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INVITATION FOR BID FOR SEALING & STRIPING OF PARKING LOTS

The Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) is soliciting bids for Sealing & Striping work for properties owned by RHA throughout the Rochester, New York area. Minimum services and qualifications to be provided must meet those referenced in this bid request package. The RHA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any informalities of bidding when it is determined to be in RHA's best interest to do so.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder(s), to be determined based on the criteria listed in this bid specification. The Contractor must supply their rates for all unit prices requested and listed with this packet. RHA reserves the right to review these unit prices in relation to the bid and determine that a bidder is non-responsible for charging excessive fees.

The following conditions apply either in addition to, or in conjunction with any additional requirements set forth by the RHA in this package. The conditions, qualifications and requirements that follow apply specifically to the work being solicited in this package and are a part of this formal invitation for bid. Bidders need to become fully acquainted with the rules, conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting a bid. Unless otherwise specified, the RHA will hold all bidders to the applicable conditions and requirements set forth within.

The Rochester Housing Authority is requesting bids for the sealing and striping of all parking lots listed at the sites included in this packet. These unit prices shall include the cost for all labor, transportation, equipment, general, administrative, and overhead expenses and profit. Unit prices that involve specific materials per RHA specifications will also include the cost to provide the product(s) necessary to complete that service. Any additional material purchases will require advance approval from RHA. RHA is not responsible for any additional costs above this amount if they are not negotiated and approved in writing before the commencement of services. Prospective bidders are responsible for verifying the size and square footage of each site listed before submitting their bids.

The winning bidder(s) will work with RHA and its residents to coordinate access and clearing the parking lots to perform these services. The winning contractor(s) will inform residents of the scheduled days the work will be performed and alternate days in case of inclement weather.

If the winning bidder(s) cannot complete the work required due to inclement weather this calendar year, RHA will pay for the completed lots. RHA and the contractor(s) will agree in writing that the remainder of the uncompleted work will be completed in the Spring when weather permits and final payment will be issued.

Bid Deadline

The Rochester Housing Authority will receive sealed bids until **Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 11:00am.** All bids must be sent or dropped off at The Rochester Housing Authority, Procurement Office located at 495 Upper Falls Blvd. Rochester, NY 14605. Submitted bid prices shall remain in effect for 90 days past the bid opening date.

Contact Information

Questions concerning bid requirements or the scope of work may be directed to **Marisha Wilder @ mwilder@rochesterhousing.org.** **All questions must be received in writing 8 days prior to due date of bids.**

Material to be Supplied/Cost

It will be the Contractor's responsibility to supply materials required to complete each task. RHA will provide the Contractor with the minimum product specifications as needed for each job. **For material purchases not covered in the bid price** as specified in the "Bid Price" worksheet, the Contractor will bill RHA for the additional material at the Contractor's cost only. Additional material expenses must be pre-approved by the RHA representative before the start of the project. The Contractor's time of sourcing, purchasing, pickup, and payments to vendors for material purchasing shall be factored into the hourly rates on the unit pricing form.

For material purchases that are not covered in a bid price, RHA will require the Contractor to submit copies of their invoices from the vendors with vendor name, location, telephone number, date of purchase, product description, model/part number, unit and total prices paid by the Contractor for material purchased for this contract. Material invoices shall be submitted with each Contractor payment request from RHA. Invoices shall only contain products used under this contract. Invoices shall easily reference each specific job under this contract. RHA shall be exempt from paying any sales tax on materials. RHA reserves the right to provide material for any specific job request.

RHA reserves the right to cancel this contract if RHA believes the Contractor is not paying a fair market price for Contractor-supplied materials.

Availability

The Contractor must provide availability in advance when the Contractor's expected workload exceeds, or vacations interrupt the possibility of services beginning within 48 hours.

Requirements

The work must conform to applicable National, State, and Local building code standards and all other current applicable industry standards. Workers must be trained in and utilize all OSHA Safety standards.

All employees working under this contract must be paid the minimum HUD wage rates as indicated in the enclosed Wage Rate Determination.

The awarded Contractor(s) will be responsible for all aspects of the specified work, including the disposal of all old and discarded materials resulting from their work, and all necessary work to return finishes of affected areas to original (or better) condition.

The Contractor is required to contact the Building Maintenance Supervisor of the location where services are to be performed before beginning any work. Plan to inform residents of upcoming work and any restrictions required to perform services, including a start and a finishing date. RHA requires pictures before and after the work has been completed.

If necessary, the Contractor will be required to meet with an RHA Representative before work is to begin to review the scope of work to be performed and the plan for providing residents parking while work is being performed. The Contractor is required to work with RHA maintenance and management to provide residents with prior notice, and a time frame when work will be completed with options in case of in climate weather. Upon approval, the Contractor will start and complete the work as agreed.

The work may take place at any RHA property as assigned. The Contractor must provide their staff with adequate equipment, tools, and standard materials in a timely manner in order to complete the requested services.

All special equipment and/or special services must be approved by RHA prior to their use or RHA will not be responsible for any costs incurred by the Contractor.

Any unnecessary delays may result in the termination of this contract. No job shall be considered complete until it has been reviewed by an authorized RHA representative and determined by this representative to be completed and before and after pictures are provided.

The bidder shall consider the cost to supply all labor, material, tools and equipment, transportation, communications equipment, disposal, and other miscellaneous costs in submitting a bid for this contract.

The following considerations must be taken into account when preparing a response to this request:

1. The Contractor shall use only material, equipment, and procedures approved by O.S.H.A. All products utilized must be free of known hazardous compounds; any products manufactured outside of the U.S. shall include documentation to verify the products meet all applicable U.S. manufacturing regulations.
2. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to make exact measurements and to determine the amount of material and/or dimensions of materials needed.
3. The work area shall be picked up and/or swept each day at completion of the day's work. All debris is to be disposed of off-site by the Contractor. If the extent of the work is such that a dumpster is required, the Contractor shall supply a dumpster at his/her expense. In no instance is the Authority's dumpster to be used.
4. RHA, as being publicly funded, is tax exempt; Contractors shall not factor in their bid price the cost of sales tax for material or expect reimbursement for sales tax. The Contractor awarded the work may call the state offices in Albany, 1-800-698-2909 (Sales Tax Registration Option) for a tax-exempt number for this work. Forms may also be obtained by fax at 1-800-748-3676 or via the internet at www.tax.state.ny.us.
5. No substitutions of materials or methods are permitted without the written consent of the Authority.

