basis other than the merits of the matter.

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

(1) [ ] has, [ ] has not employed or retained any person or company to solicit or obtain this contract; and

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

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

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

### 3. Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions (applicable to contracts exceeding \$100,000)

(a) The definitions and prohibitions contained in Section 1352 of title 31, United States Code, are hereby incorporated by reference in paragraph (b) of this certification.

(b) The bidder, by signing its bid, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief as of December 23, 1989 that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the awarding of a contract resulting from this solicitation;

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds (including profit or fee received under a covered Federal transaction) have been paid, or will be paid, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with this solicitation, the bidder shall complete and submit, with its bid, OMB standard form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities;" and

(3) He or she will include the language of this certification in all subcontracts at any tier and require that all recipients of subcontract awards in excess of \$100,000 shall certify and disclose accordingly.

(c) Submission of this certification and disclosure is a prerequisite for making or entering into this contract imposed by section 1352, title 31, United States Code. Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under this provision or who fails to file or amend the disclosure form to be filed or amended by this provision, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000, and not more than \$100,000, for each such failure.

(d) Indian tribes (except those chartered by States) and Indian organizations as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450B) are exempt from the requirements of this provision.

#### 4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Certification

The bidder certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, he or she does not have any organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work to be performed under this proposed contract and the bidder's organizational, financial, contractual, or other interests may, without some restriction on future activities:

- (a) Result in an unfair competitive advantage to the bidder; or,  
(b) Impair the bidder's objectivity in performing the contract work.  
[ ] In the absence of any actual or apparent conflict, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, no actual or apparent conflict of interest exists with regard to my possible performance of this procurement.

#### 5. Bidder's Certification of Eligibility

(a) By the submission of this bid, the bidder certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief, neither it, nor any person or firm which has an interest in the bidder's firm, nor any of the bidder's subcontractors, is ineligible to:

(1) Be awarded contracts by any agency of the United States Government, HUD, or the State in which this contract is to be performed; or,

(2) Participate in HUD programs pursuant to 24 CFR Part 24.

(b) The certification in paragraph (a) above is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the bidder knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, the contract may be terminated for default, and the bidder may be debarred or suspended from participation in HUD programs and other Federal contract programs.

#### 6. Minimum Bid Acceptance Period

(a) "Acceptance period," as used in this provision, means the number of calendar days available to the PHA/IHA for awarding a contract from the date specified in this solicitation for receipt of bids.

(b) This provision supersedes any language pertaining to the acceptance period that may appear elsewhere in this solicitation.

(c) The PHA/IHA requires a minimum acceptance period of [Contracting Officer insert time period] calendar days.

(d) In the space provided immediately below, bidders may specify a longer acceptance period than the PHA's/IHA's minimum requirement. The bidder allows the following acceptance period: calendar days.

(e) A bid allowing less than the PHA's/IHA's minimum acceptance period will be rejected.

(f) The bidder agrees to execute all that it has undertaken to do, in compliance with its bid, if that bid is accepted in writing within (1) the acceptance period stated in paragraph (c) above or (2) any longer acceptance period stated in paragraph (d) above.

#### 7. Small, Minority, Women-Owned Business Concern Representation

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

(a) [ ] is, [ ] is not a small business concern. "Small business concern," as used in this provision, means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding, and qualified as a small business under the criteria and size standards in 13 CFR 121.

(b) [ ] is, [ ] is not a women-owned business enterprise. "Women-owned business enterprise," as used in this provision, means a business that is at least 51 percent owned by a woman or women who are U.S. citizens and who also control and operate the business.

(c) [ ] is, [ ] is not a minority business enterprise. "Minority business enterprise," as used in this provision, means a business which is at least 51 percent owned or controlled by one or more minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its voting stock is owned by one or more minority group members, and whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more such individuals. For the purpose of this definition, minority group members are:

(Check the block applicable to you)

- |                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| [ ] Black Americans    | [ ] Asian Pacific Americans  |
| [ ] Hispanic Americans | [ ] Asian Indian Americans   |
| [ ] Native Americans   | [ ] Hasidic Jewish Americans |

#### 8. Indian-Owned Economic Enterprise and Indian Organization Representation (applicable only if this solicitation is for a contract to be performed on a project for an Indian Housing Authority)

The bidder represents and certifies that it:

(a) [ ] is, [ ] is not an Indian-owned economic enterprise. "Economic enterprise," as used in this provision, means any commercial, industrial, or business activity established or organized for the purpose of profit, which is at least 51 percent Indian owned. "Indian," as used in this provision, means 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.

(b) [ ] is, [ ] is not an Indian organization. "Indian organization," as used in this provision, means the governing body of any Indian tribe or entity established or recognized by such governing body. Indian "tribe" means 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.

**9. Certification of Eligibility Under the Davis-Bacon Act** (applicable to construction contracts exceeding \$2,000)

(a) By the submission of this bid, the bidder certifies that neither it nor any person or firm who has an interest in the bidder'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).

(b) No part of the contract resulting from this solicitation shall be subcontracted to any 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).

