

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**LEGAL CONSULTANT FOR THE RUSSELL
CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS
IMPLEMENTATION**

PROPOSAL #1528

For

Louisville Metro Housing Authority

420 South 8th Street

Louisville, Kentucky 40203

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I. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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FOR
LEGAL CONSULTANT FOR THE RUSSELL CHOICE
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The Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA) is requesting proposals from interested firms to provide legal services in connection with the above referenced project. Proposal packets, which contain all pertinent information and forms needed to submit a responsive proposal, may be obtained via *Housing Agency Marketplace*. Visit www.lmha1.org under 'Bid Opportunities' to learn more.

The contract consists of providing consulting services in conjunction with the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation for the Beecher Terrace Development and the Russell Neighborhood.

Proposals must be received at the Louisville Metro Housing Authority Purchasing Department at 3223 South Seventh Street Road / Louisville, Kentucky 40216 by 10:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, September 29, 2020. Address proposals to:

Louisville Metro Housing Authority
3223 South Seventh Street Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40216

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (Covid-19) Outbreak and following the guidelines from State and Local Authorities, the LMHA will be allowing bidders to drop off the "Sealed Proposals" at 3223 South Seventh Street Road, as is customary; however, proposers will not be able to remain in the building for the public opening. Instead, the LMHA would like to invite all proposers and the public to participate via internet or phone as follows:

Topic: BID OPENING LEGAL SERVICES

Time: Sep 29, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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The Louisville Metro Housing Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or waive any informalities in the procurement process. LMHA is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to affirmative action in the involvement of minority businesses to the maximum extent possible. LMHA encourage MBE firms or individuals to respond. Non-minority firms or individuals are requested to seek participation of minority businesses as sub-consultants or in partnership arrangements to the maximum extent possible.

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS
(HUD-5369-B)

Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction



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:]

III. REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS
(HUD-5369-C)

Certifications and Representations of Offerors Non-Construction Contract

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

This form includes clauses required by OMB's common rule on bidding/offering procedures, implemented by HUD in 24 CFR 85.36, and those requirements set forth in Executive Order 11625 for small, minority, women-owned businesses, and certifications for independent price determination, and conflict of interest. The form is required for nonconstruction contracts awarded by Housing Agencies (HAs). The form is used by bidders/offers to certify to the HA's Contracting Officer for contract compliance. If the form were not used, HAs would be unable to enforce their contracts. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a benefit or to retain a benefit. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality.

1. Contingent Fee Representation and Agreement

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

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

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

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

2. Small, Minority, Women-Owned Business Concern Representation

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

- (a) [] is, [] is not a small business concern. "Small business concern," as used in this provision, means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding, and qualified as a small business under the criteria and size standards in 13 CFR 121.
(b) [] is, [] is not a women-owned small business concern. "Women-owned," as used in this provision, means a small business that is at least 51 percent owned by a woman or women who are U.S. citizens and who also control and operate the business.
(c) [] is, [] is not a minority enterprise which, pursuant to Executive Order 11625, is defined as a business which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its voting stock is owned by one or more minority group members, and whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more such individuals.

For the purpose of this definition, minority group members are: (Check the block applicable to you)

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

3. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

(a) The bidder/offeror certifies that—

- (1) The prices in this bid/offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other bidder/offeror or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit a bid/offer, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;
(2) The prices in this bid/offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the bidder/offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder/offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and
(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder/offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a bid/offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

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

- (1) Is the person in the bidder/offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; or
(2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above (insert full name of person(s) in the bidder/offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the bidder/offeror's organization);
(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; and

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

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

4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Certification

(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 a proposed contract and a prospective contractor's organizational, financial, contractual or other interest are such that:

(i) Award of the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage;

(ii) The Contractor's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired; or

(iii) That the Contractor has disclosed all relevant information and requested the HA to make a determination with respect to this Contract.

(b) The Contractor agrees that if after award 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 HA which shall include a description of the action which the Contractor has taken or intends to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. The HA may, however, terminate the Contract for the convenience of HA if it would be in the best interest of 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 HA, the HA may terminate the Contract for default.

(d) 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 HA 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.

5. Authorized Negotiators (RFPs only)

The offeror represents that the following persons are authorized to negotiate on its behalf with the PHA in connection with this request for proposals: (list names, titles, and telephone numbers of the authorized negotiators):

6. Conflict of Interest

In the absence of any actual or apparent conflict, the offeror, by submission of a proposal, hereby warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief, no actual or apparent conflict of interest exists with regard to my possible performance of this procurement, as described in the clause in this solicitation titled "Organizational Conflict of Interest."

7. Offeror's Signature

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

Signature & Date:

Typed or Printed Name:

Title:

**IV. General Conditions for Non-Construction
Contracts (Form HUD-5370-C)**

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section I – (With or without Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

Office of Labor Relations

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

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

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

- 1) **Non-construction contracts** (*without* maintenance) **greater than \$105,000 - use Section I;**
- 2) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance as defined at 24 CFR 968.105) **greater than \$2,000 but not more than \$150,000 - use Section II;** and
- 3) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance), **greater than \$150,000 – use Sections I and II.**

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

1. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this contract:

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

2. Changes

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

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

3. Termination for Convenience and Default

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

4. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

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

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

5. Rights in Data (Ownership and Proprietary Interest)

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

6. Energy Efficiency

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

7. Disputes

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

8. Contract Termination; Debarment

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

9. Assignment of Contract

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

10. Certificate and Release

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

11. Organizational Conflicts of Interest

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

12. Inspection and Acceptance

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

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

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

13. Interest of Members of Congress

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

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

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

15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Prohibition.

- (i) Section 1352 of title 31, U.S.C. provides in part that no appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered Federal actions: the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (ii) The prohibition does not apply as follows:

(1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Professional and technical services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) Selling activities by independent sales representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16. Equal Employment Opportunity

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

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

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

17. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information

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

18. Contractor's Status

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

19. Other Contractors

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

20. Liens

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

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

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

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

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

22. Procurement of Recovered Materials

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

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PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

*Louisville Metro Housing Authority
420 South 8th Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40203
Lisa Osanka, Executive Director*

Issue Date: September 2, 2020

Submission Date: September 29, 2020

A. PROGRAM SUMMARY AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA) is a high-performing public housing authority which owns and manages approximately 3,500 units of conventional and scattered-site housing in Louisville, Kentucky. LMHA also operates a Section 8 Rental Assistance Program.

LMHA is also a Moving to Work (MTW) designated Authority. This designation exempts LMHA from much of the Housing Act of 1937 and associated regulations to the extent delineated in the MTW agreement between LMHA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Over the last three decades, the Authority has undertaken an ambitious program to redevelop several of its large family developments. It has successfully completed three HOPE VI revitalizations – Park DuValle in west Louisville in the Park DuValle neighborhood, Liberty Green in downtown Louisville in the Phoenix Hill neighborhood, and Sheppard Square in the Smoketown neighborhood just south of Downtown.

