



San Benito Housing Authority

1400 N. Reagan Street
San Benito, TX 78586
(956) 399-7501

Invitation For Bid

IFB No. 09-2018-R

Pest Control Services

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Interested vendors must submit a RESPONSE PACKAGE of one (1) original and two (2) copies, to Attn: Janet A Montalvo, Deputy Director, San Benito Housing Authority, 1400 N. Reagan, San Benito, Texas 78586 by no later than 3:00 p.m. (CST), December 21, 2018.

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The San Benito Housing Authority is accepting bids for Pest Control Services. Bid specifications may be picked up at 1400 N. Reagan St. San Benito, TX 78586. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. (CST) Friday, December 21, 2018 at the office of San Benito Housing Authority, 1400 N. Reagan St., San Benito, TX 78586 and publicly opened and read. **Bids shall be sealed and properly identified as:**

Pest Control Services
IFB 09-2018-R
San Benito Housing
1400 N. Reagan St., San Benito, TX 78586

No verbal, faxed, or emailed bids will be accepted. Late bids will not be considered. The Pest Control bid will be awarded by the San Benito Housing Board of Commission. San Benito Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive any formalities, and to accept the proposal most advantageous to San Benito Housing Authority.

San Benito Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

I. INTRODUCTION

The San Benito Housing Authority (SBHA) owns and manages a total of 259 rental units and four administrative offices within the City of San Benito, Texas. The SBHA requests sealed bids to provide Pest Control Services for all rental properties and administrative offices owned by the SBHA. The term of this contract is for one (1) year with an option to renew for one (1) additional year.

Any questions pertaining to this IFB shall be directed to **Janet A Montalvo, Deputy Director**, at **956-399-7501** or by email at info@sanbenitohousing.com.

A. Pre Bid Conference

A pre-bid conference will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at the SBHA, 1400 N. Reagan Street, San Benito, TX 78586.

B. Bid Submittal Due Date

Sealed bids must be mailed or hand delivered to the **Janet A Montalvo, Deputy Director, San Benito Housing Authority, 1400 N. Reagan Street, San Benito, TX 78586** and received no later than **Friday, December 21, 2018 by 3:00 p.m. CST**. All bids must be submitted using the attached forms and received in a sealed envelope marked **“Pest Control Bid”**.

The attached forms must be signed by the bidder and filled out in its entirety. Any bid received at the place designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered. Any modification or withdrawal shall be made in writing and received by the SBHA prior to the time and date that the bid is due. Bid modifications must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly labeled **“Modification No. ____ to Bid for Pest Control Services.”**

If, at the time of the scheduled proposal submittal date, the SBHA offices are closed due to uncontrolled events such as fire, snow, ice, wind or building evacuation, the bid submittal date will be postponed until the same scheduled time on the next normal business day. Bids will be accepted until that date and time.

C. Bid Acceptance Period

The SBHA shall have a period of 45 calendar days following the bid opening date to make the award. No bids may be withdrawn during this acceptance period, without the permission of the SBHA.

D. Attendance at Bid Opening

At the time fixed for the opening of bids, their contents will be made public for the information of bidders and other properly interested parties who either may be present in person or by their representative. The bids will be publicly read and open to inspection at this time.

E. Informalities and Rejections

The SBHA reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any and all bids.

F. No Warranty

The bidder is required to examine the specifications, instructions, and risks to be covered. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's own risk. It is assumed that the bidder has made such investigation as to be fully informed as to the extent and character of the hazards of the requirements of the specifications. No warranty is made or implied as to the information contained herein.

G. Method of Award

1. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and eligible bidder who meets the specifications.
2. The SBHA may reject any and all bids if such action is in the public best interest and waive minor informalities in bids received.
3. The SBHA will award a contract on the basis of bids received without discussion.

Therefore, each bid should contain the bidder's final and only price.

H. Conflicts of Interest

1. The contractor certifies by submission of a bid 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 under a proposed SBHA contract and a prospective contractor's organizational, financial contractual or other interests are such that:
 - a. Award the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage;
 - b. The Contractor's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired;
 - c. The Contractor has disclosed all relevant information and requested the SBHA to make a determination with respect to the contract.
2. The contractor agrees that if after the award of contract, he or she discovers an organizational conflict of interest with respect to this contract, he or she shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the SBHA which shall include a description of the action which the contractor has taken or intends to take to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. The SBHA may, however, terminate the contract for the convenience of the Authority if it would be in the best interest of the SBHA.
3. The contractor shall require a disclosure or representation from subcontractors and consultants who may be in a position to influence the advice or assistance rendered to the SBHA and shall include any necessary provisions to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest in consultant agreements or subcontracts involving performance or work under this contract.

I. Contract Period

The contract under this solicitation will be for one (1) year, beginning on or about January 01, 2019 and ending on or about December 31, 2019. The SBHA may at its discretion exercise its right for an option to renew for one (1) additional year.

J. Insurances

The successful bidder will be required to maintain the following insurances.

1. Workman's Compensation Insurance in accordance to Texas Statutes;
2. General Commercial Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 with the SBHA to be additionally insured;
3. Automobile Insurance: All vehicles used in the conduct of the work shall maintain collision and liability coverage.

K. Permits, Fees, and Notices

The contractor shall secure and pay for all permits, governmental fees and licenses necessary for the proper execution of the work. The contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, regulations and orders of any public authority bearing on the performance of the work. The contractor is required to notify the SBHA representative of the need for any permits.

L. Subcontracting

No subcontractors will be allowed to perform any work under this contract without the prior approval of the SBHA.

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The SBHA seeks proposals from qualified (Texas licensed/certified) pest elimination/control companies to manage pest issues in its 259 units of public housing, 3 laundry mats and associated office spaces.

Pests Covered

The Contractor shall furnish all work, labor and materials (unless specifically excluded) for the management of rodents (rats and mice), crawling insects, i.e. cockroaches (all native species), ants (except carpenter and pharaoh ants), spiders, beetles, wasps, and other household pests, except termites, birds and nuisance animals from the buildings and grounds of the SBHA consisting of 259 living units, 3 laundry mats and their respective developments and management offices; a list of properties is attached in Attachment B.

Areas of Service

1. All Apartments, all rooms, (kitchen, bath, living and bedrooms, closets, laundry and utility areas);
2. Behind kitchen appliances, such refrigerators and stoves, including water heater closet;
3. Offices;
4. Community rooms;
5. Utility rooms;
6. Laundry rooms;
7. Storage areas;
8. Mechanical closets, rooms and area;
9. Dumpster areas;
10. Attics and crawl spaces;
11. Buildings and their perimeters (6 feet); and
12. Other areas as requested by SBHA management

Service hours and days

Routine pest control services that do not adversely affect the tenants and staff health and activities shall be scheduled Wednesday's 8 AM – 4 PM exclusive of SBHA recognized holidays.

Emergency Availability

The Contractor shall be available, on call, for "Emergency" hours (nights, weekends, holidays and overtime) for an agreed upon fee. All additional charges shall be justified and approved by the SBHA in advance.