6. The Contractor is responsible for repairing at his/her expense any damage to Authority property, its tenants or adjoining property if caused by the Contractor's workers or equipment.
7. The Contractor shall be responsible for all materials, whether issued by the Authority or purchased by the Contractor. The Contractor must replace at his/her expense any material lost, stolen, or damaged.
8. To minimize disruption for the tenants, all work should be conducted between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. Monday through Friday. Unless otherwise approved by RHA first.
9. All certificates of Guarantee or Warranty must be supplied to RHA before final payment.
10. Contractors must provide valid Certificate of Insurance for General liability, Automotive liability, and Workmen's compensation for minimum coverage amounts for the entire contract.
11. Contractors are required to submit certified payroll records as proof of compliance with these minimum wage rates. Certified payroll records must be submitted on HUD form WH-347.
12. Questions concerning the specifications or scope of work should be submitted to RHA in writing eight days prior to bid opening. If questions are not submitted, RHA's understanding of the specifications will be final.

Bid Requirements

Bidders must provide all requested forms and documentation to constitute a complete and proper bid. All forms required at the time of bid opening must be completed in their entirety. The Rochester Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any proposal in part or in full for failure to provide this documentation.

The following forms must be included in the bid proposal:

- A. Price Worksheets – Signed
- B. Certifications and Representations of Offerors (HUD 5369A)
- C. Acknowledgment of Principal – Notarized.
- D. Affidavit — Notarized

Insurance

The Contractor shall, in a manner satisfactory to RHA, maintain at its own expense until the completion of the work and final payment thereof, the following insurance.

- A. Workers' compensation in accordance with the requirements of the laws of New York State.
- B. Commercial General Liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- C. Automobile Liability on owned and non-owned motor vehicles used on the site(s) or in connection therewith for a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of not less than \$100,000/\$300,000 per accident/occurrence.

If the bidder does not possess the required insurance at the time of the bid, the bidder may provide proof of the required insurance within (3) business days of notification of contract award. The Contractor must list RHA as a Certificate Holder for all liability insurance and additional insured.

Contract Cancellation

The Contractor with thirty (30) days written notice may cancel this contract with no penalty. Irrespective of any default, RHA may at any time upon immediate notice, and in its discretion, terminate this contract in part or in whole as described in HUD form 5370C section I (3).

Invoicing and Payment Terms

Before submitting a payment request, the Contractor shall complete and sign the original request form for the appropriate RHA representative. Payment requests, including certified payrolls, shall be submitted to the Procurement Department at our offices at 495 Upper Falls Blvd.

The Contractor will bill RHA in a manner that is acceptable to RHA reimbursement practices. The Contractor will provide invoices for each site address after the work has been completed.

The Contractor agrees to keep true and accurate financial records of the business transacted and of the receipts in such form and according to such system as the RHA may approve. The Contractor shall at all times afford the RHA full and free access to such books and records.

Invoices shall include:

- the location of service
- type of work performed,
- work order number, if provided by RHA.
- final cost of each job request (up to the agreed-upon estimate before services commenced as stated on the bulk bid request form),
- dates services were performed,
- total invoice amount,
- Contractor business name, phone number, invoice number, purchase order number,
- material costs (when billing for additional material costs, copies of vendor receipts must be included), and
- certified payroll form WH347.

Payments of approved invoices shall be based on a net thirty (30) day payment. Payment for services is subject to the satisfactory inspection of work.

The contractor must submit original invoices for any additional material purchases, permits, special equipment and/or services required to complete the work.

All additional material, special equipment and/or services must be approved by RHA before their use, or RHA will not be responsible for any costs incurred by the contractor.

It will be the Contractor's responsibility to acquire any permits needed to complete the job(s). Upon completion of any job requiring a permit, final payment will not be issued without an approved review of the work on file in the RHA Procurement Office and a copy of the permit with final inspection from the City. RHA will reimburse the Contractor for the cost of the permit. The payment request must include a copy of the permit receipt.

Additional services performed outside the scope of this contract without written approval from the Procurement Department may result in nonpayment for those services and possible contract termination.

Qualifications

Asphalt Company: This contract will only be awarded to a responsible contractor that can demonstrate that they are a company capable of performing all phases of sealing and striping work as well as being capable of providing materials, installation, maintenance services, customer support, and having a minimum of five years of documented experience for such work. All contractors must provide RHA with at least five verifiable references for similar work contracted and successfully completed, over \$2,000.00 each.

Contact Information

The following are the contact persons for this contract:

Procurement: Michael Wolfe, 495 Upper Falls, Rochester, NY 14605
Marisha Wilder, 495 Upper Falls, Rochester, NY 14606

Maintenance: Robert Croston, 86 Vienna, Rochester, NY 14605
Thomas Levans, 86 Vienna, Rochester, NY 14605

Responsible RHA site staff for the locations will be given when the contract has been awarded.

Experience and References

The bidder must demonstrate the ability to perform the work provided in this contract. The bid should identify similar previous work that the Contractor has completed and describe the experience and role of each employee that will perform services under this contract. The bid should include three work references that RHA may contact.

RHA will review all bids to determine that the required work qualifications have been met as to the documents provided. Bids that fail to meet these initial screening requirements will not be considered for the contract.

Warranty

By acceptance of this contract, the contractor guarantees all workmanship for a period of one year. Should defects caused by improper installation or workmanship occur within one year of the completion of this contract, the contractor will be responsible for all labor and material costs to repair all resulting damage. If weather conditions are a factor, the contractor will be responsible for applying only during dry parts of the day. If any weather-related damage occurs, the contractor is responsible for making repairs.

Base Bid

The Rochester Housing Authority will award one contract per group of sites based on the lowest responsible bidder. The base bids will be determined by the combined price for each group of sites listed on the Bid Proposal Form. One contractor can win more than one contract based on bid price.

However, the Rochester Housing Authority reserves the right to review the unit prices in relation to the bid and reject a bidder for unbalanced unit prices.