LMHA was awarded a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative grant in 2016 to develop a community-endorsed, implementable, and financially feasible Transformation Plan to revitalize Beecher Terrace, one of only two remaining large, distressed, barracks-style public housing developments remaining in LMHA's housing inventory. The plan also addresses strategies to help transform the larger Russell neighborhood (where Beecher Terrace is located) into a neighborhood of opportunity and choice.

LMHA is seeking proposals from experienced and qualified firms that can offer legal advice and services for the continued implementation of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative process. The comprehensive transformation plan that has and continues to be developed during the ongoing planning process for the Russell neighborhood and the Beecher Terrace site includes multiple phases and a number of public and private funding sources that include the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, HUD's Capital and Development Grants and RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration), tax-exempt bond issues, HOME, CDBG, and private debt financing. Given the complex legal framework of the program, LMHA may elect to procure

more than one attorney and/or firm, depending on the qualifications of the successful respondents and the specific needs of LMHA.

Counsel will be responsible for general legal advice and assistance with respect to the successful development and implementation of the Russell Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Plan. Counsel may also assist the Authority, its partners and other involved parties in the project (e.g. planning coordinator, developers, HUD, financial consultants, etc.) in dealing with the Washington D.C. office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), that is responsible for the CNI grant, on program issues and interpretation of HUD requirements and seeking any waivers of such requirements that may be necessary. Counsel will assist with developing legal relationships with non-profit and for-profit partners. Counsel will be expected to have experience with housing development and acquisition issues including with HUD public housing issues in general, and specifically with HUD public housing programs and regulations. Experience with capital markets and the syndication of LIHTC and Tax-Exempt Bond issues is a requirement. An ability to facilitate the legal process associated with the contractual intricacies of mixed-finance development will be instrumental to the success of the team effort in development of the Transformation Plan.

The legal consultant selected will be prohibited from serving in any dual role (e.g. developer, syndicator, etc.) that may call into question the merit of any legal advice, analysis, evaluations, recommendations, or other services provided to LMHA.

The services provided by the legal consultant shall be on an 'as needed' basis. Any dollar values referred to in this RFP in no way constitute a guarantee of a certain dollar amount.

The fee structure for billing services to LMHA shall be on an hourly basis, plus reimbursable expenses. Hourly fees shall be broken down by principals, professional staff and clerical staff. Reimbursable expenses shall require receipts. Any reimbursable expenses exceeding \$500 shall require prior approval by LMHA (such as travel, contracts with sub-contractors, etc.).

No contract awarded pursuant to a proposal submitted in response to this RFP may be assigned either in whole or in part without first receiving written consent of the Louisville Metro Housing Authority. Any attempted assignment, either in whole or in part, without first receiving written consent of the Louisville Metro Housing Authority shall allow the Louisville Metro Housing Authority the right, at its option, to terminate the contract.

The legal consultant selected shall be liable for all damages and injury of every kind and character whatsoever which shall occur to any person or persons or property by reason of the negligence of or breach of this contract by the legal consultant, its agents, employees, or subcontractors. The legal consultant and any subcontractors shall indemnify and hold LMHA, its officers and employees harmless from all claims, suits, and actions brought against LMHA for, or on account of, any damage to person or property arising from negligent acts or omissions committed in connection with the contract. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require indemnification by the legal consultant or its subcontractors for damages caused by or resulting from the negligence of

LMHA. The firm entering this contract shall maintain appropriate insurance to include at a minimum "malpractice".

Services shall be performed in accordance with the contract which shall be executed between the LMHA and the service provider.

The initial contract shall be for one year. The contract may be extended up to four additional years in accordance with the terms contained within the contract.

The contract amount for providing legal consulting and advisory services related to the Russell Choice Neighborhoods project shall not exceed \$200,000 in the initial year of the contract. The fee shall be on an hourly basis for services requested and rendered.

B. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

1. GENERAL

The instructions that follow provide guidance for the preparation and submission of proposals. Their purpose is to establish the requirements, format, and content of proposals so that proposals are complete, contain all essential information and can be evaluated fairly.

2. SUBMISSION & CONTENT OF PROPOSAL

a. Submission Location & Date

Proposals shall be submitted in original and three (3) copies, prepared in the format and detailed as outlined below, to enable the Authority to make a thorough evaluation.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked "**Proposal for Legal Consultant For The Russell Choice Neighborhoods Implementation**". All proposals must be received no later than 10:00 a.m. local time on September 29, 2020. Proposals are to be submitted at the following location:

**Louisville Metro Housing Authority
3223 South Seventh Street Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40207**

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted. All proposals will be valid for ninety (90) days.

b. Submission Contents

The proposal shall be numbered and divided into tabbed sections, as follows:

- Response to *Evaluation Factors For Award* (Part V, Section C)
- Required certifications and attachments:
 - Form HUD 5369-C
 - Insurance Certificate
 - MBE, FBE, DBE information
 - Section 3 information
 - Amendment acknowledgement (if any)

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AMENDMENTS

The proposer shall acknowledge in their proposal, receipt of any amendment(s) to this RFP. The proposer's failure to acknowledge an amendment may result in rejection of the offer.

4. COMPLETE AND ACCURATE SUBMISSION

A proposer's failure to provide accurate information in response to this RFP may disqualify the proposer from further participation in the selection process. A proposal may be corrected, modified, or withdrawn, provided the correction, modification, or request for withdrawal is made by the proposer in writing and is received at the submission location prior to the time designated in the RFP for final receipt of proposals. After such date and time, the proposer may not change any provision of its proposal.

5. RETENTION

All proposals are the property of LMHA and shall be retained by LMHA. Therefore, proposals will not be returned.

6. CANCELLATION/WAIVER

LMHA reserves the right to cancel this RFP or to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals received in response to this RFP, upon its determination that such cancellation or rejection is in the best interest of LMHA. LMHA further reserves the right to waive any minor informalities in any proposals received, if it be in the public interest to do so. The decision as to whom shall receive a contract award or whether an award shall be made as a result of this RFP shall be at the absolute sole discretion of LMHA. In addition, multiple awards may be made.

7. KEY PERSONNEL

The key personnel specified by the successful firm are considered essential to the work being performed under the contract. Prior to diverting any of the key personnel for any reason(s), the contractor shall notify LMHA in writing, at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance, and shall submit justification (including proposed substitutions) in sufficient detail to permit evaluation of the impact on the contract. The firm shall not change the names of these personnel or hours to be devoted, before or after contract award, without written permission from LMHA.

8. PART OF CONTRACT

The contents of the proposal submitted by the successful proposer(s) may become part of any contract award at the sole discretion of LMHA.

9. NO COMPENSATION FOR RESPONSE

Proposer will not be compensated for work or costs related to preparation and submission of this proposal.

C. EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

All proposals will be initially reviewed to determine compliance with the proposal format requirements specified within this RFP. Proposals that do not comply with these requirements may be rejected without further review. All remaining proposals will be evaluated based on the evaluation criteria outlined below:

1. Experience & Qualifications (maximum points – 45)

Evidence of the attorney's technical and professional competence and experience for this project, licensing in Kentucky, attendance at HUD training, specialty work on other HUD projects, work on other federally funded projects, continuous years of continuity as attorney, and insurance coverage.