Products, Tools and Materials

- a) Prior to the commencement of work, the Contractor shall provide the SBHA with a list of all pesticide products (insecticides and rodenticides) to be used on SBHA properties, their labels and Material Safety Data sheets;
- b) Only EPA approved products, registered in the State of Texas shall be used in accordance with label direction;
- c) The list shall be updated as needed by the Contractor;

- d) The SBHA may request additional products be added to the Contractors list of products;
- e) The SBHA may reject or limit the use of specific products (i.e., “No Fogs”);
- f) The Contractor shall not store any products or equipment on SBHA’s property unless prior approval is granted;
- g) Additional tools are expected to be available and used by the Contractor; these tools must include:
 - Insect monitors, tamper-resistant rodent bait stations and traps;
 - Scrapers to remove accessible dead insects and rodents, cockroach droppings and old insecticide gels, etc;
 - HEPA vacuums and/or sweepers and to remove dead insects, their parts, rodent hairs and droppings, etc. Contractor will be responsible for removal of insect carcasses, parts or other detritus associated with successful pest control;
 - Pesticide applications shall be according to need and not by schedule. As a general rule, the application of pesticides in any inside or outside area shall not occur unless visual inspection or monitoring devices indicate the presence of pests in that specific area. Requests for preventive treatments in areas where surveillance indicates a potential insect or rodent infestation shall be evaluated by the SBHA on a case-by-case basis. Written approval must be granted by the SBHA prior to any preventive pesticide application.
- h) If pesticide use is necessary, the Contractor shall employ the least hazardous material, most precise application technique, and minimum quantity of pesticide necessary to achieve control.

Service Methods

- a) The Contractor shall describe its’ service methods, plans and procedures for:
 - 1. Corrective action for insects and rodents;
 - 2. Preventive maintenance;
- b) The Contractor’s personnel shall check-in prior to work and check-out with the manager or their designee at each site;

Vehicles

- a) All Contractor service vehicles shall be clearly lettered for ease of recognition;
- b) Vehicles shall be properly locked and secured at all times while on SBHA property;
- c) Contractor employees shall drive in a safe manner and adhere to the “Rules of the Road”;
- d) Contractor employees shall park their vehicles safely, not to impede the safety of others and their vehicles and in accordance with the policies of the SBHA;
- e) All moving and parking violations, including towing services, shall be the responsibility of the Contractor and their employees.

Safety

- a) The contractor shall conduct its services in a safe and careful manner;
- b) The contractor shall abide by all laws, statutes, regulations and directives issued by OSHA, EPA, and the State of Texas;
- c) The contractor shall provide safety equipment as required by OSHA, EPA and specific product labels.

The SBHA shall:

- a) Keep common and public areas, including outside grounds and support areas clean and accessible for pest control services;
- b) Communicate related housing policies, changes, expectations and responsibilities;
- c) Assist with the distribution of service schedules, preparation notices; consumer bulletins, etc.
- d) Manage and enforce contract details;

Compensation

The contractor will not be paid for any units unable to be treated due to:

- a) failure to perform (see Scope of Services);
- b) failure to be properly prepared (ex. insufficient cockroach bait);
- c) failure to be properly equipped (ex. failure to have a HEPA vacuum);
- d) the SBHA shall compensate the Contractor for each apartment scheduled for service but not entered due to lack of keys, changed locks and other avoidable circumstances;
- e) resident refusal of services;
- f) the resident's failure to properly prepare as instructed by the Contractor;
- g) failure to clean as instructed, prior to service;
- h) failure to repair within 7 days of being notified.

Pest Specific Measures

In situations requiring the use of any pesticides, label directions must be read, in advance, and followed. Prior approval by the SBHA is required unless described below.

A. Cockroaches

- 1) Application of insecticide sprays and aerosols are not permitted unless prior approval is given by the SBHA;
- 2) Insecticide gel baits are preferred such as but not limited to Matrix®, Advion®, Avert®, Max Force FC Select®, PreEmpt®, Transport®, etc.
- 3) Insecticide granular products may be used in mechanical areas; products such as but not limited to Whitmire Advance®, Entice®, Niban®;
- 4) Insecticide dusts, such as but not limited to boric acid, Drione®, Tempo®, Deltic®;
- 5) Insect growth regulators such as but not limited to Gentrol® (concentrate, aerosol and Point Source®)

B. Ants

- 1) Application of insecticide sprays and aerosols are not permitted unless prior approval is given by the SBHA;
- 2) After inspection and monitoring has verified the presence of and specie of ant, limited treatments may be applied;
- 3) Ant specific gel baits and granular products;

C. Rodents

- 1) After inspection and monitoring has determined the presence and location of rodents,
- 2) Exclusion with copper gauze, steel wool, hardware cloth, expanding foams, cement patches, door sweeps, etc.;
- 3) Traps inside shall be the product of choice; products such as but not limited to snap, glue and curiosity, etc.;
- 4) With prior SBHA approve on a case-by-case basis, rodenticide “tracking powders” may be applied into void areas; such as, but limited to, pipe chases, door frames, under fixed equipment (cabinets) and created by rodents. Products such as, but limited to, Rozol®, Ditract®, etc. Requests to apply ZP (zinc phosphate) Tracking Powder® will receive special scrutiny prior to approval by the SBHA.
- 5) Outside rodent baits may be used in “tamper-resistant bait stations”; all stations shall be noted and kept current on maps indicating their location.

III. MINIMUM CRITERIA REQUIREMENT

The successful bidder must meet the following criteria at a minimum or the bid will be deemed non-responsive and rejected on that premise.

1) **Businesses**

- a) The Contractor shall have been in business at least three (3) years;
- b) The Contractor shall provide references from at least three (3) similar work situations;
- c) The contractor shall furnish all supervision, labor, materials and equipment necessary to accomplish the monitoring, trapping, pesticide application, and pest removal components;
- d) The contractor shall observe all safety precautions throughout the performance of this contract. All work shall be in strict accordance with all applicable federal, state and local safety and health requirements. Where there is a conflict among parties, the SBHA will appoint an independent, knowledgeable party to mediate the dispute.
- e) Applicable regulations, the most stringent will apply.
- f) The contractor shall assume full responsibility and liability for compliance with all applicable regulations pertaining to the health and safety of personnel and residents during the execution of work.

2) **Personnel**

- a) All pesticide applicators must have at least one (1) year of experience and be licensed by the State of Texas and at least one shall be a Certified pesticide applicator;
- b) The Contractor shall ensure that employee licenses and certifications are current and appropriately renewed each year;
- c) The Contractor shall be responsible to supervise all work performed;
- d) The Contractor shall provide to the SBHA and maintain as current a list of these individuals along with copies of their state license or certification.

IV. SUBMISSION OF FORMS

Bidder must submit one (1) executed original and two (2) copies of the following or the bid will be deemed non-responsive and rejected.

1. Profile of Firm form – Attachment A
2. Bid Form – Attachment B
3. Non-Collusive Affidavit – Attachment C
4. List of References
5. Licenses or Certifications
6. Section 3 Forms (optional) – Attachment D

ATTACHMENT A

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) NO. 09-2018, Pest Control Services

**PROFILE OF FIRM FORM
(Attachment A)**

(This Form must be fully completed and placed under Tab No. 3 of the "hard copy" tabbed proposal submittal.)