SPECIFICATIONS ATTACHED

PAVEMENT SEALING- SECTION 321236

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 RELATED WORK SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE

- A. Pavement Striping: Section 321723**

1.2 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: Manufacturer's catalog cuts, specifications, installation instructions for sealants.**

1.3 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Environmental Conditions:**
- 1. Do not apply sealant when the air temperature is 50 degrees F or lower and falling, when the pavement is wet, or when rain is anticipated within eight hours.**
 - 2. Allow a minimum of 7 days to lapse, and follow manufacturer's written instructions, before applying sealant to new asphalt surfaces.**

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

- A. Sealant: FS R-P-355d, "Pitch, Coal Tar Emulsion (Coating for Bituminous Pavements)".**
- B. Mineral Aggregate: Clean, hard and durable graded silica, free from deleterious matter such as clay, dirt, organic matter or mineral salts and conforming to the following gradations:**

SIEVE DESIGNATION	PERCENT PASSING
No. 16	100
No. 30	15 - 85
No. 50	2 - 10
No. 100	0 - 2

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Remove all dust, dirt, salt, paint, loose pavement markings, and other foreign matter.**
- B. Scrape, burn, or wash with detergent solution to remove accumulations of oil or grease. Flush away residue with clean water and allow to dry.**
- C. The contractor will be responsible for any spots where oil bleeds through or doesn't**

take due to oil buildup. They must return, clean the area, and reapply sealer to cover.

- D. Fill in all cracks before sealing can begin using ASTM D6690 type 4 (IV) for cold weather applications.

3.2 APPLICATION

- A. Mix mineral aggregate with sealant to a smooth, uniform consistency at the following proportions.

MINERAL AGGREGATE PER GALLON	
First Application	3 - 6 pounds dry weight
Second Application	1 - 2 pounds dry weight

- B. Apply sealant by squeegee, brush, or mechanical equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's printed instructions at the following rate:

UNDILUTED GALLONS PER SQUARE YARD	
First Application	.10 to .12
Second Application	.08 to .10

- C. Allow sealant to cure 24 hours before opening to traffic.

END OF SECTION 321236

PAVEMENT STRIPING- SECTION 321723

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Painted pavement markings.

1.2 RELATED REQUIREMENTS

- A. Section 32 12 16 - Asphalt Paving.

1.3 REFERENCE STANDARDS

- A. AASHTO MP 24 - Standard Specification for Waterborne White and Yellow Traffic Paints; 2015 (Reapproved 2020).

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Coordination: Coordinate the work of this section with adjoining work.
B. Preinstallation Meeting: Conduct a preinstallation meeting one week before the start of the work of this section; requires attendance by affected installers.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. See Section 01 30 00 - Administrative Requirements for submittal procedures.
- B. Shop Drawings: Indicate survey control points and pavement markings color and layout.
 - 1. Layout and color shall be Owner-approved before application.
- C. Shop Drawings: Indicate traffic management plan with barricades, cones, and temporary markings.
- D. Product Data: Manufacturer's data sheets on each product to be used.
- E. Certificates: Submit for each batch stating compliance with specified requirements.
 - 1. Painted pavement markings.
- F. Manufacturers' Instructions:
 - 1. Preparation instructions and recommendations.
 - 2. Storage and handling requirements and recommendations.
 - 3. Installation methods.
- G. Maintenance Materials: Furnish the following for Owner's use in maintenance of project.
 - 1. See Section 01 60 00 - Product Requirements for additional provisions.
 - 2. Extra Paint: 2 containers, 1 gallon size of each type and color.
 - 3. Extra Markers: 5 percent of each type and color.

1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver paint in containers of at least 5 gallons accompanied by a batch certificate.
- B. Store products in manufacturer's unopened packaging until ready for installation.

1.7 FIELD CONDITIONS

- A. Do not install products under environmental conditions outside the manufacturer's absolute limits.
- B. Do not apply paint if the temperature of the surface to be painted or the atmosphere is less than 50 degrees F or more than 95 degrees F.

1.8 SEQUENCING

- A. Allow new pavement surfaces to cure for a period of not less than 30 days before application of markings.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Painted Pavement Markings:
 - 1. Ennis-Flint: www.ennisflintamericas.com.
 - 2. Franklin Paint; HYDROPHAST: www.franklinpaint.com.
 - 3. Ozark Materials, LLC: www.ozarkmaterials.net.
 - 4. Sherwin Williams: www.sherwin-williams.com.
 - 5. Approved Equal: See Section 01 60 00 - Product Requirements.
- B. Temporary Marking Tape:
 - 1. 3M: Starmark: www.3m.com.

2.2 PAINTED PAVEMENT AND CURB MARKINGS

- A. Painted Pavement Markings: As indicated on drawings.
 - 1. Marking Paint: Latex Based, in accordance with AASHTO MP 24.
 - a. Parking Lots: White.

- b. Symbols and Text: White.
- c. Accessible Symbols: Provide blue.
- d. Curb Text: Red.

2.3 TEMPORARY MARKING TAPE

- A. Preformed, reflective, pressure sensitive adhesive tape in color(s) required; Contractor is responsible for selection of material of sufficient durability as to perform satisfactorily during period for which its use is required.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Owner verification: Verify by Owner approved shop drawings of new pavement markings prior to beginning application.
 - 1. Final approval by Owner following chalking out, shall be required.
- B. Verification of Conditions: Verify that pavement is dry and ready for installation.
- C. Notify Architect of unsatisfactory conditions before proceeding.

3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Establish survey control points for locating and dimensioning of markings.
- B. Place barricades, warning signs, and flags as necessary to alert approaching traffic and prevent traffic crossing newly painted markings.
- C. Prepare surfaces using the methods recommended by the manufacturer for achieving the best result for the substrate under the project conditions.
- D. Clean surfaces prior to installation.
 - 1. Remove dust, dirt, and other debris by sweeping, blowing with compressed air, rinsing with water, or a combination of these methods.
 - 2. Remove rubber deposits and other coatings adhering to the pavement, by scraping, wire brushing, sandblasting, mechanical abrasion, or approved chemicals.
 - 3. Remove existing paint markings by mechanical means outlined above or by applying obliterating paint.
 - 4. Sandblasting: Use equipment of size and capacity necessary, providing not less than 150 cfm of air at pressure not less than 90 psi at each nozzle used.
- E. Where oil or grease are present, scrub affected areas with several applications of trisodium phosphate or other approved detergent or degreaser, and rinse thoroughly after each application; after cleaning, seal oil-soaked areas with cut shellac to prevent bleeding through the new paint.
- F. Temporary Markings: Apply as directed by Architect.
- G. Apply paint stencils by type and color at necessary intervals.