Knowledge of real estate transactions inclusive of financing alternatives to include LIHTC and tax-exempt bond issues.

Knowledge of Limited Liability Corporations and Limited Partnerships - creation and implementation.

Knowledge of and experience with other Choice Neighborhoods and HOPE VI developments, both rental and homeownership.

Experience in dealing with various HUD offices and various government entities.

2. Timeliness (maximum points – 10)

Compliance with schedules and meeting deadlines.

3. Mixed-Finance Development (maximum points – 20)

Experience in the preparation of documents and closings for HUD mixed-financed developments.

4. Dealing With Locality Project Requirements (maximum points – 5)

Information regarding previous or current jobs in the Louisville area, as well as the attorney's plan to communicate, convey documents to appropriate parties for review, record legal documents, and coordinate activities.

5. Fee Proposal Submittal (maximum points – 20)

Fee proposal shall be submitted in the form of a schedule of hourly rates for all personnel that could be assigned to work on this contract. The contract amount shall not exceed \$200,000 and shall only be extended with the express authorization of the LMHA and shall be only for services requested and rendered. The hourly fees can be renegotiated on a yearly basis at the discretion of the Louisville Metro Housing Authority.

6. MBE, FBE, DBE Participation & Affirmative Action Plan/Policy (no rating)

Plans to utilize MBE, FBE, and DBE (Disabled) to perform a portion of the work.

D. SELECTION PROCESS

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit quality proposals so that LMHA may select the one that meets its needs and requirements. It is further desired that the RFP process will ensure competitiveness among offerors. LMHA urges all interested offerors to carefully review the requirements of this RFP. Written proposals containing the requested information will serve as the initial basis for selection of finalists. All proposals will be reviewed by LMHA based on the evaluation criteria contained in this RFP. LMHA will select the top firm(s) based upon the evaluation criteria and LMHA's particular needs.

In order to be considered, proposals must be received at the location listed in Section B.2.a. no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, on September 29, 2020 via mail or delivery. Proposals must be sealed, marked with the title of this RFP, and the offeror's name, address, and telephone number. All material must be submitted on as 8½" X 11" format. Submit an original and three (3) copies.

The above stated deadline is firm as to date and hour. An offeror may select any mode of delivery; however, the risk of no-delivery shall remain with the offeror. LMHA will treat as ineligible for consideration, and will return unopened, any submission that is received after the deadline.

Faxed or e-mailed submissions will not be accepted. All timely submissions become the property of LMHA and will not be returned. Proposals will be held in confidence and not released in any manner until after contract award.

E. Request For Proposals (RFP) Questions

The intent of this RFP is to establish the general scope of work for the services needed and to provide prospective offerors with sufficient information to enable them to provide an acceptable response to this RFP. Every effort has been made to outline requirements and to provide information in a format that is clear and concise. Nevertheless, questions may arise, or additional information may be needed. Questions and inquiries regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing. All inquiries must be received no later than 12:00 noon local time on September 18, 2020 and should be submitted to:

Bernard Pincus-Director, Choice Construction Implementation
Louisville Metro Housing Authority
420 South 8th Street
Louisville, KY 40203
or
pincus@lmha1.org

Answers will be provided as written addenda to this RFP, issued by fax and/or e-mail to all firms who have requested the RFP.

LMHA will endeavor to provide copies of addenda to all potential offerors to have acquired this RFP, but it will be the responsibility of each offeror to make inquiry as to the existence and content of addenda, as the same shall become part of this RFP and all offerors will be bound thereby, whether or not the addenda are actually received by the offeror.

F. LMHA RIGHTS

LMHA reserves the right to cancel this RFP, or to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals received in response to this RFP, upon its determination that such cancellation or rejection is in the best interest of LMHA. LMHA further reserves the right to waive any minor informalities, or the failure of any offeror to comply therewith, if it is in the public interest to do so. LMHA will pay no compensation to any proposer for any costs related to preparation or submittal of this proposal.

LMHA will reject the proposal of any offeror who is suspended and/or debarred by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from providing services to public housing authorities, and reserves the right to reject the proposal of any offeror who has previously failed to perform any contract properly for LMHA.

The determination of the criteria and process whereby proposals are evaluated and the decision as to who shall receive a contract award, or whether an award or multiple awards shall be made as a result of this RFP, shall be at the sole and absolute discretion of LMHA.

G. OPTION FOR CONTRACT EXTENSION

Generally: This section provides a mechanism for extending the contract for four 365 consecutive calendar day periods. Options may be exercised at the discretion of the Louisville Metro Housing Authority. The option provision exists solely for LMHA's convenience. If LMHA exercises one or multiple options, the Consultant shall, during the option period, continue to perform as prescribed by the contract.

Duration: If LMHA exercises the extension option, the initial extension shall begin immediately upon the expiration of the first contract term of 365 days and shall extend for a second 365 calendar days. The total combined duration of the original contract term, plus the maximum of four extension terms, shall be 1825 consecutive calendar days from the date of the original contract date.

Price Increase: The consultant's fees will be fixed for the first year of the contract. If LMHA desires to exercise the option and extend the contract, the consultant shall propose an amount by which it wishes to increase unit prices. LMHA may consider the proposed increase as a factor in assessing

the benefit of extending the contract by option, as opposed to issuing a public RFP to secure services for what would otherwise be the option period.

Note: the consultant is not required to propose increasing rates or fees.

If LMHA notifies the Consultant that LMHA intends to exercise the option, the Consultant and LMHA shall, within 10 consecutive business days, meet to negotiate an option increase percentage, if any, that will be applied to the consultant's rates and fees during the option term. Negotiations shall proceed from the premise that no increase shall be granted except upon the Consultant's showing of good cause.

Total Fee Not-to-Exceed \$1,000,000: Under no circumstances, unless otherwise established by written modification, shall the total fee for services provided during each option extension exceed \$200,000. The total fee paid to the consultant for services rendered during the original contract period and the four option periods shall not exceed \$1,000,000.

Exercise at LMHA's Sole Discretion: Any option provision contained in this agreement may be exercised only by the Louisville Metro housing Authority and no language or provision of this instrument, nor any statement or promise by any LMHA agent or employee, shall be construed as establishing any right in the Consultant to independently trigger or exercise the option.

Notice of LMHA's Decision: At least thirty consecutive calendar days before the expiration date of the original contract term, LMHA will inform the consultant of LMHA's intention to exercise or not exercise the extension option.

If LMHA chooses to exercise the exercise the extension option, the Consultant shall, within 10 consecutive business days after receiving LMHA's notice, meet with LMHA's Contracting Officer or the Contracting Officer's Designee to negotiate the actual option increase percentage, if any. After the actual option increase percentage, if any, is determined and LMHA Board approval is acquired, LMHA shall deliver to the Consultant a modification form memorializing the extension agreement. The modification form shall include an updated Fee Schedule (if any) representing the fees and rates that will apply during the option term. LMHA's delivery of the modification form shall bind the Consultant to the extension agreement. If LMHA chooses not to exercise the extension option, the Consultant shall complete its performance under the contract as otherwise prescribed.