- (1) Prime ____ Sub-contractor ____ (This form must be completed by and for each).
- (2) Name of Firm: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
- (3) Street Address, City, State, Zip: _____
- (4) Please attached a brief biography/resume of the company, including the following information:
 (a) Year Firm Established; (b) Year Firm Established in Texas; (c) Former Name and Year Established (if applicable); (d) Name of Parent Company and Date Acquired (if applicable).
- (5) Identify Principals/Partners in Firm (submit under Tab No. 5 a brief professional resume for each):

NAME	TITLE	% OF OWNERSHIP

- (6) Identify the individual(s) that will act as project manager and any other supervisory personnel that will work on project; please submit under Tab No. 5 a brief resume for each. (Do not duplicate any resumes required above):

NAME	TITLE

- (7) Proposer Diversity Statement: You must circle all of the following that apply to the ownership of this firm and enter where provided the correct percentage (%) of ownership of each:

☐ Caucasian American (Male) _____%
 ☐ Public-Held Corporation _____%
 ☐ Government Agency _____%
 ☐ Non-Profit Organization _____%

Resident- (RBE), Minority- (MBE), or Woman-Owned (WBE) Business Enterprise (Qualifies by virtue of 51% or more ownership and active management by one or more of the following:

☐ Resident-Owned* _____%
 ☐ African American _____%
 ☐ **Native American _____%
 ☐ Hispanic American _____%
 ☐ Asian/Pacific American _____%
 ☐ Hasidic Jew _____%
 ☐ Asian/Indian American _____%

☐ Woman-Owned (MBE) _____%
 ☐ Woman-Owned (Caucasian) _____%
 ☐ Disabled Veteran _____%
 ☐ Other (Specify): _____%

WMBE Certification Number: _____

Certified by (Agency): _____

(NOTE: A CERTIFICATION/NUMBER NOT REQUIRED TO PROPOSE - ENTER IF AVAILABLE)

Signature _____ Date _____ Printed Name _____ Company _____

SAN BENITO HOUSING AUTHORITY

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**PROFILE OF FIRM FORM
(Attachment A)**

(This Form must be fully completed and placed under Tab No. 3 of the "hard copy" tabbed proposal submittal.)

- (8) Federal Tax ID No.: _____
- (9) Texas Business License No.: _____
- (10) State of Texas License Type and No.: _____
- (11) Worker's Compensation Insurance Carrier: _____
Policy No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____
- (12) General Liability Insurance Carrier: _____
Policy No. _____ Expiration Date: _____
- (13) Professional Liability Insurance Carrier: _____
Policy No. _____ Expiration Date: _____
- (14) Debarred Statement: Has this firm, or any principal(s) ever been debarred from providing any services by the Federal Government, any state government, the State of _____, or any local government agency within or without the State of _____? Yes ☐ No ☐
If "Yes," please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances and current status.
- (15) Disclosure Statement: Does this firm or any principals thereof have any current, past personal or professional relationship with any Commissioner or Officer of the HA? Yes ☐ No ☐
If "Yes," please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances and current status.
- (16) Non-Collusive Affidavit: The undersigned party submitting this proposal hereby certifies that such proposal is genuine and not collusive and that said proposer entity has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any proposer or person, to put in a sham proposal or to refrain from proposing, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the proposal price of affiant or of any other proposer, to fix overhead, profit or cost element of said proposal price, or that of any other proposer or to secure any advantage against the HA or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said proposal are true.
- (17) Verification Statement: The undersigned proposer hereby states that by completing and submitting this form he/she is verifying that all information provided herein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, true and accurate, and agrees that if the HA discovers that any information entered herein is false, that shall entitle the HA to not consider nor make award or to cancel any award with the undersigned party.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Company

SAN BENITO HOUSING AUTHORITY

ATTACHMENT B

BID FORM**PEST CONTROL SERVICES**

A. The undersigned proposes to furnish all labor and materials required to provide Pest Control Services for all public housing developments and administrative offices owned and operated by the San Benito Housing Authority in San Benito, Texas in accordance with the Contract Documents including any addendums prepared issued the contract price specified below, subject to additions and deductions according to the terms of the contract documents.

Item#	Description	Unit Amt	Monthly Amt	Quarterly Amt
1	Palmville 100 units	\$	\$	
2	Vista Park 65 units	\$	\$	
3	La Hermosa 44 units	\$	\$	
4	Stone Village 50 units	\$	\$	\$
5	Office at Palmville	\$	\$	
6	Office at Vista Park	\$	\$	
7	Office at La Hermosa	\$	\$	
8	Office at Stone Village	\$	\$	
9	Laundry at Palmville	\$	\$	
10	Laundry at Vista Park	\$	\$	
11	Laundry at La Hermosa	\$	\$	
THE SUM OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACT PRICE:			\$	\$

B. The undersigned certifies under the penalties of perjury that this bid is in all respects bona fide, fair and made without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this subsection the word "person" shall mean natural person, joint venture, partnership, corporation or other business or legal entity. The undersigned further certifies under penalty of perjury that the said undersigned is not presently debarred from doing public construction work in the State of Texas, or any other applicable debarment provisions.

Bidder Name (Person, Firm, Corp.)

Signature of Authorized Representative

Address

Name of Authorized Representative

City, State, Zip Code

Title of Authorized Representative

Email Address

Phone Number

LIST AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY LOCATIONS

Total of 105 Buildings – 259 Units, 4 Administrative Offices, and 3 laundry areas.

- **Palmville – 31 Buildings, 100 Units.**
1400 North Reagan Street
- **Vista Park – 31 Buildings, 65 Units.**
100 Cornejo Drive
- **La Hermosa – 22 Buildings, 44 Units.**
1155 South McCullough Street
- **Stone Village – 21 Buildings, 50 Units.**
1301 Victoria Street
- **Administrative Office – 4 Buildings, 4 Units.**
1400 North Reagan Street
100 Cornejo Drive
1155 South McCullough Street
1301 Victoria Street
- **Laundry Facility – 3 Buildings, 3 Units.**
1400 North Reagan Street
100 Cornejo Drive
1155 South McCullough Street

ATTACHMENT C

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT
(Prime Bidder)

State of Texas
County of Cameron

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is _____ of _____ the party making the foregoing bid, that such bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said bidder has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or to refrain from bidding; that the bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, communication or conference with any person to fix the bidder price of affiant or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of said price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the San Benito Housing Authority's or anyone's interest in the bid; and that all statements contained in the bid are true.

By: _____

Title: _____

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

My Commission Expires _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL

ATTACHMENT D

(Attachment D)

**CERTIFICATION FOR BUSINESS CONCERNS SEEKING SECTION 3 BUSINESS PREFERENCE
IN CONTRACTING AND DEMONSTRATION OF CAPABILITY**

NAME OF BUSINESS: _____

ADDRESS OF BUSINESS: _____

TYPE OF BUSINESS: ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Joint Venture

Attached is the following documentation as evidence of status:

For business claiming status as a Section 3 resident-owned Enterprise:

☐ Copy of resident lease ☐ Other evidence ☐ Copy of evidence of participation in a public assistance program

For the business entity as applicable:

☐ Copy of Articles of Incorporation ☐ Certificate of Good Standing
☐ Assumed Business Name Certificate ☐ Partnership Agreement
☐ List of owners/stockholder and % of each ☐ Corporation Annual Report
☐ Latest Board minutes appointing officers ☐ Additional documentation
☐ Organization chart with names and titles and brief functional statement

For business claiming Section 3 status by subcontracting 25% of the dollar awarded to qualified Section 3 business:

☐ List of subcontracted Section 3 business and subcontract amount

For business claiming Section 3 status, claiming at least 30% of their workforce are currently Section 3 residents or were Section 3 eligible residents within 3 years of date of first employment with the business:

☐ List of all current full time employees ☐ List of all employees claiming Section 3 status
☐ PHA Residential lease (less than 3 years from date of employment) ☐ Other evidence of Section 3 status (less than 3 years from date of employment)

Evidence of ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract:

☐ Current financial statement ☐ List of owned equipment
☐ Statement of ability to comply ☐ List of all contracts for the past 2 years with public policy

Corporate Seal

Authorizing Name and Signature

Notary

Title

My term expires: _____

Signature

Date

Printed Name

(Attachment D)

SUGGESTED AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN FOR UTILIZATION OF PROJECT AREA BUSINESSES

Number Of All Contracts Proposed: _____

Name Of Company: _____

Dollar Value Of All Contracts Proposed: _____

Project: _____

To The Greatest Extent Feasible, Contracts Will Be Awarded Through Negotiation Or Proposal To Qualified Project Area Businesses.