3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. General:
 - 1. Position pavement markings as indicated on drawings and approved shop drawings.
 - 2. Field location adjustments require approval from the Architect and Owner.
 - 3. Allow traffic movement without hindrance.
- B. Painted Pavement Markings:
 - 1. Apply in accordance with manufacturer's instructions using an experienced technician that is thoroughly familiar with equipment, materials, and marking layouts.
 - 2. Marking Paint: Apply uniformly, with sharp edges.
 - a. Applications: Two coats.

- b. Wet Film Thickness: 0.015 inch, minimum.
 - c. Stencils: Lay flat against pavement, align with striping, remove after application.
 - d. Length Tolerance: Plus, or minus 3 inches.
 - e. Width Tolerance: Plus, or minus 1/8 inch.
- 3. Roadway Traffic Lanes: Use suitable mobile mechanical equipment that provides constant agitation of paint and travel at controlled speeds.
 - a. Conduct operations in such a manner that necessary traffic can move without hindrance.
 - b. If paint does not dry within expected time, discontinue painting until the cause of slow drying is determined and corrected.
 - c. Skip Markings: Synchronize one or more paint "guns" to automatically begin and cut off paint flow; make length of intervals as indicated.
 - d. Use hand applications by pneumatic spray for application of paint in areas where a mobile paint applicator cannot be used.
- C. Temporary Pavement Markings: When required or directed by Architect, or where phasing plans and schedules indicate, apply temporary markings of the color(s), width(s) and length(s) as indicated or directed.
 - 1. After temporary marking has served its purpose, remove temporary marking by carefully controlled sandblasting, approved grinding equipment, or other approved method so that surface to which the marking was applied will not be damaged.
 - 2. At Contractor's option, temporary marking tape may be used in lieu of temporary painted marking; remove unsatisfactory tape and replace with painted markings at no additional cost to Owner.

3.4 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. See Section 014000 - Quality Requirements for additional requirements.
- B. If inspections indicate work does not meet specified requirements, rework and reinspect at no cost to Owner.
 - 1. Remove and replace markings that are applied at less than minimum material rates; deviate from true alignment; exceed length and width tolerances; or show light spots, smears, or other deficiencies or irregularities.
 - 2. Remove unsatisfactory markings in a manner to avoid damage to the surface to which the marking was applied by carefully controlled sandblasting, approved grinding equipment, or other approved methods.
- C. Allow the pavement marking to set at least the minimum time recommended by manufacturer.

3.5 CLOSEOUT ACTIVITIES

- A. See Section 017700 - Closeout Submittals for additional requirements.
- B. Temporary Markings: Remove without damaging surfaces.

3.6 PROTECTION

- A. Prevent approaching traffic from crossing newly applied pavement markings.
- B. Replace damaged or removed markings at no additional cost to Owner.
- C. Preserve survey control points until pavement marking acceptance.

END OF SECTION 321723

Sites for Parking Lot Sealing and Striping

- DTE and DTW- South Zone
- Kennedy Tower-South Zone
- University Towers-South Zone
- Lexington Court-North Zone
- Hudson Ridge Towers- North Zone
- William Warfield T/H- Central Zone
- 321 Lake Ave- Central Zone
- Lena Gantt and Upper Falls- Central Zone
- 675 West main St- Administration Building- to be done after hours when the building is unoccupied

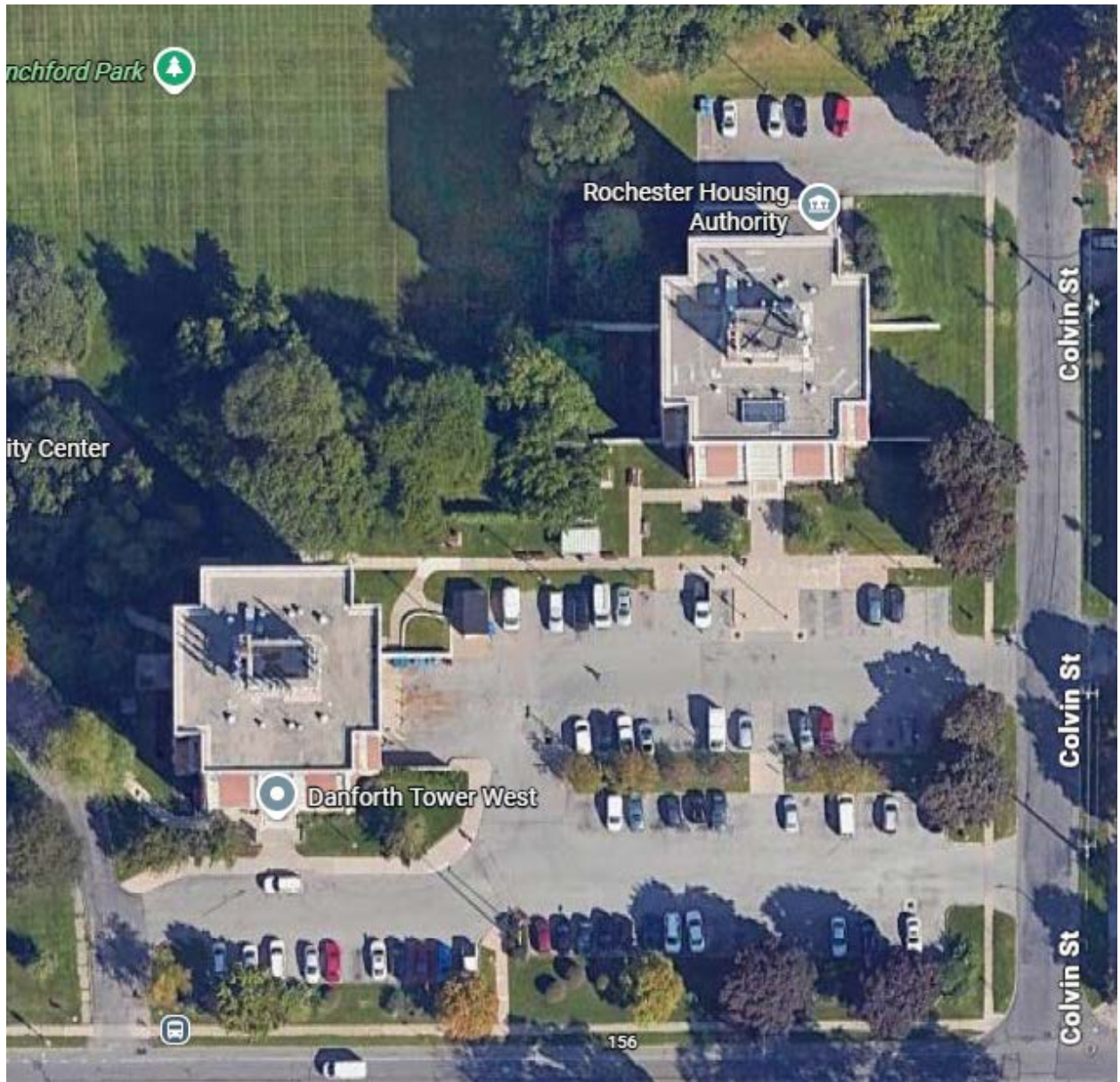
Cost Sheet for Sealing & Striping Parking Lots in the South Zone