Option Dependent Upon Consultant's Responsibility: The consultant shall take such steps as may be required to maintain its qualifications and ability to at all times during the term of this agreement and to lawfully meet its obligations under this agreement. The Consultant shall, forty-five days prior to the expiration date if the original contract term, provide the following written certification to LMHA:

I _____ hereby certify that _____ has
(principal's name) (company name)

taken all necessary steps to maintain its qualifications and ability to lawfully provide the services required under Proposal #1528 during the term of the option extension, should LMHA choose to exercise the extension option.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

**VI. Proposed Form of Agreement Between Owner
and Legal Consultant**

CONTRACT FOR CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS
LEGAL CONSULTANT SERVICES
HUD & MISCELLANEOUS CONSULTATION

This Contract is entered into by and between the Louisville Metro Housing Authority, 420 South Eighth street, Louisville, Kentucky 40203 (herein “LMHA”), and _____ (herein “Legal Consultant”) on this ___ day of _____, 2020.

It is hereby agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I
SCOPE OF SERVICES AND DUTIES

1.0 Scope. Legal Consultant shall perform, on behalf of and for LMHA, all of the legal services related to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and other miscellaneous consultation, set forth in the Request for Proposal issued _____ and titled *Request for Proposals-Legal Consultant For The Russell Choice Neighborhoods Implementation* (Proposal No. _____), a copy of which is attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference, and marked as Exhibit A. Further, Legal Consultant shall perform legal services as directed by the Executive Director of LMHA or other LMHA staff with respect to LMHA’s implementation of a neighborhood transformation planning process for the Russell Neighborhood and Beecher Terrace public housing development. Such services shall include but are not limited to general legal advice and assistance with respect to the successful development and implementation of the Russell Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan. Legal Consultant may also assist LMHA, it’s partners and other involved parties in the project (e.g. Planning Coordinator, developers, HUD, Financial Consultants, etc.) in dealing with the Washing D. C. office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), that is responsible for the CNI grant, on program issues and interpretation of HUD requirements and seeking any waivers of such requirements that may be necessary. Legal Consultant will assist with developing legal relationships with non-profit and for-profit partners. The Legal Consultant is prohibited from serving in any dual role (e.g. developer, syndicator, etc.) that may call to question any legal advice, analysis, evaluations, recommendations or other services provided to LMHA.

1.1 Reporting Requirements. Legal Consultant shall take all responsible steps to represent LMHA in the above matter and will take all reasonable steps to keep LMHA informed of progress, relevant facts, and respond promptly to LMHA’s inquiries regarding the Project. LMHA agrees to keep Legal Consultant advised of relevant facts, and to cooperate with Legal Consultant and keep them informed of new developments concerning the Project.

ARTICLE II
TERM

2.0 Term. This Contract shall be effective as of _____, 2020. The contract may be extended up to four (4) additional years in accordance with the terms contained within the Contract. The services provided by Legal Consultant hereunder shall be taken in such sequence and with such reasonable dispatch as to facilitate the expeditious completion of the legal services requested at the lowest practical cost.

2.1 Termination. This Contract may be terminated at any time by LMHA at will or for cause upon (30) days written notice to Legal consultant. Legal Consultant shall be compensated for all completed services and related expenditures under this Contract as of the date of termination.

ARTICLE III
FEES

3.0 Payments. LMHA shall pay Legal Consultant for all reasonable legal services rendered hereunder, pursuant to the Proposal submitted on _____, and particularly the “Fee Proposal” set forth in Exhibit B. Legal consultant shall staff the Project in the manner described in the Proposal and abide by the requirements of this contract.

3.1 Expense Reimbursement. LMHA shall reimburse the Legal Consultant for such reimbursable expenses relating to the legal services assigned and approved in advance by LMHA. Said expenses shall include those set forth in the RFP and Proposal submitted by the Legal Consultant. Other expenses not set forth in the Proposal which are reasonable in amount and necessary to accomplish the scope of services of this Contract shall also be reimbursed by LMHA.

3.2 Consultants. The Legal Consultant’s project team shall be as noted in the Proposal. Key personnel shall not be diverted or replaced, and other consultants shall not be retained by the Legal consultant without the prior written authorization of LMHA.

3.3 Monthly Statements. The Legal Consultant shall submit to LMHA a monthly statement of account which clearly sets forth the date of performance, the designated items of work, the name of the Legal consultant who performed the work, the time charged thereto (in 1/10 hour segments, or multiples thereof, in connection with an hourly rate), and the total number of hours charged under each rate for the Legal Consultant or staff members listed. Statements shall be submitted to LMHA in a timely and consistent manner.

3.4 Payment Time Period. LMHA agrees to pay Legal Consultant for all approved invoices within thirty (30) days from the date the invoice is received by LMHA.

3.5 Contract Completion. At the conclusion of the performance of Legal Consultant services, all unpaid charges shall become due and payable. All documents and files of LMHA related to the

Project shall be forwarded to LMHA, along with all property of LMHA in Legal Consultant's possession at that time.

3.6 Maximum Fees. Legal Consultant fees pursuant to this Contract shall not exceed \$200,000 for the original contract term, unless prior written authorization is granted by LMHA to exceed that amount. Should this contract be extended past the original contract term, each additional option extension shall not exceed \$200,000. The total fee paid to the Consultant for services rendered during the original contract term and the four option periods shall not exceed \$1,000,000.

ARTICLE IV HUD REQUIREMENTS

4.0 Subcontracting with Small and Minority Firms, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms. Legal Consultant shall take all necessary steps to ensure that, whenever possible, subcontracts are awarded to small business firms, minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.

4.1 Equal Employment Opportunity. During the performance of this Contract, Legal Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, veteran status or handicap. Such action shall include, but not be limited to: (1) employment; (2) upgrading; (3) demotion or transfer; (4) recruitment or recruitment advertising; (5) layoff or termination; (6) rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and, (7) selection for training, including apprenticeships. The Louisville Metro Government may use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to assist with the completion of the comprehensive Choice Neighborhoods transformation plan, therefore CDBG contract provision must be implemented by the Legal Consultant. The "CDBG Contract Provisions", a copy of which is attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference, and marked as Exhibit A.

4.2 Interest of Members of Congress. No Member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States of America shall be admitted to any share or part of this Contract or to any benefit that may arise hereunder.

4.3 Interest of Members, Officers, or Employees and Former Members, Officers, or Employees. No member, officer or employee of LMHA, no member of the governing body of Louisville Metro Government, and no other public official of Louisville Metro Government who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to LMHA, shall, during his or her tenure, or for one year thereafter, have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract or the proceeds thereof.

4.4 Limitations of Payments Made to Influence Certain Federal Financial Transactions. Legal Consultant agrees to comply with Section 1352 of Title 31, United States Code, which prohibits the use of Federal appropriated funds 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: (1) the awarding of any Federal contract; (2) the making of any Federal grant; (3) the making of any Federal loan; (4) the entering into of any cooperative agreement; or (5) the modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. Legal Consultant further agrees to comply with the requirement of the Act to furnish a disclosure (OMB Standard Form LLL-Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, or other forms required pursuant to The Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995) if any funds other than Federal appropriated funds (including profits or fees received under a Federal transaction) have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.