Goal Of These Contracts For Project Area Businesses:

PROPOSED TYPE OF CONTRACT	APPROX. COST	PROPOSED TYPE OF CONTRACT	APPROX. COST

Outline The Program To Achieve These Goals For Economically And Socially Disadvantaged:

NOTE: To Complete The Affirmative Action Plan, Follow Steps Outlines In Attached Exhibit.

(INSERT THIS DOCUMENT IN PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS AND WITH DATE: _____
PROPOSAL)

Signature

Date

Printed Name

(Attachment D)**SUGGESTED AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN FOR UTILIZATION OF PROJECT AREA BUSINESSES
(con'd)**

SUGGESTED SECTION 3 PRELIMINARY WORKFORCE STATEMENT UTILIZATION OF LOWER INCOME PROJECT AREA RESIDENTS AS REGULAR, PERMANENT EMPLOYEES, TRAINEES, APPRENTICES.

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PROJECT: _____

	PRESENT PERMANENT EMPLOYEES (At Time of Contract Signing)	SECTION 3 WORKFORCE PROJECTION (Residents)	TOTAL PROJECTED WORKFORCE INCREASE
TRAINEES			
APPRENTICES			
JOURNEYPERSONS			
LABORERS			
SUPERVISORY			
SUPERINTENDENT			
PROFESSIONAL			
CLERICAL			

NOTE: RESIDENTS ARE THOSE LOWER INCOME PROJECT AREA RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED AS ELIGIBLE.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

**SECTION 3 BUSINESS PREFERENCE CLAUSE
(Attachment D)**

This contract is subject to the following conditions under Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3).

- 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 or 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 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.
- G. With respect to work performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprise. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 and Section 7(b) agree to comply with Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with Section 7(b).

PREFERENCE FOR SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERNS IN CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

(Attachment D)

The HA has established the following priority for preference when providing contracting opportunities to Section 3 Businesses:

Priority I

Category 1a Business

Business concerns that are 51 percent or more owned by residents of the housing development or developments for which the Section 3-covered assistance is expended.

Priority II

Category 1b Business

Business concerns whose workforce includes 30 percent of residents of the housing development for which the Section 3-covered assistance is expended, or within three (3) years of the date of first employment with the business concern, were residents of the Section 3-covered housing development.

Priority III

Category 2a Business

Business concerns that are 51 percent or more owned by residents of any other housing development or developments.

Priority IV

Category 2b Business

Business concerns whose workforce includes 30 percent of residents of any other public housing development or developments, or within three (3) years of the date of first employment with the business concern, were "Section 3" residents of any other public housing development.

Priority V

Category 3 Business

Business concerns participating in HUD Youth-build programs being carried out in the metropolitan area in which the Section 3-covered assistance is expended.

Priority VI

Category 4a Business

Business concerns that are 51 percent or more owned by Section 3 residents in the metropolitan area, or whose permanent, full-time workforce includes no less than 30 percent of Section 3 residents in the metropolitan area, or within three (3) years of the date of employment with the business concern, were Section 3 residents in the metropolitan area.

Priority VII

Category 4b Business

Business concerns that subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the total amount of subcontracts to Section 3 business concerns.

Eligibility for Preference

A business concern seeking to qualify for a Section 3 contracting preference shall certify or submit evidence that the business concern is a Section business concern.

(Attachment D)

HUD directs within 24 CFR 135 that the HA may make award to qualified Section 3 business concern with the highest priority ranking and with the lowest responsive proposal if that proposal is:

- (a) within the maximum total contract price established by the HA; or
- (b) not more than “X” higher than the total proposal price of the lowest responsive proposal from any responsible bidder. “X” is determined as follows:

“X” = LESSOR OF:	
When the lowest responsive proposal is less than \$100,000	10% of that proposal, or \$9,000.00
When the lowest responsive proposal is at least:	
\$100,000.00, but less than \$200,000.00	9% of that proposal, or \$16,000.00
\$200,000.00, but less than \$300,000.00	8% of that proposal, or \$21,000.00
\$300,000.00, but less than \$400,000.00	7% of that proposal, or \$24,000.00
\$400,000.00, but less than \$500,000.00	6% of that proposal, or \$25,000.00
\$500,000.00, but less than \$1,000,000.00	5% of that proposal, or \$40,000.00
\$1,000,000.00, but less than \$2,000,000.00	4% of that proposal, or \$60,000.00
\$2,000,000.00, but less than \$4,000,000.00	3% of that proposal, or \$80,000.00
\$4,000,000.00, but less than \$7,000,000.00	2% of that proposal, or \$105,000.00
\$7,000,000.00, or more	1.5% of the lowest responsive and responsible proposal with no dollar limit

ATTACHMENT E

**SAMPLE CONTRACT BETWEEN
SAN BENITO HOUSING AUTHORITY
[THE CONTRACTOR]**

INTRODUCTION

This contract by and between the San Benito Housing Authority (hereinafter “HA”), and _____, (hereinafter “the Contractor”) is hereby entered into this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Services pursuant to this contract shall begin on the _____ day of _____, 2018, and shall end on the _____ day of _____, 2019, unless otherwise extended, modified, terminated or renewed by the parties as provided for within this contract. Unless otherwise detailed herein, all references to “days” shall be calendar days (in the case that the last day referenced falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the period of time shall be automatically extended to include the next work day). Also, whenever the term “herein” is referred to, such refers to this contract form, the appendices and all listed attachments.

1.0 Definitions:

- 1.1 Housing Authority (HA):** Any reference herein or within any Appendix to the “Housing Authority” shall be interpreted to mean the same as the HA.
- 1.2 Contracting Officer (CO):** The HA Contracting Officer, typically the HA Executive Director, but may be another person delegated such authority by the ED.
- 1.3 Executive Director (ED):** The HA Executive Director.
- 1.4 Invitation For Bid (IFB):** A competitive solicitation process conducted by the HA wherein award was completed to the top-rated responsive and responsible proposer.

2.0 Services and Payment:

- 2.1 Scope of Services:** The services provided pursuant to this contract generally consist of those services for the HA as described herein and within the Appendices. Said services shall be provided on the dates and times determined by the HA at the designated HA community and facilities. In addition, the HA shall retain the right to implement and/or enforce any item issued as a part of SBHA No. IFB-09-2018R.
- 2.2 Provisions of any and all Work (Task Orders):** The Contractor shall not begin any additional work (other than that already detailed herein) without the receipt of a completed Contract Task Order Form (CTOF) from the authorized HA representative. This shall be completed as follows:
- 2.3 Cost/Value of Services:**
 - 2.3.1 Contract Value:** The current total Not-To-Exceed (NTE) value of this contract is:

\$____,____.____

The Contractor exceeds the NTE amount at his/her own risk. The Contractor is under no obligation to provide additional services that would cause the Contractor's fees to exceed the NTE amount without prior revision of this amount by written change order.