DTE/DTW price for site \$_____

Kennedy Tower price for site \$_____

University Tower price for site \$_____

Total cost for all three sites \$_____



DTE & DTW



Kennedy Tower Site



University Tower at 625 University Ave.

Cost Sheet for Sealing & Striping Parking Lots for the North Zone

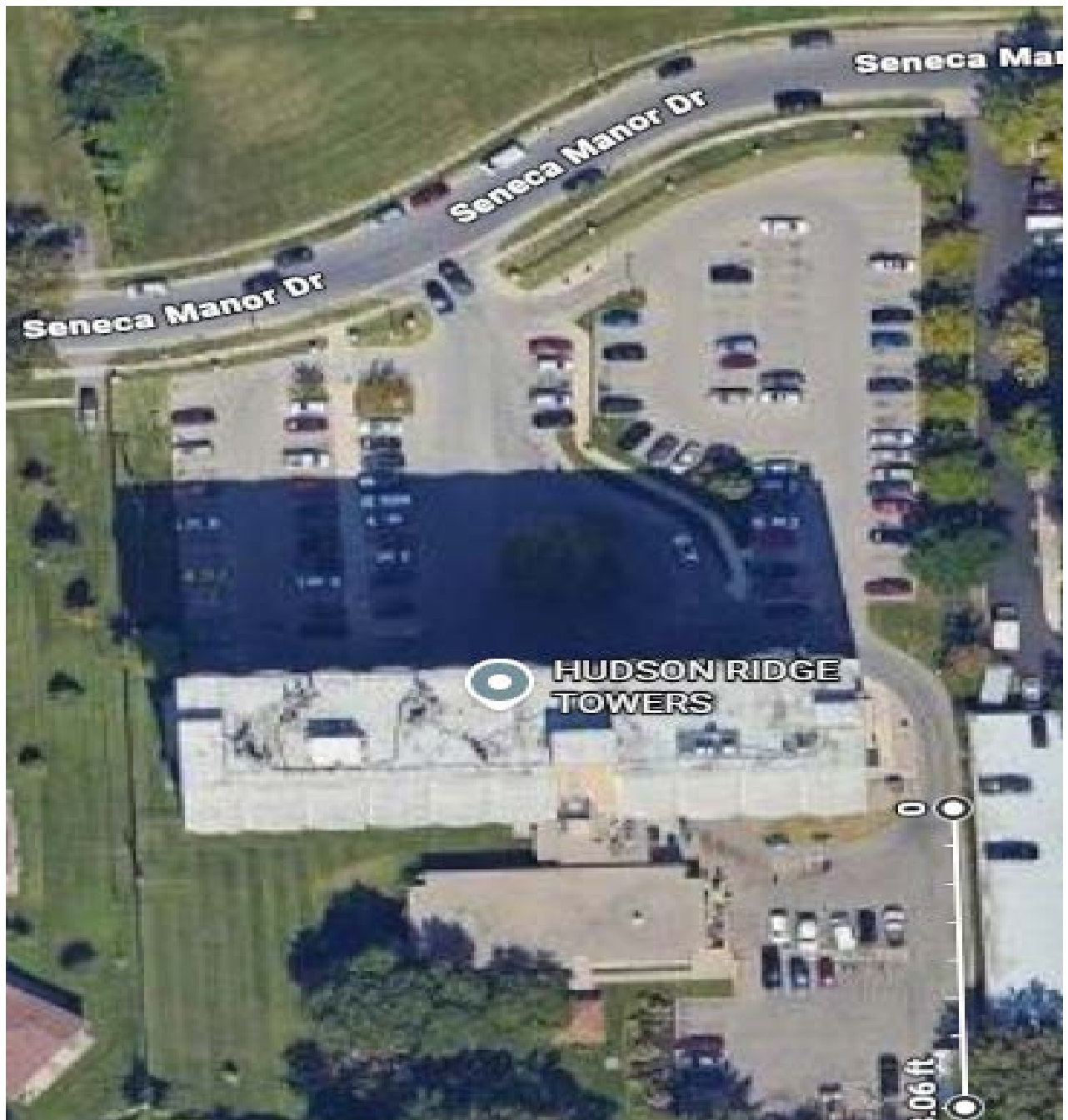
Lexington Ct. price for the site \$_____