4.5 Examination and Retention of Legal Consultant's Records. LMHA, or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, for at least five (5) years after final payment under this Contract, have access to and the right to examine any of Legal Consultant's directly pertinent books, documents, papers, or any other records involving activities related to this Contract, for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions of such records. The complete requirement is located in the CDBG Contract Provisions, Exhibit C.

4.6 Equal Opportunity for Business and Lower-Income Persons (HUD Act of 1968, Section 3). Legal Consultant agrees to comply with HUD regulations in 23 CFR Part 135, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by the execution of this Contract, Legal Consultant certifies that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent compliance with 24 CFR Part 135 regulations.

4.7 Certification of a Drug-Free Workplace.

A. Definitions. As used in this clause:

"Controlled Substance" – means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of Section 202 of the Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined in regulation at 21 CFR 1308.11 – 1308.15.

"Conviction" – means a finding of guilty (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes.

"Criminal drug statute" – means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of any controlled substance.

"Drug-free Workplace" – means the site(s) for the performance of work done by Legal Consultant in connection with a specific contract at which employees of Legal Consultant are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance.

"Employee" – means an employee of Legal Consultant directly engaged in the performance of work under a Government Contract. "Directly engaged" is defined to

include all direct cost employees and any other employee who has other than a minimal impact or involvement in contract performance.

B. Duties. Legal Consultant, if other than an individual, shall within thirty (30) calendar days after award (unless a longer period is agreed to in writing for contracts of thirty (30) calendar days or more performance duration), or as soon as possible for contracts of less than thirty (30) calendar days performance duration:

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

2. Establish an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform such employees about –

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

3. Provide all employees engaged in performance of this Contract with a copy of the statement required by subparagraph B.1 of this clause.

4. Notify such employees in writing in the statement required by subparagraph b.1 of this clause that, as a condition of continued employment on this contract, the employee will –

(i) Abide by the terms of the statement: and

(ii) Notify the employer in writing of the employee's conviction under a criminal drug statute for violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) calendar days after such conviction.

5. Notify LMHA in writing within ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice under subsection B.4(ii) of this provision from an employee, or otherwise, receiving actual notice of such conviction. The notice shall include the position or title of the employee.

6. Within thirty (30) calendar days after receiving notice under subsection B.4(ii) of this clause of a conviction, take one of the following actions with respect to any employee who is convicted of a drug abuse violation occurring in the workplace:

(i) Take appropriate personnel action against such employee, up to and including termination; or

(ii) Require such employee to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

7. Make a good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of subparagraphs B.1 through B.6 of this clause.

C. Legal Consultant, if an individual, agrees by award of this contract or acceptance of a purchase order, not to engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance in the performance of this Contract.

D. In addition to other remedies available to LMHA, Legal Consultant's failure to comply with requirements B. or C. of this clause may, pursuant to FAR 23.506, render the Legal Consultant subject to suspension of Contract payments, termination of the contract for default, and suspension or debarment.

ARTICLE V **MISCELLANEOUS**

5.0 Arbitration – Any claim or controversy arising out of or relating to this Contract or the breach thereof shall be submitted to binding arbitration by an arbitrator mutually selected by the parties, and Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any Court having jurisdiction thereof. It is agreed between the parties that the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall have jurisdiction over the arbitration, and that any such hearings shall be held in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

5.1 Changes – Any and all changes or modifications to this Contract must be in writing and signed by both the Legal Consultant and an authorized representative of LMHA.

5.2 Governing Law – This Contract is made and entered into in Jefferson County, Kentucky and shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The above notwithstanding, nothing in this agreement shall be construed to require or allow the Legal Consultant or LMHA to act in violation of any law, rule, or regulation of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or the United States of America.

5.3 Entire Agreement - This Contract, consisting of seven (7) pages, the above-listed Exhibits, and any subsequent addenda agreed to in writing by both parties, contains the entire agreement between the parties.

5.4 Claims/Lawsuits - Legal Consultant shall indemnify LMHA, and its employees, from liability arising out of the negligence of Legal Consultant (or its employees acting within the course and scope of their employment) in connection with any and all claims or lawsuits that may arise out of the provision of services under the terms of this Contract. LMHA shall indemnify Legal Consultant, and its employees, from liability arising out of the negligence of LMHA (or its employees acting within the course and scope of their employment) in connection with any and all claims or lawsuits that may arise out of the provision of services under the terms of this Contract.

CONTRACT EXHIBIT A

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CONTRACT EXHIBIT B

SCHEDULE OF FEES

CONTRACT EXHIBIT C

CONTRACT PROVISIONS

CDBG-ASSISTED NON-CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

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(Required by Title 24 Part 84 of the Code of the Federal Regulations)

The following Federal Regulations, Contract Provisions and Clauses are incorporated into this agreement in their entirety, and made an integral part hereof.

1. Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246 dated 9/24/65, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated 10/13/67):

The contractor hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for professional services, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 CFR Chapter 60, which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the federal government or borrowed on the credit of the federal government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan insurance or guarantee or undertaken pursuant to any federal program involving such grant, contract, loan insurance or guarantee, the following equal opportunity clause:

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

A. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rate of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination.

B. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

C. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

D. The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and with the rules, regulations and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

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

F. In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations or orders, 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 in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulations, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

G. The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph A and the provisions of paragraphs A through G in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 14, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance: Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

H. The contractor further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, that if the applicant so participating is a state or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrument or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

I. The contractor agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

J. The contractor further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the executive order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the executive order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate proceedings.

2. Minority and Women Business Enterprise Policy:

The contractor agrees to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises as defined in 13 CFR 124.103 have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds provided under this agreement. In this regard all recipients or contractors shall take all necessary and reasonable steps in accordance with 13 CFR 124.103 to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform contracts. The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of this contract.

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with Executive Order 12138 entitled "Women Business Enterprise Policy" which includes, but is not limited to, creating or supporting new programs responsive to the special needs of women business enterprises, establishing incentives to promote business or business-related opportunities of women business enterprises, collecting and disseminating information in support of women business enterprise in ensuring to women business enterprises knowledge of any ready access to business-related services and resources.

3. Compliance in the Provision of Training, Employment and Business Opportunities:

A. The work to be performed under this contract is on a project assisted under a program providing direct federal financial assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Metro Government and is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 USC, 1701u. Section 3 requires that to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment be given to lower income residents of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns which are located in, or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the area of the project.

B. The parties to this contract will comply with the provisions of said Section 3 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development set forth in 24 CFR 135, and all applicable rules and orders of the Department issued thereunder prior to the execution of this contract. The parties to this contract certify and agree that they are under no contractual or other disability which would prevent them from complying with these requirements.

C. Compliance with the provisions of Section 3, the regulations set forth in 24 CFR Part 135, and all applicable rules and orders of the Department issued hereunder prior to the execution of the contract, shall be a condition of the federal financial assistance provided to the project, binding upon the applicant or recipient for such assistance, its successors and assigns. Failure to fulfill these requirements shall subject the applicant or recipient, its contractors and subcontractors, its successors and assigns to those sanctions specified by the grant or loan agreement or contract through which federal assistance is provided, and to such sanctions as are specified by 24 CFR Part 135.

4. Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor"), agrees as follows:

A. The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices.

B. In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential sub-contractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

C. The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, their sources of information and its facilities as may be determined by the Metro Government or the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information is required or a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the contractor shall so certify to the awarding agency, the Metro Government, or the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

D. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the Metro Government or the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development shall impose such contract sanctions as it may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Withholding of payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or,
- (2) Cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

E. The contractor shall include the provisions of paragraph (A) through (E) in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Metro Government or the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance; provided, however, that in the event the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the Metro Government to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the Metro Government, and, in addition, the contractor may request the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

5. Title VIII Civil Rights Acts of 1968 (as applicable):

The contractor shall comply with Title VIII Civil Rights Acts of 1968 which prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of dwellings (as defined), discrimination in the financing or housing, blockbusting, and discriminatory advertising; and makes it unlawful to deny any person access to, or membership or participation in, any multiple listing service or real estate broker organization for discriminatory reasons.

6. Section 109 Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974 (as applicable):

The contractor provides that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part under this title.

7. Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973:

A. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified handicapped individuals without discrimination based upon their physical or mental handicap in all demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination rates

of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

B. The contractor agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.

C. In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for non-compliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.

D. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Metro Government, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified handicapped employees and applicants for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.

E. The contractor will notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the contractor is bound by the terms of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment physically and mentally handicapped individuals.

F. The contractor will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order of \$2,500 or more unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to Section 504 of the Act, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for non-compliance.

8. Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 (as applicable):

The contractor shall comply with Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 which Amends Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in the sale, rental and financing of dwellings. The 1988 Amendments Act extends coverage of the 1968 Act to persons with disabilities and families with children. In addition, the 1988 Amendments establish certain design and construction requirements for new multi-family housing built for first occupancy on or after March 13, 1991.

9. Age Discrimination Act of 1975:

The contractor shall comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 which provides that no person, on the basis of age shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

10. Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990:

The contractor shall comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 which provides that no person, on the basis of handicap, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

11. Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities:

The contractor certifies that he/she does not maintain or provide for his/her employees any segregated facility at any of his/her establishments, and those under his/her control. He/she certifies further that he/she will not maintain or provide for employment segregated facilities at any of his/her establishments, and he/she will not permit employees to perform their services at any location under his/her control where segregated facilities are maintained. The contractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity Clause of the contract. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. He/she further agrees that (except where he/she has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he/she will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractors prior to the awards of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause; that he/she will retain such certification in his/her files; and that he/she will forward this notice to such proposed subcontractors (except where proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods).

12. Retention and Access Requirements For Records (24 CFR Part 85.42):

A. The contractor shall comply with Retention and Access Requirements For Records (24 CFR Part 85.42) and Metro Government records access and retention requirements, to wit:

Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records and all other records pertinent to a grant shall be retained for a period of five (5) years, with the following qualifications:

- (1) If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audits or other action is started before the expiration of the five-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claim or audit findings involving the records have been resolved, or the five-year period, whichever is later.

(2) Records of nonexpendable property acquired with federal funds shall be retained for five years after final disposition of such property.

(3) When records are transferred to or maintained by the federal sponsoring agency, the five-year retention required is not applicable to the grantee.

B. The five-year retention period starts from the date of issuance of a "Certification of Completion" respective to the grant by the Metro Government.

C. The Metro Government shall request transfer of certain records to its custody from grantees when it is determined that the records possess long-term retention value. However, in order to avoid duplicate record-keeping, the Metro Government may make arrangements with grantees to retain any records that are continuously needed for joint uses.

D. The Metro Government, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any pertinent books, documents, papers and records of grantee and sub-grantees to make audits, examinations, excerpts and transcripts.

E. Unless otherwise required by law, the Metro Government shall not place restrictions upon grantees that will limit public access to the records of grantees that are pertinent to a grant except when the agency can demonstrate that such records must be kept confidential and would have been excepted from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552) if the records had belonged to the grantor agency.

13. Disclosure Reports (HUD Reform Act of 1989 - 24 CFR Part 4.9):

Section 2 of the HUD Reform Act of 1989 requires that if the grantee receives \$200,000 or more in federal CDBG funds during a federal fiscal year, (October 1 - September 30), a HUD disclosure report must be completed for each contract funded in whole or in part with federal CDBG funds. A copy of all such Disclosure Reports must be submitted by the grantee to the Grant Support Office of the Metro Government within ten (10) days after contract execution. In order for the grantee to comply with this federal requirement, the grantee will provide to the contractor the prescribed format of Part IV to the HUD Disclosure Report, and the contractor agrees to furnish the grantee a completed Part IV to the HUD Disclosure Report within seven (7) days of execution of the agreement between contractor and grantee. Within such Part IV of the prescribed HUD Disclosure Report, the contractor will provide the grantee with the following minimum information:

a. The name of all persons who are proprietors, partners, directors or officers of the contractor and thereby have a pecuniary interest in the proceeds of the CDBG-assisted contract;

b. The social security account number of all proprietors listed in a. above, or the federal identification number of the partnership or corporation which is subject to the CDBG-assisted contract, as applicable;

c. The type of participation each individual named in a. above will have in the CDBG-assisted contract. Such participation may be listed in the Part IV of the HUD Disclosure Report as "direct", or "passive", whichever applies to such proprietor, partner, director or officer, as applicable; and,

d. The financial interest of the named individual as set forth in a. above; such interest to be expressed in dollar terms or in terms of percentage of ownership of the proprietorship, partnership, or corporation which is to receive federal CDBG funding under this contract.

14. Compliance with Sections 102 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act:

In carrying out this agreement, the contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 USC 327-333) as supplemented in US Department of Labor regulations 29 CFR Part 5, respective to construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by grantees and subgrantees, and \$2,500 for other contracts which involve the employment of mechanics or laborers.

15. Compliance with Clean Air and Water Acts (applicable to all contracts over \$100,000):

In carrying out this agreement, the contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401 et seq.), and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 USC 1251 et seq.), as amended. Such statutes and regulations prohibit the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the Environmental Protection Agency's List of Violating Facilities. The provision shall require reporting of violations to the grantor agency and to the US Environmental Protection Agency.

Clean Water

- a. The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq . The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the Metro Government and understands and agrees that the Metro Government shall, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.
- b. The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance

provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- c. The contractor affirms that That any facility that is or will be utilized in the performance of this contract, unless such contract is exempt under the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857 et seq., as amended by Pub.L. 91-604), and under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., as amended by Pub.L. 92-500), Executive Order 11738, and regulations in implementation thereof (40 CFR 15) is not listed, on the date of contract award, on the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List of Violating Facilities pursuant to 40 CFR 15.20.

Clean Air

- a. The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq . The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the Metro Government and understands and agrees that the Metro Government shall, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.
- b. The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
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16. The Contractor agrees to comply with Executive Order 11738 and EPA regulations, including but not limited to 40 CFR 15.

17. Conservation:

The Contractor agrees to comply with 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. See KRS 45A.351.