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

**10. Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities** (applicable to contracts exceeding \$10,000)

(a) The bidder's attention is called to the clause entitled **Equal Employment Opportunity** of the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction.

(b) "Segregated facilities," as used in this provision, means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees, that are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.

(c) By the submission of this bid, the bidder certifies that it does not and will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not and will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity clause in the contract.

(d) The bidder further agrees that (except where it has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) prior to entering into subcontracts which exceed \$10,000 and are not exempt from the requirements of the Equal Employment Opportunity clause, it will:

(1) Obtain identical certifications from the proposed subcontractors;

(2) Retain the certifications in its files; and

(3) Forward the following notice to the proposed subcontractors (except if the proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods):

**Notice to Prospective Subcontractors of Requirement for Certifications of Nonsegregated Facilities**

A Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities must be submitted before the award of a subcontract exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Employment Opportunity clause of the prime contract. The certification may be submitted either for each subcontract or for all subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually).

**Note:** The penalty for making false statements in bids is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

**11. Clean Air and Water Certification** (applicable to contracts exceeding \$100,000)

The bidder certifies that:

(a) Any facility to be used in the performance of this contract [ ] is, [ ] is not listed on the Environmental Protection Agency List of Violating Facilities:

(b) The bidder will immediately notify the PHA/IHA Contracting Officer, before award, of the receipt of any communication from the Administrator, or a designee, of the Environmental Protection Agency, indicating that any facility that the bidder proposes to use for the performance of the contract is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities; and,

(c) The bidder will include a certification substantially the same as this certification, including this paragraph (c), in every nonexempt subcontract.

**12. Previous Participation Certificate** (applicable to construction and equipment contracts exceeding \$50,000)

(a) The bidder shall complete and submit with his/her bid the Form HUD-2530, "Previous Participation Certificate." If the successful bidder does not submit the certificate with his/her bid, he/she must submit it within three (3) working days of bid opening. Failure to submit the certificate by that date may render the bid nonresponsive. No contract award will be made without a properly executed certificate.

(b) A fully executed "Previous Participation Certificate" [ ] is, [ ] is not included with the bid.

**13. Bidder's Signature**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed or Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Company Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Company Address)

# Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

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



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## 1. Preparation of Offers

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

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

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

## 2. Submission of Offers

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

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

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

## 3. Amendments to Solicitations

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

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

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

## 4. Explanation to Prospective Offerors

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

## 5. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

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

## 6. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Offers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **7. Contract Award**

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

(b) The HA may

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

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

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

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

## **8. Service of Protest**

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

## **9. Offer Submission**

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

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

[Describe bid or proposal preparation instructions here:]

# General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

## Section I — (With or without Maintenance Work)

## U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

Office of Labor Relations

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

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

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

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

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

#### 1. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this contract:

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

#### 2. Changes

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

proposal submitted before final payment of the contract.

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

#### 3. Termination for Convenience and Default

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

#### 4. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

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



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

## 5. Rights in Data (Ownership and Proprietary Interest)

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

## 6. Energy Efficiency

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

## 7. Disputes

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

## 8. Contract Termination; Debarment

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

## 9. Assignment of Contract

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

## 10. Certificate and Release

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

## 11. Organizational Conflicts of Interest

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

## 12. Inspection and Acceptance

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

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

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

### 13. Interest of Members of Congress

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

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

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

### 15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Prohibition.

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

(v) The prohibition does not apply as follows:

(1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Professional and technical services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) Selling activities by independent sales representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 16. Equal Employment Opportunity

During the performance of this contract, the

Contractor/Seller agrees as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 17. Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **18. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information**

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

## **19. Contractor's Status**

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

## **20. Other Contractors**

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

## **21. Liens**

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

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

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

## **23. Procurement of Recovered Materials**

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

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

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

**Utility Allowance Schedule**

See Public Reporting and Instructions on back.

**U.S Department of Housing and****Urban Development**

Office of Public and Indian Housing

OMB Approval No. 2577-0169

exp. 04/30/2026

The following allowances are used to determine the total cost of tenant-furnished utilities and appliances.

Locality/PHA		Unit Type					Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Utility or Service	Fuel Type	0 BR	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR	5 BR
Heating	Natural Gas						
	Bottled Gas						
	Electric						
	Electric – Heat Pump						
	Fuel Oil						
	Other						
Cooking	Natural Gas						
	Bottled Gas						
	Electric						
	Other						
Other Electric							
Air Conditioning							
Water Heating	Natural Gas						
	Bottled Gas						
	Electric						
	Electric – Heat Pump						
	Fuel Oil						
Water							
Sewer							
Trash Collection							
Other – specify							
Range/Microwave							
Refrigerator							
<b>Actual Family Allowances</b> – May be used by the family to compute allowance while searching for a unit.					Utility/Service/Appliance		Allowance
					Heating		
Head of Household Name					Cooking		
					Other Electric		
					Air Conditioning		
					Water Heating		
Unit Address					Water		
					Sewer		
					Trash Collection		
					Other		
Number of Bedrooms					Range/Microwave		
					Refrigerator		
					Total		

PHAs must maintain a completed HUD Form-52667 Utility Allowance Schedule for each unit type that is typical in the PHA's jurisdiction. The utility allowance schedule is based on the typical cost of utilities and services paid by energy-conservation households that occupy housing of similar size and type in the same locality. In developing the schedule, the PHA must use normal patterns of consumption for the community as a whole and current utility rates.