Hudson Ridge Tower price for site \$_____

Total cost for both sites \$_____



Lexington Ct Apartments



Hudson Ridge Tower

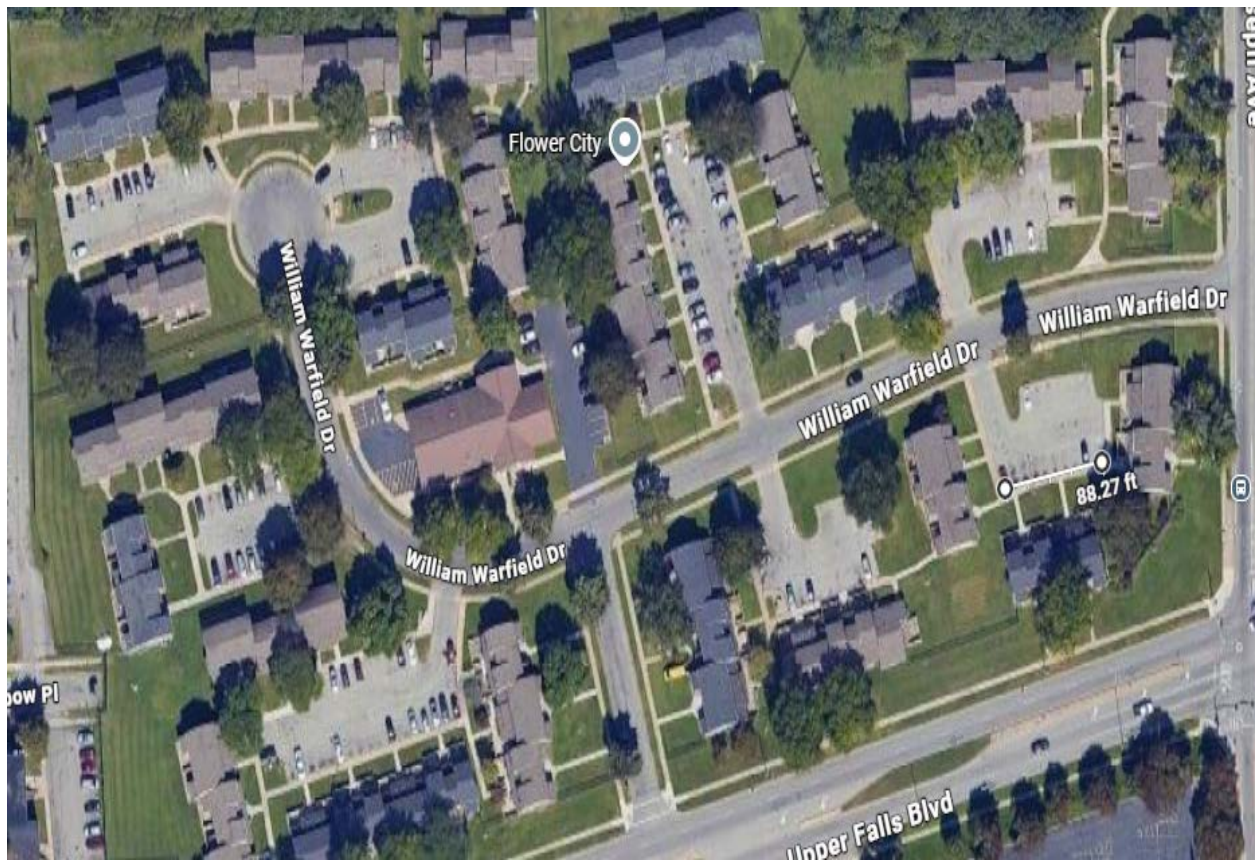
Cost Sheet for Sealing & Striping Parking Lots for the Central Zone