2.4 Renewal Options: This contract is initially executed for the period of 1 year with the option, at the HA's discretion, of 1 additional one-year option period, for a maximum total of 1 year.

2.5 Time Performance: The Contractor will complete each assigned task as detailed within the executed HA Task Order.

2.6 Billing Method:

2.6.1 To receive payment for services rendered pursuant to this contract the Contractor shall submit a fully completed invoice for work previously performed to:

San Benito Housing Authority

Attn: Accounts Payable

1400 N. Reagan

San Benito, Texas 78586

2.6.2 At a minimum, the invoice shall detail the following information:

2.6.2.1 Unique invoice number;

2.6.2.2 Contractor's name, address and telephone number;

2.6.2.3 Date of invoice and/or billing period;

2.6.2.4 Applicable Contract No. _____;

2.6.2.5 Applicable Purchase Order No. _____;

2.6.2.6 Brief description of services rendered, including applicable time frame, total hours being billed for each service at each detailed site, and at the approved rate (may be submitted in the form of a report);

2.6.2.7 Task Order, approved by the HA Executive Director; and

2.6.2.8 Total dollar amount being billed.

2.6.3 The HA will pay each such properly completed invoice received on a Net/30 basis. Any invoice received not properly completed will not be paid unless and/or until the Contractor complies with the applicable provisions of this contract.

- 3.0 HA's Obligations:** Pursuant to this contract, the HA agrees to provide the specific services detailed herein and also shall be responsible for the following:
- 3.1** The HA agrees to not provide to the Contractor any Task Order assigning work to the Contractor without the prior written approval of the ED.
- 4.0 Contractor's Obligations:** Pursuant to this contract, the Contractor agrees to provide the specific services detailed herein and also shall be responsible for the following:
- 4.1 Supervision and Oversight:** The Contractor shall be solely responsible for providing supervision and oversight to all of the Contractor's personnel that are assigned to the HA properties pursuant to this contract.
- 4.2 Qualified Personnel:** The Contractor warrants and represents that it will assign only qualified personnel to perform the services outlined herein and within the appendices. For the purposes of this contract, the term "qualified personnel" shall mean those personnel that have been investigated, tested and trained in the manner described within this contract and, as proposed by the Contractor within its proposal or as provided by the Contractor during the Contractor's normal conduct of business.
- 4.3 Compliance with Federal and State Laws:** All work performed by the Contractor, pursuant to this contract, shall be done in accordance with applicable all Federal, State and local laws, regulations, codes and ordinances.
- 4.4 Insurance Requirements:**
- 4.4.1** The complete indemnity requirements are detailed within Section 11.19 herein.
- 4.4.2** In this regard, the Contractor shall maintain the following insurance coverage during the effective term(s) of this contract:
- 4.4.2.1** Policy of General Liability Insurance, \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$5,000,000 aggregate together with damage to premises and fire damage of \$50,000 and medical expenses for any one person of \$5,000 with a deductible not greater than \$1,000. The HA shall be named upon the certificate issued as an "additional insured," together with providing a copy of the corresponding endorsement evidencing the same.
- 4.4.2.2** Policy of Professional Liability Insurance or Errors & Omissions coverage, minimum of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, general aggregate minimum limit of \$5,000,000 with a deductible of not greater than \$1,000;
- 4.4.2.3** Automobile Liability coverage in a combined single limit of \$1,000,000. For every vehicle utilized during the term of this contract, when not owned by the entity, each vehicle must have evidence of automobile insurance coverage with limits of no less

than \$50,000/\$100,000 and medical pay of \$5,000 with a deductible not greater than \$1,000.

4.4.2.4 Worker's compensation coverage evidencing carrier and coverage amount.

4.4.2.5 The Contractor shall provide to the HA with current certificate(s)/endorsement(s) evidencing the insurance coverage referenced above. Failure to maintain the above-reference insurance coverage, including naming the HA as an additional insured (where appropriate) during the term(s) of this contract shall constitute a material breach thereof.

4.4.2.6 Insurance certificate(s)/endorsement(s) shall be delivered to the following person representing the HA:

**DA Cortez, Housing Operations
Housing Authority of the San Benito
1400 N. Reagan St
San Benito, TX 78586**

4.5 Licensing: The Contractor shall also provide to the HA a copy of the required State of Texas Business License. Failure to maintain this license in a current status during the term(s) of this contract shall constitute a material breach thereof.

4.6 Financial Viability and Regulatory Compliance:

4.6.1 The Contractor warrants and represents that its corporate entity is in good standing with all applicable federal, state and local licensing authorities and that it possesses all requisite licenses to perform the services required by this contract. The Contractor further warrants and represents that it owes no outstanding delinquent federal, state or local taxes or business assessments.

4.6.2 The Contractor agrees to promptly disclose to the HA any IRS liens or insurance or licensure suspension or revocation that may adversely affect its capacity to perform the services outlined within this contract. The failure by the Contractor to disclose such issue to the HA in writing within 5 days of such notification received will constitute a material breach of this contract.

4.6.3 The Contractor further agrees to promptly disclose to the HA any change of more than 50% of its ownership and/or any declaration of bankruptcy that the Contractor may undergo during the term(s) of this contract. The failure of the Contractor to disclose any change of more than 50% of its ownership and/or its declaration of bankruptcy within 5 days of said actions shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

4.6.4 All disclosures made pursuant to this section of the contract shall be made in writing and submitted to HA within the time periods required herein.

5.0 Modification: This contract shall not be modified, revised, amended or extended except by written addendum, executed by both parties.

6.0 Severability: The invalidity of any provision of this contract, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction and/or HUD, shall in no way affect the validity of any other provision herein.

7.0 Applicable Laws:

7.1 Compliance with Federal and State Laws: All work performed by the Contractor, pursuant to this contract, shall be done in accordance with applicable all Federal, State and local laws, regulations, codes and ordinances.

7.2 Jurisdiction of Law: The laws of the State of Texas shall govern the validity, construction and effect of this contract, unless said laws are superseded by, or in conflict with applicable federal laws and/or federal regulations. This contract will be binding upon the parties, their heirs, beneficiaries, and devisees of the parties hereto. The parties agree that Cameron County, Texas is the appropriate forum for any action relating to this contract. Should any party hereto retain counsel for the purpose of initiating litigation or arbitration to enforce, prevent the breach of any provision hereof, or for any other judicial remedy, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the losing party for all costs and expenses incurred thereby, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys fees and costs incurred by such prevailing party. This contract may be signed in counterparts.

8.0 Notices, Invoices and Reports:

8.1 All notices, reports and/or invoices submitted to the HA by the Contractor pursuant to this contract shall be in writing and delivered to the attention of the following person representing the HA:

**DA Cortez, Housing Operations
Housing Authority of the San Benito
1400 N. Reagan St
San Benito, TX 78586**

or faxed to: 956-399-5413 or emailed to dcortez@sanbenitohousing.com

8.2 All notices submitted to the Contractor pursuant to this contract shall be in writing and mailed to the attention of:

000/000-0000

or, if appropriate, shall be faxed to: **000/000-0000**.