This form includes the utilities that the PHA must consider: heating (space), cooking, other electric (e.g. lights, appliances, general usage), air conditioning (if the majority of housing units in the market provide centrally air-conditioned units or there is appropriate wiring for tenant-installed air conditioners), water heating, water, sewer, trash, the cost to provide a range, and the cost to provide a refrigerator. This form includes several fuel types, however, the PHA is not required to have a utility allowance for every fuel type listed on the form. The PHA is only required to have an allowance for the fuel types that are typical in the PHA's jurisdiction.

Electric resistance vs. electric heat pump: The most recent update to the HUD-52667 includes "Electric Heat Pump" as a fuel type under "Heating" and "Water Heating". PHAs may choose to provide an allowance on the schedule for electric (resistance), electric heat pump, or both. Heat pumps are more efficient and are associated with lower consumption. By adding this to the form, HUD is not requiring PHAs to consider both. This is up to the PHA, however, the [HUD Utility Schedule Model](#) tool available on HUDUser.gov provides an allowance for both electric resistance and electric heat pump.

Determining Allowances: In general, PHAs use local sources of information on the cost of utilities and services, such as:

1. Electric utility suppliers
2. Natural gas utility suppliers
3. Water and sewer suppliers
4. Fuel oil and bottled gas suppliers
5. Public service commissions
6. Real estate and property management firms
7. State and local agencies
8. Appliance sales and leasing firms

PHAs may use the HUD Utility Schedule Model (HUSM) available on HUDUser.org to determine their Utility Allowance Schedules. The tool uses geographic-specific utility consumption rates combined with user entered data on utility rates to determine the overall monthly allowance.

**OMB Burden Statement:** The public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to be up to 0.25 hours, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The information collected is required to determine the amount of utility allowance necessary to calculate the family's tenant portion. Assurances of confidentiality are not provided under this collection. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions to reduce this burden, to the Office of Public and Indian Housing, US. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410. HUD may not conduct and sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

**Privacy Notice:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect the information required on this form by Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f). The information collected specifies which utilities and appliances are to be supplied by the owner, and what utilities and appliances are to be supplied to the tenant. The Personally Identifiable Information (PII) data collected on this form are not stored or retrieved within a system of record.



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## UTILITY ALLOWANCE STUDY APPLICATION COVERSHEET

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Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Web site \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact person regarding the application \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Certifications**

By signing this application, the following certifications are made:

1. The owner and its agents will comply with all applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements found in 24 CFR 5.105(1), including, but not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable.

### **Authorization**

Authorized Signature:

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Printed Name/Title:

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# **Appendix B**

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UTILITY ALLOWANCES - FY2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/1/2017

ACOP, pg 16-3, Utility Allowance Revisions

BDRM Size	Particulars	FY 2018
1BR-ELD	Cooking	7.00
	Lights	2.00
	Refrigerator	6.00
	Water heating	18.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33.00</b>
Optional:	Medical Equipment	2.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35.00</b>
BDRM Size	Particulars	FY 2018
1BR	Cooking	7.00
	Lights	2.00
	Refrigerator	6.00
	Water heating *	54.00
	Water	27.50
	Sewer	27.50
	Trash Collection	30.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>154.00</b>
Optional:	Washer	1.00
Optional:	Medical Equipment	2.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>157.00</b>

2 BR	Cooking	9.00
	Lights	4.00
	Refrigerator	6.00
	Water heating *	54.00
	Water	52.50
	Sewer	27.50
	Trash Collection	30.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>183.00</b>
Optional:	Washer	2.00
Optional:	Medical Equipment	2.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>187.00</b>

3 BR	Cooking	10.00
	Lights	4.85
	Refrigerator	6.00
	Water heating *	54.00
	Water	58.81
	Sewer	27.50
	Trash Collection	30.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>191.16</b>
Optional:	Washer	2.84
Optional:	Medical Equipment	2.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>196.00</b>

BDRM Size	Particulars	FY 2018
4 BR	Cooking	11.00
	Lights	5.71
	Refrigerator	6.00
	Water heating *	54.00
	Water	71.00
	Sewer	27.50
	Trash Collection	30.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>205.21</b>
Optional:	Washer	3.79
Optional:	Medical Equipment	2.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>211.00</b>

5 BR	Cooking	12.00
	Lights	6.26
	Refrigerator	6.50
	Water heating *	54.00
	Water	89.00
	Sewer	27.50
	Trash Collection	30.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>225.26</b>
Optional:	Washer	4.74
Optional:	Medical Equipment	2.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232.00</b>

6 BR	Cooking	12.00
	Lights	6.76
	Refrigerator	6.50
	Water heating *	54.00
	Water	158.50
	Sewer	27.50
	Trash Collection	30.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>295.26</b>
Optional:	Washer	4.74
Optional:	Medical Equipment	2.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>302.00</b>