William Warfield T/H price for site \$_____

321 Lake Tower price for site \$_____

Lena Gantt T/H price for site \$_____

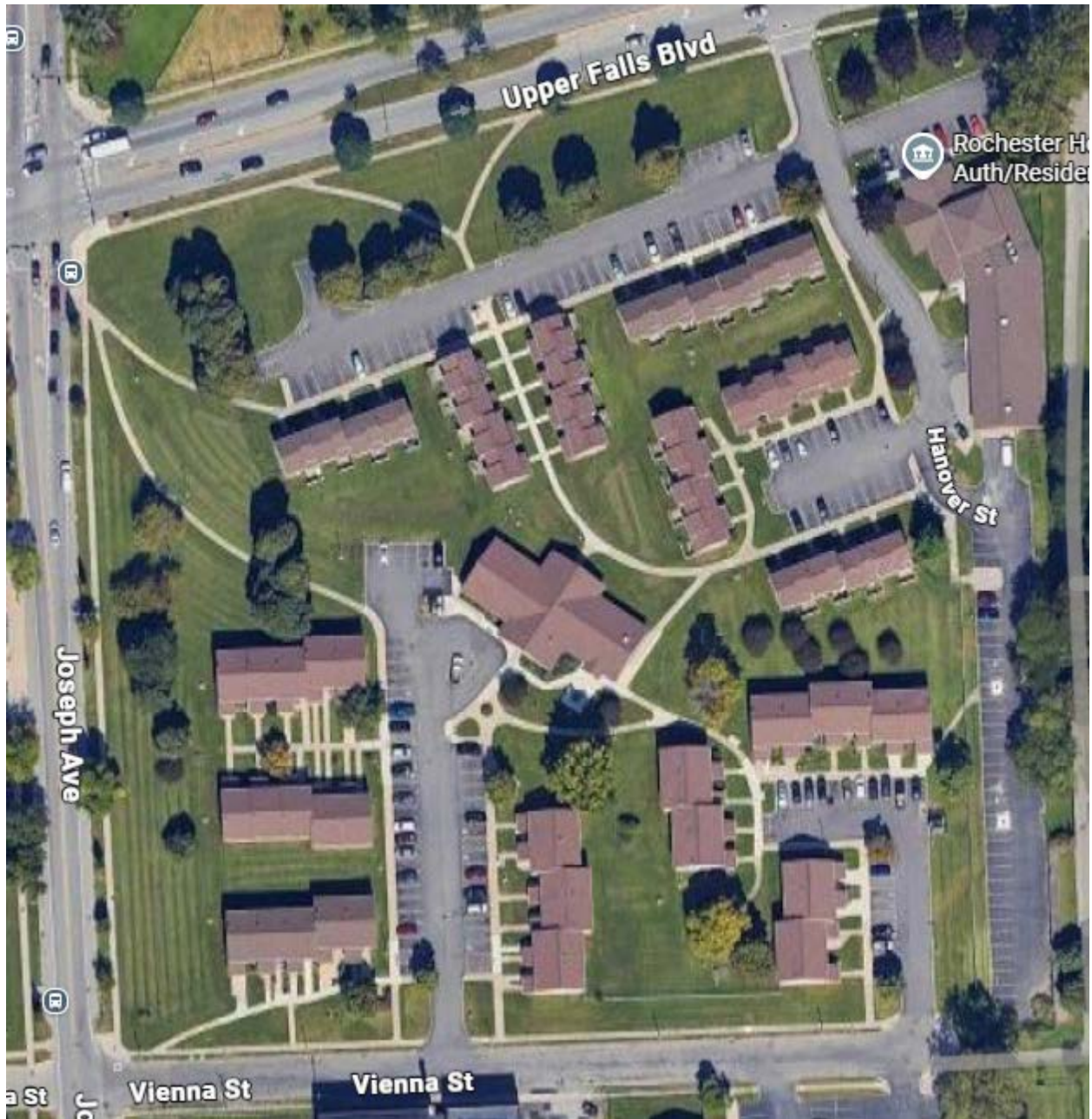
Total cost for all three sites \$_____



William Warfield Drive Site



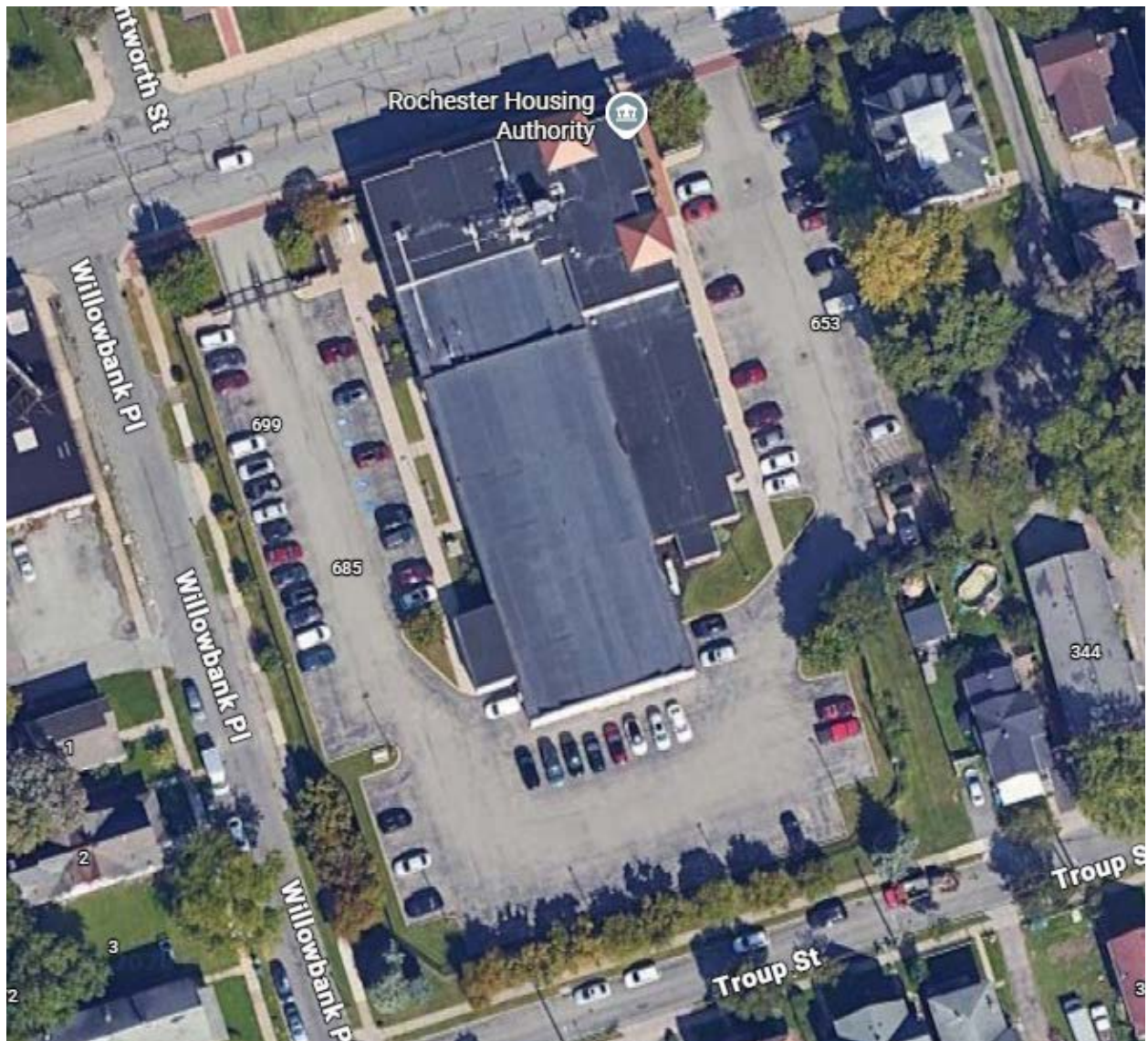
321 Lake Tower



Lena Gantt Estates

Cost Analysis Sheet for Sealing & Striping Parking at 675 West Main St.

Total cost for this site \$_____



675 West Main St

**HUD-52158
Maintenance Wage Rate Determination**

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Davis-Bacon and Labor Standards**

Issuance of a Maintenance Wage Rate Determination to a Public Housing Agency, Tribally Designated Housing Entity, or the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (collectively "Local Contracting Agencies" or "LCAs") does not require the LCA to submit any materials to HUD upon receipt. Issuance of this form sets an obligation on the receiving LCA to pay no less than the HUD-determined or adopted prevailing wage rates to maintenance laborers and mechanics employed in the LCA's operation of certain Public and Indian housing projects. This requirement is set by statute pursuant to Section 12(a) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 USC § 1437j(a)), and Sections 104(b) and 805(b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), as amended (25 USC § 4114(b) and 25 USC § 4225(b), respectively.)