9.0 Disputed Billings (Charges):

9.1 Procedures: In addition to the procedures detailed within Clause No. 7 of Appendix No. 1, Form HUD-5370-C (10/2006), *General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, Section I—(With or without Maintenance Work)*, in the event that the HA disputes any portion of its billing(s), the HA shall pay the undisputed portion of such billing and initiate the dispute-resolving procedures, as follows:

9.1.1 The HA's representative shall, within 10 days after the HA's receipt of such billing, formally notify the contractor's representative of all particulars pertaining to the dispute, and request that he/she investigate and respond to this issue.

9.1.2 If such dispute cannot be resolved by the contractor's response, within 10 days after such notification is given, the CO and the contractor's representative shall meet to discuss the matter and attempt to arrive at a resolution.

9.1.3 If the CO and the contractor's representative are unable to resolve the dispute through such discussion within 10 days, the HA shall, within 10 days thereafter, either:

9.1.3.1 pay the disputed charges and reserve the right to submit the matter to the Texas Court Annexed Arbitration program if the disputed amount does not exceed \$40,000 or to the appropriate district court in the State of Texas;

9.1.3.2 not pay the disputed charge and submit the matter to the Texas Court Annexed Arbitration program if the disputed amount does not exceed \$40,000 or to the appropriate district court in the State of Texas;

9.1.3.3 not pay the disputed charge and allow the Contractor to submit the matter either to the Texas Court Annexed Arbitration program if the disputed amount does not exceed \$40,000 or to the appropriate district court in the State of Texas.

9.1.4 The decision from arbitration will be binding upon both parties. If the decision is adverse to the HA, the HA shall pay the HA's receipt of the decision. If the decision is in favor of the HA, the contractor will either:

9.1.4.1 clear the amount which is ordered from the HA account; or

9.1.4.2 repay to the HA the amount ordered;

Either option shall be completed within 10 days after the contractor's receipt of the arbitrator's decision.

10.0 24 CFR 85.36(i), *Procurement*: Pursuant to this CFR, as issued by the Office of the Secretary, HUD, the HA and the Contractor each agree to comply with the following provisions:

10.1 Remedies for Contractor Breach: Pertaining to contract-related issues, it is the responsibility of both the HA and the contractor to communicate with each in as clear

and complete a manner as possible. If at any time during the term of this contract, the HA or the contractor is not satisfied with any issue, it is the responsibility of that party to deliver to the other party communication, in writing, fully detailing the issue and corrective action (please note that the HA has the right to issue unilateral addendums to this contract, but the contractor does not have the same right). The other party shall, within 10 days, respond in writing to the other party (however, the HA shall retain the right to, if conditions warrant, require the contractor to respond in a shorter period of time). Further, the HA shall, at a minimum, employ the following steps in dealing with the contractor as to any performance issues:

10.1.1 If the contractor is in material breach of the contract, the HA may promptly invoke the termination clause detailed within Section No. 3 of Appendix No. 1, Form HUD-5370-C (10/2006), *General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, Section I—(With or without Maintenance Work)*, which is attached hereto, and terminate the contract for cause. Such termination must be delivered to the contractor in writing and shall fully detail all pertinent issues pertaining to the cause of and justification for the termination.

10.1.2 Prior to termination, the HA may choose to warn the contractor, verbally or in writing, of any issue of non-compliant or unsatisfactory performance. Such written warning may include placing the contractor on probation, thereby giving the contractor a certain period of time to correct the deficiencies or potentially suffer termination. The HA shall maintain in the contract file a written record of any such warning detailing all pertinent information. If the contractor does not agree with such action, the contractor shall have ten 10 days to dispute or protest, in writing, such action; if he/she does not do so within the 10-day period, he/she shall have no recourse but to accept and agree with the HA's position on the issue. The written protest must detail all pertinent information pertaining to the dispute, including justification detailing the HA's alleged incorrect action(s).

10.1.3 After termination, if the contractor does not agree with the HA's justification for the termination, the contractor shall have 10 days to dispute, in writing, such action; if he/she does not do so within the 10-day period, he/she shall have no recourse but to accept and agree with the HA's position on the issue. The written protest must detail all pertinent information pertaining to the dispute, including justification detailing the HA's alleged incorrect action(s).

10.1.4 The response to any protest received shall be conducted in accordance with Section No. 4.0 of the *Instructions to Proposers and Contractors* document.

10.2 Termination For Cause and Convenience: As detailed within Clause No. 3 of Attachment G-1, Form HUD-5370-C (10/2006), *General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, Section I—(Within or without Maintenance Work)*, attached hereto.

10.3 Executive Order 11246: For all construction contracts awarded in excess of \$10,000

both parties hereby agree to comply with Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order

11375 of October 13, 1967, and as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations, reproduced for safekeeping (archives) or backup purposes, modified, (41 CFR Chapter 60), adapted, or combined with other computer software, provided that the

- 10.4 Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act:** For all construction or repair contracts awarded, both parties hereby agree to comply with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR Part 3).
- 10.5 Davis-Bacon-Act:** For all construction contracts awarded in excess of \$2,000 when required by Federal Grant Program legislation, both parties hereby agree to comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR Part 5).
- 10.6 Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act:** For all construction contracts awarded in excess of \$2,000 and for other contracts, which involve the employment of mechanics or laborers awarded in excess of \$2,500, both parties hereby agree to comply with the Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Act (40 U.S.C. 327-330) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR Part 5).
- 10.7 Reporting:** Both parties hereby agree to comply with any reporting requirements that may be detailed herein.
- 10.8 Patent Rights:** Both parties hereby agree to comply with HUD Bulletin 90-23, which is the (a) Notice of Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement.
- 10.9 Copy Rights/Rights in Data:** In addition to the requirements contained within Clause No. 5 of Attachment G-1, *General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, Section I—(With or without Maintenance Work)*, the HA has unlimited rights to any data, including computer software, developed by the contractor in the performance of the contract specifically:
- 10.9.1** Except as provided elsewhere in this clause, the HA shall have unlimited rights in data first produced in the performance of this contract; form, fit, and function data delivered under this contract; data delivered under this contract (except for restricted computer software) that constitute manuals or instructional and training material for installation, operation, or routine maintenance and repair of items, components, or processes delivered or furnished for use under this contract; and all other data delivered under this contract unless provided otherwise for limited rights data or restricted computer software.
- 10.9.2** The contractor shall have the right to: use, release to others, reproduce, distribute, or publish any data first produced or specifically used by the contractor in the performance of this contract, unless provided otherwise in are limited rights data or restricted computer software to the extent provided in this clause; substantiate use of, add or correct limited rights, restricted rights, or copyright notices and to take other appropriate action in accordance with this clause; and establish claim to copyright subsisting in data first produced in the performance of this contract to the extent provided below.
- 10.9.3** For data first produced in the performance of this contract, the contractor may

establish, without prior approval of the CO, claim to copyright subsisting in reproduced for safekeeping (archives) or backup purposes, modified, scientific or technical articles based on or containing data first produced in the performance of this contract. The contractor grants the HA and others acting on its behalf a paid-up, non-exclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license in such copyrighted data to reproduce, prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform or display publicly by or on behalf of the HA.

10.9.4 The contractor shall not, without the prior written permission of the contracting Officer, incorporate in data delivered under this contract any data not first produced in the performance of this contract and which contains copyright notice, unless the contractor identifies such data and grants the HA a license of the same scope as identified in the preceding paragraph.

10.9.5 The HA agrees not to remove any copyright notices placed on data and to include such notices in all reproductions of the data. If any data delivered under this contract are improperly marked, the HA may either return the data to the contractor, or cancel or ignore the markings.

10.9.6 The contractor is responsible for obtaining from its subcontractors all data and rights necessary to fulfill the contractor's obligations under this contract.