18. Drug-Free Workplace Requirements:

In carrying out this agreement, the contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 701) and to certify that contractor will

comply with drug-free workplace requirements in accordance with the Act and with HUD rules found at 24 CFR part 24, subpart F.

19. Copyrights

a. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development reserves a royalty free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for Federal Government purposes:

i. The copyright in any work developed under a grant, subgrant, or contract under a grant or subgrant; and

ii. Any rights of copyright to which a grantee, subgrantee or a contractor purchases ownership with grant support.

24. Patent Rights

The following requirements apply to each contract involving experimental, developmental, or research work:

- a. General - If any invention, improvement, or discovery is conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under the contract to which this Attachment has been added, and that invention, improvement, or discovery is patentable under the laws of the United States of America or any foreign country, the Metro Government and Contractor agree to take actions necessary to provide immediate notice and a detailed report to the party at a higher tier until the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is ultimately notified.
- b. Unless the Federal Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, irrespective of the Contractor's status (a large business, small business, state government or state instrumentality, local government, nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, individual), the Metro Government and the Contractor agree to take the necessary actions to provide, through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, those rights in that invention due the Federal Government as described in U.S. Department of Commerce regulations, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," 37 C.F.R. Part 401.
- c. The Contractor also agrees to include the requirements of this clause in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**VII. MBE, WBE, & DBE, and Section 3 PROGRAMS
CONTRACTURAL REQUIREMENTS, FORMS,
AND DOCUMENTS**

LMHA Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Disabled Business Enterprise (DBE) and Section 3 Programs

All bidders must comply with the requirements of LMHA's MBE, WBE and DBE, and Section 3 Programs to be considered responsive.

THE PARTICIPATION PERCENTAGE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT ARE:

MBE - TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)

WBE - TEN PERCENT (10%)

DBE - ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT (.5%)

SECTION 3 REQUIRED NUMERICAL GOALS:

- **AWARD AT LEAST 10% OF THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT TO SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERNS**
- **HIRING SECTION 3 RESIDENTS IN A NUMBER EQUAL TO AT LEAST 30% OF THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF NEW HIRES**

I. LMHA Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), and Disabled Business Enterprise (DBE) Programs

A. Generally

This contract includes provisions regarding **MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE), WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (WBE), and DISABLED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)** solicitation and employment for firms wishing to participate in LMHA federally funded procurement activities that have potential for MBE, WBE, or DBE involvement in accordance with Executive Order 11625.

FAILURE TO MEET THE MBE, WBE and DBE GOALS MAY HAVE A SERIOUS IMPACT ON THE EVALUATION OF A BIDDER'S RESPONSIVENESS!

B. Definitions

The following definitions are used throughout the bid documents and Contract Documents:

1. **MBE** - Means Minority Business Enterprise. That is, a business which is fifty-one percent (51%), or more, owned by one or more persons who are members of a racial minority ("Racial Minority" is defined below), and in which such persons share economic interests and have proportionate control over management, interest in capital, and interest in earnings (minority/non-minority joint ventures are addressed elsewhere in these documents).
2. **WBE** - Means Women Business Enterprise. That is, a business which is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned by one or more females, or in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51% of the stock is owned by one or more females; is managed by, and the daily business operations are controlled by one or more females; and is a domestic corporation with its home office located in the United States, which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, firm or other business.
3. **DBE** - Means Disabled Business Enterprise. That is, a business which is fifty-one percent (51%), or more, owned by one or more disabled individuals, or in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51% of the stock is owned by one or more disabled individuals; is managed by, and the daily business operations are controlled by one or more disabled individual; and is a domestic corporation with its home office located in the United States, which is not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign corporation, firm or other business.
4. **MBE Certification** -- All MBE, WBE, and DBE firms must be certified through either the Tri-State Minority Supplier Development Council, the Louisville and Jefferson County Human Relations Commission, or must provide evidence satisfactory to LMHA of minority ownership.
5. **Racial Minority** - Also called "Minority," means any United States Citizen who is:
 - a) African American (racial classification 2) - All persons of origins in any black African racial group not of Hispanic origin; or,
 - b) Hispanic American (racial classification 3) - All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish descended culture or origin, regardless of race; or,

- c) **Asian American** (racial classification 4) - All persons having origins in any of the Pre-Magellanic peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Sub-Continent, or the Pacific Islands; or,
 - d) **American Indian or Native Alaskan** (racial classification 5) - All persons having origins in any of the Pre-Colombian peoples of North America, including Alaska, who maintain identifiable tribal affiliations, through membership and participation or community-identification; or,
 - e) **Hasidic Jew** (racial classification 6) - All persons having origins in the Hasidic Jewish culture, who maintain identifiable cultural affiliations, through membership and participation or community-identification.
6. **Disabled Person** - Means any person who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities, or has a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment.
7. **Woman** - Means a person born with the physical and genetic characteristics commonly associated with the female gender as currently defined by the professional medical community.

Women and disabled persons are not "Minority" persons, for the purposes of this project, unless they also meet one of the above-indicated definitions of a "Racial Minority."

C. *MBE, WBE, and DBE Certification*

All MBE, WBE, and DBE firms must be certified through the **Tri-State Minority Supplier Development Council**, 600 W. Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, (502) 625-0159, or the **Louisville and Jefferson County Human Relations Commission**, 410 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, (502)574-3631. Certifications from other agencies will be reviewed on a case by case basis. A copy of the certification must be submitted upon request.

Questions concerning MBE participation may be directed to the Louisville Metro Housing Authority's MBE/Section 3 Coordinator, Phil Reidinger, at (502) 569-4922 or Reidinger@LMHA1.org.

1. Certification through one or more of the listed agencies indicates that a firm meets or exceeds the certifying agency's requirements for MBE, WBE, or DBE certification, however, it should not be construed as implying LMHA approval of such MBE, WBE, or DBE. MBE, WBE, or DBE certification is not indicative of any qualification to perform the work for which the Bidder has proposed the MBE firm. It is the Bidder's inherent responsibility to ensure, **prior to submitting a bid**, that ALL proposed subcontractors are qualified.

D. MBE, WBE, and DBE Participation in LMHA Contracts

This policy applies to LMHA projects for construction, demolition, renovation, abatement, and similar activities. HUD mandates that the primary procurement responsibility of PHAs is to secure the best goods or services at the best price. However, MBE, WBE, and DBE participation is an integral and highly important part of LMHA's contracting activities. A minimum MBE, WBE, and DBE participation percentage goal has been established for this project and set forth above. The potential for achieving the MBE, WBE, and DBE participation percentage goal may depend upon the relative availability of MBE, WBE, and DBE firms in the categories of work anticipated. The Contract will be awarded to the responsible and responsive bidder who submits the lowest price, provided award serves LMHA's best interests.