Agency Name:

DBLS Agency ID No:

Wage Decision Type:

☐ Routine Maintenance

☐ Nonroutine Maintenance

Effective Date:

Expiration Date:

The following wage rate determination is made pursuant to Section 12(a) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended (Public Housing Agencies), or pursuant to Section 104(b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended (Tribally Designated Housing Entities), or pursuant to Section 805(b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands). The Agency and its contractors shall pay to maintenance laborers and mechanics no less than the wage rate(s) indicated for the type of work they actually perform.

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DBLS Staff Signature

Date

Name and Title

WORK CLASSIFICATION(S)

HOURLY WAGE RATES

BASIC WAGE

FRINGE BENEFIT(S) (if any)

Appendix A. Forms to be completed and included in RFP

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

**Representations, Certifications,
and Other Statements of Bidders**
Public and Indian Housing Programs

Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders

Public and Indian Housing Programs

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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)

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| [] 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)



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Acknowledgement of Principal, if a Corporation

State of: _____) S.S.
County of: _____)
On this _____ day of _____, in the year _____ before me personally appeared _____ to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that they reside at _____, that they are the _____ of _____ . The corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that they know the seal of said corporation; that one of the seals affixed to said instrument is such seal; that it was so affixed by order of the director of said corporation and that they signed their name thereto by like order.

Signature of Principal

Signature of Notary Public (with seal/stamp below)

Acknowledgement of Principal, if a Partnership

State of: _____) S.S.
County of: _____)
On this _____ day of _____, in the year _____ before me personally appeared _____ to me known and known to me to be one of the members of the firm of _____, described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and this person acknowledged to me that they executed the same as and for the act of said firm.

Signature of Principal

Signature of Notary Public (with seal/stamp below)

Acknowledgement of Principal, if an Individual

State of: _____) S.S.
County of: _____)
On this _____ day of _____, in the year _____ before me personally appeared _____ to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Signature of Principal

Signature of Notary Public (with seal/stamp below)

If the Principal represents a Firm with multiple members, state here the name and address of each member.

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Member Address</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Member Address</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

NOTE: use additional sheets, if necessary

IMPORTANT: If the business owned by the individual or partnership is conducted under a trade or assumed name, a certified copy of "doing business under an assumed name" must be annexed.



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Affidavit of Non-Collusion

State of _____)

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City of _____)

_____, Being first duly sworn deposes and says: that they are _____
(Printed Name) (Title)

of _____, the party making the foregoing proposal or bid that such bid
(Company Name)

is genuine and not collusive or sham, that said bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed directly or indirectly, with any bid, bidder, or person, to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference with any person to fix the bid price of affiant or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said bid price, or of that of any bidder to secure any advantage against the Rochester Housing Authority or any person interested in the proposed contract and that all statements contained in said proposal or bid are true.

Each bidder that contacts the Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) during the restricted period of a proposal or bid shall only make contact with the individuals stated in the bidding paperwork provided by RHA or contact those referred to by an individual stated in the RHA bidding paperwork. Contact to any other employee, officer, or member of RHA regarding a bid or proposal during the restricted period is in violation of New York State Finance Laws Section 139-j and 139-k. The "restricted period" of a bidding opportunity is the period of time commencing with the earliest written notice or advertisement and ending with the final contract award written notification provided by RHA. By signing this affidavit, the bidder understands of and agrees to comply with RHA's procedures relating to permissible contacts during a governmental procurement pursuant to New York State Finance Laws Section 139-j and 139-k, that all information provided to RHA with respect to these sections is complete, true, and accurate. In the event such certification is found to be intentionally false, intentionally incomplete, or does not disclose the determination of being non-responsible by any other governmental entity for violating similar regulations over the previous four years, then RHA reserves the right to terminate any contracts awarded to such bidder.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

(Printed name)

Subscribed and Sworn to me this _____ day of _____ in the year _____.

Notary Public _____
Signature (with seal or stamp affixed)

Appendix B. Additional Forms included in RFP

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section I – (With or without Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

Office of Labor Relations

OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (exp. 1/01/2014)

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

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

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

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.

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

5. Rights in Data (Ownership and Proprietary Interest)

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

6. Energy Efficiency

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

7. Disputes

- (a) All disputes arising under or relating to this contract, except for disputes arising under clauses contained in Section III, Labor Standards Provisions, including any claims for damages for the alleged breach 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
 - (ii) The Contractor's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired.
- (b) The Contractor agrees that if after award it discovers an organizational conflict of interest with respect to this contract or any task/delivery order under the contract, he or she shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer which shall include a description of the action which the Contractor has taken or intends to take to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. The HA may, however, terminate the contract or task/delivery order for the convenience of the HA if it would be in the best interest of the HA.
- (c) In the event the Contractor was aware of an organizational conflict of interest before the award of this contract and intentionally did not disclose the conflict to the Contracting Officer, the HA may terminate the contract for default.
- (d) The terms of this clause shall be included in all subcontracts and consulting agreements wherein the work to be performed is similar to the service provided by the prime Contractor. The Contractor shall include in such subcontracts and consulting agreements any necessary provisions to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest.

12. Inspection and Acceptance

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

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

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

13. Interest of Members of Congress

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

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

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

15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

- (a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (b) Prohibition.

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

- (ii) The prohibition does not apply as follows:

(1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Professional and technical services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) Selling activities by independent sales representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16. Equal Employment Opportunity

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

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

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

17. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information

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

18. Contractor's Status

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

19. Other Contractors

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

20. Liens

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

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

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

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

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

22. Procurement of Recovered Materials

- (a) In accordance with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Contractor shall procure items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition. The Contractor shall procure items designated in the EPA guidelines that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable unless the Contractor determines that such items: (1) are not reasonably available in a reasonable period of time; (2) fail to meet reasonable performance standards, which shall be determined on the basis of the guidelines of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, if applicable to the item; or (3) are only available at an unreasonable price.
- (b) Paragraph (a) of this clause shall apply to items purchased under this contract where: (1) the Contractor purchases in excess of \$10,000 of the item under this contract; or (2) during the preceding Federal fiscal year, the Contractor: (i) purchased any amount of the items for use under a contract that was funded with Federal appropriations and was with a Federal agency or a State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State; and (ii) purchased a total of in excess of \$10,000 of the item both under and outside that contract.

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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.