10.9.7 Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in the contractor's standard commercial license or lease contract pertaining to any restricted computer software delivered under this contract, and irrespective of whether any such contract has been proposed prior to the award of this contract or of the fact that such contract may be affixed to or accompany the restricted computer software upon delivery, the contractor agrees the HA shall have the rights set forth below to use, duplicate, or disclose any restricted computer software delivered under this contract. The terms and conditions of this contract, including any commercial lease or licensing contract, shall be subject to the following procedures.

10.9.8 The restricted computer software delivered under this contract may not be used, reproduced, or disclosed by the HA except as provided below or as expressly stated otherwise in this contract. The restricted computer

this clause; protect from unauthorized disclosure and use those data which software may be: used or copied for use in or with the computer(s) for which it was acquired, including use at any HA location to which such computer(s) may be transferred; used or copied for use in or with backup computer if any computer for which it was acquired is inoperative; modified, combined, or adapted portions of the derivative software incorporating any of the delivered, restricted computer software shall be subject to the same restrictions set forth in this contract; and used or copies for use in or transferred to a replacement computer.

10.10 Access to Records: Both parties hereby guarantee access by the grantee, the subgrantee, the Federal grantor agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers, and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to that specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.

10.11 Record Retention: Both parties hereby guarantee retention of all required records reproduced for safekeeping (archives) or backup purposes, modified, adapted, or combined with other computer software, provided that the records are retained for three years after grantees or subgrantees make final payments and all other pending matters are closed.

10.12 Clean Air Act: For all contracts in excess of \$100,000, both parties hereby agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR Part 15).

10.13 Energy Policy and Conservation Act: Both parties hereby agree to comply with all mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).

11.0 Additional Considerations:

11.1 Right of Joinder Pursuant to NRS 332.195:

11.1.1 Any political subdivision within the State of Texas may be granted the privilege of joining the awarded contract, only at the option of the Contractor. If the Contractor so grants such a privilege, the terms and conditions of the RFP documents, including the ensuing contract, may be passed on to the joining political subdivision by the Contractor.

11.1.2 The Contractor shall retain the unilateral right to allow or disallow any political subdivision the privilege of joining the awarded contract. In the event the Contractor allows another political subdivision to join the HA contract, it is expressly understood that the HA shall in no way be liable for the joining political subdivision obligations to the Contractor in any manner whatsoever.

11.2 Non-Escalation: Unless otherwise specified within the RFP documents, the unit prices reflected on the contract shall remain firm with no provision for price increases during the term of the contract.

- 11.3 **prejudice or liability to the HA, if:** **Quantities:** The HA reserves the right to reduce or increase estimated or actual quantities in whatever amount necessary without funding is not available;
- 12.3.1
- 12.3.2 legal restrictions are placed upon the expenditure of monies for this category of service or supplies; or,
- 12.3.3 the HA's requirements in good faith change after award of the contract.
- 11.4 Unless otherwise stated in the RFP documents, all local, State or Federal permits which may be required to provide the services ensuing from award of this RFP, whether or not they are known to either the HA or the proposers at the time of the proposal submittal deadline or the award, shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor and any costs that were submitted by the Contractor in response to the RFP shall reflect all costs required by the Contractor to procure and provide such necessary permits.
- 11.5 **Taxes:** All persons doing business with the HA are hereby made aware that the HA is exempt from paying Nevada State Sales and Use Taxes and Federal Excise Taxes. A letter of Tax Exemption will be provided upon request.
- 11.6 **Government Standards:** It is the responsibility of the proposer to ensure that all items and services proposed conform to all local, State and Federal law concerning safety (OSHA and NOSHA) and environmental control (EPA and _____ Pollution Regulations) and any other enacted ordinance, code, law or regulation. The Contractor shall be responsible for all costs incurred for compliance with any such possible ordinance, code, law or regulation. No time extensions shall be granted or financial consideration given to the Contractor for time or monies lost due to violations of any such ordinance, code, law or regulations that may occur.
- 11.7 **Freight on Bill and Delivery:** All costs submitted by the proposer shall reflect the cost of delivering the proposed items and/or services to the locations(s) specified within the RFP documents or within the contract.
- 11.7.1 The Contractor agrees to deliver to the designated location(s) on or before the date as specified in the finalized contract. Failure to deliver on or before the specified date constitutes an event of default by the Contractor. Upon default, the Contractor agrees that the HA may, at its option, rescind the finalized contract under the default clause herein and seek compensatory damages as provided by law.
- 11.8 **Backorders:**
- 11.8.1 The CO must be notified in writing by the contractor within 10 days of any and all backordered materials and/or any incomplete services; and the estimated delivery date.
- 11.8.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in the contract, any order that will take more than a maximum of 10 days past the original agreed upon delivery date,

if, in the opinion of the CO, it is in the best interests of the HA to do so, may at the option of the HA, be canceled and ordered from another source,

- 11.9 Work on HA Property:** If the Contractor's work under the contract involves operations by the Contractor on HA premises, the Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to prevent the occurrence of any injury to persons or property during the progress of such work and, except to the extent that any such injury is caused solely and directly by the HA's negligence, shall indemnify the HA, and their officers, agents, servants and employees against all loss which may result in any way from any act or omission of the Contractor, its agents, employees, or subcontractors.
- 11.10 Official, Agent and Employees of the HA Not Personally Liable:** It is agreed by and between the parties hereto that in no event shall any official, officer, employee, or agent of the HA in any way be personally liable or responsible for any covenant or agreement herein contained whether expressed or implied, nor for any statement, representation or warranty made herein or in any connection with this agreement.
- 11.11 Subcontractors:** Unless otherwise stated within the RFP documents, the Contractor may not use any subcontractors to accomplish any portion of the services described within the RFP documents or the contract without the prior written permission of the CO.
- 11.12 Salaries and Expenses Relating to the Contractors Employees:** Unless otherwise stated within the RFP documents, the Contractor shall pay all salaries and expenses of, and all Federal, Social Security taxes, Federal and State Unemployment taxes, and any similar taxes relating to its employees used in the performance of the contract. The Contractor further agrees to comply with all Federal, State and local wage and hour laws and all licensing laws applicable to its employees or other personnel furnished under this agreement.
- 11.13 Attorney's Fees:** In the event that litigation is commenced by one party hereto against the other in connection with the enforcement of any provision of this agreement, the prevailing party shall be paid by the losing party all court costs and other expenses of such litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees. The amount so allowed as attorneys' fees shall be taxed to the losing party as costs of the suit, unless prohibited by law.
- 11.14 Independent Contractor:** Unless otherwise stated within the RFP documents or the contract, the Contractor is an independent contractor. Nothing herein shall create any association, agency, partnership or joint venture between the parties hereto and neither shall have any authority to bind the other in any way.
- 11.15 Severability:** If any provision of this agreement or any portion or provision hereof applicable to any particular situation or circumstance is held valid, the remainder of this agreement or the remainder of such provision (as the case may be), and the application thereof to other situations or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.
- 11.16 Waiver of Breach:** A waiver of either party of any terms or condition of this agreement in any instance shall not be deemed or construed as a waiver of such term or condition for the future, or of any subsequent breach thereof. All remedies, rights, undertakings, obligations, and agreements contained in this agreement shall be

obligation or agreement of either party, cumulative and none of them shall be in limitation of any other remedy, right,

11.17 Time of the Essence: Time is of the essence under this agreement as to each provision in which time of performance is a factor.

11.18 Limitation of Liability: In no event shall the HA be liable to the Contractor for any indirect, incidental, consequential or exemplary damages.

11.19 Indemnification:

11.19.1 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold the HA (and its officers, employees, and agents) harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, suits, actions, decrees, judgments, attorney's fees, court costs and other expenses of any kind or character, which are caused by, arise out of, or occur due to any failure of the Contractor to (1) abide by any of the applicable professional standards within its industry, or (2) comply with the terms, conditions, or covenants that are contained in this contract, (3) comply with the State of Texas, or any other law, ordinance, or decree; or (4) ensure that the any subcontractors abide by the terms of this provision and this contract; provided, however, that Contractor will not be required to indemnify the HA against any loss or damage which was specifically caused by the HA providing inaccurate information to the Contractor, failing to provide necessary and requested information to the Contractor, or refusal to abide by any recommendation of the Contractor.

11.19.2 In this connection, it is expressly agreed that the Contractor shall, at its own expense, defend the HA, its officers, employees, and agents, against any and all claims, suits or actions which may be brought against them, or any of them, as a result of, or by reason of, or arising out of, or on account of, or in consequence of any act or failure to act the consequences of which the Contractor has indemnified the HA. If the Contractor shall fail to do so, the HA shall have the right, but not the obligation, to defend the same and to charge all direct and incidental costs of such defense to the Contractor including attorney's fees and court costs.

11.19.3 Any money due to the Contractor under and by virtue of this contract, which the HA believes must be withheld from the Contractor to protect the HA, may be retained by the HA so long as it is reasonably necessary to ensure the HA's protection; or in case no money is due, its surety may be held until all applicable claims have been settled and suitable evidence to that effect furnished to the HA provided, however, neither the Corporation's payments shall not be withheld, and its surety shall be released, if the Contractor is able to demonstrate that it has adequate liability and property damage insurance to protect the HA from any potential claims.

11.19.4 The Contractor shall provide that any contractual arrangement with a subcontractor shall be in conformance with the terms of this Contract including the terms of this indemnity provision. The Contractor guarantees that it will promptly handle and rectify any and all claims for materials,

of its subcontractors in connection with the contract supplies and labor, or any other claims that may be made against it or any

12.20 Lobbying Certification: By execution of this contract with the HA the Contractor thereby certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

12.20.1 No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

12.20.2 If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Contractor shall complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in an accordance with its instructions.

12.20.3 The Contractor shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

12.21 Additional Federally Required Orders/Directives: Both parties agree that they will comply with the following laws and directives, where applicable:

12.21.1 Executive Order 11061, as amended, which directs the Secretary of HUD to take all action which is necessary and appropriate to prevent discrimination by agencies that utilize federal funds.

12.21.2 Public Law 88-352, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives federal financial assistance. The HA hereby extends this requirement to the Contractor and its private contractors. Specific prohibited discriminatory actions and corrective action are described in Chapter 2, Subtitle C, Title V of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 19901 et. seq.).

12.21.3 Public Law 90-284, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968., popularly known as the Fair Housing Act, which provides for fair housing throughout the United States and prohibits any person from discriminating in the sale or rental of housing, the financing of housing or the provision of brokerage services, including in any way making unavailable or denying a dwelling to any person because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Pursuant to this statute, the HA requires that the Contractor administer all

development in such a manner as affirmatively to further fair housing programs and activities, which are related to housing and community

- 12.21.4 The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age.
- 12.21.5 Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 11901 et. seq.).
- 12.21.6 HUD Information Bulletin 909-23 which is the following:
 - 12.21.6.1 Notice of Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement;
 - 12.21.6.2 Clean Air and Water Certification; and,
 - 12.21.6.3 Energy Policy and Conversation Act.
- 12.21.7 That the funds that are provided by the HA and HUD hereunder shall not be used, directly or indirectly, to employ, award a contract to, or otherwise engage the services of any debarred, suspended or ineligible Contractor.
- 12.21.8 That none of the personnel who are employed in the administration of the work required by this contract shall, in any way or to any extent, be engaged in the conduct of political activities in violation of Title V, Chapter 15, of the United States Code.
- 12.21.9 The mention herein of any statute or Executive Order is not intended as an indication that such statute or Executive Order is necessarily applicable not is the failure to mention any statute or Executive Order intended as an indication that such statute or Executive Order is not applicable. In this connection, therefore each provision of law and each clause, which is required by law to be inserted in this agreement, shall be deemed to have been inserted herein, and this agreement shall be read and enforced as though such provision or clause had been physically inserted herein. If, through mistake or otherwise, any such provision is not inserted or is inserted incorrectly, this agreement shall forthwith be physically amended to make such insertion or correction upon the application of either part.

13.0 Appendices:

- 13.1 The following noted documents are placed under each of the noted appendix and are a part of this contract:
 - 13.1.1 **Appendix No. 1:** form HUD-5370-C (10/2006), *General Condition for Non-Construction Contracts, Section I—(With or without Maintenance Work)*, aka Attachment G-1 of the RFP document;
 - 13.1.2 **Appendix No. 2:** form HUD-5370-C (10/2006), *General Condition for Non-Construction Contracts, Section II—(With Maintenance Work)*, aka Attachment G-2 of the RFP document;

Construction Contracts, Public and Indian Housing Programs, aka Attachment G-3 of the RFP document;

13.1.4 Appendix No. 4: Scope of Services, as agreed upon by negotiation between the HA and the contractor;

13.1.5 Appendix No. 5: The proposed fee(s) submitted by this contractor in response to the RFP, or any negotiated fee(s) that resulted thereto, which fee(s) shall apply to each procurement that ensues from this contract;

13.1.6 Included by reference is any document or clause issued as a part of RFP No. L01 that the HA may choose to include at any time during the performance of this contract or any options exercised thereto by the HA. Further, any document that may be referenced herein that has not been listed above is hereby incorporated herein by reference, and a copy of each such document is available from the HA upon written request for such from the contractor.

13.2 Please note that, in the case of any discrepancy between this contract and any of the above noted appendices, the requirement(s) detailed within the body of this contract shall take first precedence, then the requirement(s) detailed within each appendix shall take precedence in the order that they are listed above (meaning, except in the case of the following noted EXCEPTION, the requirement(s) detailed within the lower listed item may not overrule any requirement(s) detailed within a higher listed item).

13.2.1 EXCEPTION: In the case of any construction-related work that ensues from the performance of this contract, the terms and conditions detailed within Appendix No. 3 shall take precedence over the terms and conditions detailed within Appendix No. 1 and No. 2.

14.0 CERTIFICATIONS:

The undersigned representatives of each party acknowledge by signature below that they have reviewed the foregoing and understand and agree to abide by their respective obligations as defined herein:

[The Contractor]:

By:_____ [Name], [Title] Date:_____

Housing Authority of the City of San Benito:

By:_____ Date:_____

ATTACHMENT F

Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

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



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1. Preparation of Offers

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

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

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

2. Submission of Offers

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

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

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

3. Amendments to Solicitations

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

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

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

4. Explanation to Prospective Offerors

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

5. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

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

6. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Offers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Contract Award

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

(b) The HA may

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

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

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

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

8. Service of Protest

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

9. Offer Submission

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

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

[Describe bid or proposal preparation instructions here:]

ATTACHMENT G

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section I – (With or without Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

Office of Labor Relations

OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (exp. 3/31/2010)

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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.