1. **IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED RESPONSIVE**, a bidder must either meet the goals or provide evidence conclusively demonstrating that it made a strenuous, albeit unsuccessful, good faith effort to meet the goals. **Failure to aggressively respond to these requirements** is grounds for rejection of bid as non-responsive.
2. Law prohibits public housing agencies, including LMHA, from mandating MBE, WBE, or DBE participation. Bidders on LMHA projects are not obligated to use MBE, WBE, or DBE goods or services simply to meet the MBE, WBE, or DBE participation goal if the goods or services are available from non-MBE, non-WBE, or non-DBE sources at lower cost or using the MBE, WBE, or DBE would increase the cost of performance. Likewise, this policy shall not be construed as endorsing the representation of MBE, WBE, or DBE participation, when in fact a substantial portion of the participation proposed to be performed by an MBE, WBE, or DBE will be performed by the Contractor or by a third tier, non-MBE, non-WBE, or non-DBE subcontractor. For example:

If, on the *List of Proposed Subcontractors*, the bidder indicates that an MBE, WBE, or DBE will provide case work and trim carpentry services; and, the MBE, WBE, or DBE intends to, or commonly does, subcontract a substantial portion of its work to third tier non-MBE, non-WBE, or non-DBE subcontractors; such conditions would conflict with the intent of LMHA's MBE, WBE, and DBE Policy and the bidder's MBE, WBE, or DBE participation percentage would be reduced commensurately and its responsiveness reevaluated accordingly. The foregoing statements should not be construed as diminishing LMHA's commitment to MBE, WBE, or DBE participation. LMHA is committed to MBE, WBE, and DBE participation and expects contractors to employ MBE, WBE, and DBE firms to the fullest extent feasible.

E. Calculating MBE Participation

1. General -- An MBE's, WBE's, and DBE's participation in the Contract may count toward the goal to the extent that the MBE, WBE, or DBE performs Contract work with its own forces or through an MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractor that uses its own forces. Work that an MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontracts to a non-MBE, non-WBE, or non-DBE subcontractor does not count toward the goal. Any contractor, subcontractor, or joint venture, that claims MBE, WBE, or DBE participation may be required, at any time, to produce evidence that the portion of the total contract price claimed was actually awarded to, performed, or supplied by MBE, WBE, or DBE firms.
2. MBE, WBE, and DBE Qualifications -- For their participation to count toward the goal, MBE, WBE, and DBE firms must be currently certified as MBE, WBE, or DBE firms at the time of the bid opening. MBE, WBE, and DBE firms, to participate in the Contract, must meet all the responsiveness and responsibility requirements imposed on other contractors and subcontractors under the Contract.
3. Commercial Utility -- The participation of an MBE, WBE, or DBE may count toward the goal only if the MBE, WBE, or DBE performs a commercially useful function in executing the Contract work.
 - a) An MBE, WBE, or DBE firm's function may be commercially useful if it includes direct, day-to-day responsibility for significant work of the Contract and the MBE, WBE, or DBE actually fulfills its responsibilities by performing, managing, and supervising that work.
 - b) Responsibility for negotiating prices, determining quality and quantities, ordering, installing, and paying for materials and supplies involved in the MBE's, WBE's, or DBE's portion of the Contract work may, also, indicate commercial utility.
 - c) An MBE's, WBE's, or DBE's function is not commercially useful if the firm's actual role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to present the appearance of MBE, WBE, or DBE participation. In determining whether a firm is an extra participant, LMHA may examine similar transactions, contracts, or projects, particularly those in which MBE, WBE, or DBE firms do not participate.
 - d) An MBE, WBE, or DBE that does not perform, or bear and exercise responsibility for, at least 12 percent of the total cost of its Contract work with its own forces, or that subcontracts a greater portion of its Contract work than would be expected under normal industry practice for the type of work involved, is preemptively not performing a commercially useful function. An MBE, WBE, or DBE

may challenge the presumption that it is not performing a commercially useful function. Because no privity can exist between LMHA and a subcontractor, MBE, WBE, and DBE subcontractors must assert such challenges through the prime contractor.

- e) LMHA may evaluate industry practices, the amount and type of work awarded to the MBE, WBE, or DBE, and any other factors LMHA deems appropriate, to determine whether a function is commercially useful.
4. MBE, WBE, or DBE Prime Contractors -- MBE, WBE, or DBE firms are under the same obligations as any other prime contractor with respect to LMHA's MBE, WBE, or DBE goals. To receive MBE, WBE, or DBE participation credit, an MBE, WBE, or DBE prime contractor must perform at least 12% of the Contract work with its own forces. MBE, WBE, or DBE prime contractors may be credited with MBE, WBE, or DBE participation to the extent that they perform the Contract work with their own forces and employ MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractors pursuant to the provisions of this policy. For example:

If an MBE, WBE, or DBE prime contractor will perform \$12,000-worth of work with its own forces, and the total contract price is \$100,000, MBE, WBE, or DBE participation would be 12%. Thus, if the MBE, WBE, or DBE participation goal was 20%, the MBE, WBE, or DBE prime contractor would be short of the goal and required to either obtain another 8% participation or demonstrate fruitless good faith efforts to obtain another 8% and request a waiver of that portion of the goal.

5. Non-MBE, WBE, or DBE Prime Contractors - may be credited with MBE, WBE, or DBE participation based on the dollar value of that portion of the total contract work subcontracted to MBE, WBE, or DBE firms and performed by such MBE, WBE, or DBE firms using their own forces or through third tier MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractors that use their own forces. For example:

If a non-MBE, WBE, or DBE prime contractor subcontracts \$15,000-worth of the total contract work to one or more MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractors, and the total contract price is \$75,000, MBE, WBE, or DBE participation would be 20% ($\$15,000/\$75,000$).

6. MBE, WBE, or DBE Subcontractors -- To receive MBE, WBE, or DBE participation credit, an MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractor must perform at least 12% of its portion of the Contract work with its own forces. An MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractor's participation in the Contract counts toward the goal to the extent that the MBE, WBE, or DBE performs Contract work with its own forces and through third-tier MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractors that use their own forces. Work that an MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractor subcontracts to a non-MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractor does not count toward the goal. For example:

If an MBE, WBE, or DBE firm is subcontracted to fabricate and supply equipment for this project, at least 12% of the fabrication must be performed by the MBE, WBE, or DBE firms' own forces, in its own facility.

- a) A prime contractor shall receive no credit for the participation of an MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractor unless the prime contractor, before the start of work, delivers to LMHA a fully executed original counterpart of the agreement between the prime contractor and the MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractor.
- b) Such agreement must bear the prime contractor's and MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractor's notarized signatures, must state the price the MBE, WBE, or DBE will receive for its work, and must include a reasonably detailed description of the work the subcontractor will perform.

7. Joint Ventures - Joint ventures between an MBE, WBE, or DBE and a non-MBE, WBE, or DBE, bidding and performing as a joint venture prime contractor or sub-contractor, may count toward the goal to the extent of the dollar value of the Contract work performed with the MBE, WBE, or DBE party's forces. For example:

If the joint venture will perform \$35,000-worth of the total contract work with its joint forces, and the MBE, WBE, or DBE party's forces will perform \$15,000-worth of that work, and the total contract price is \$100,000, MBE, WBE, or DBE participation would be 15% ($\$15,000/\$100,000$).

If, in the preceding example, the joint venture was the prime contractor and employed MBE, WBE, or DBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractors to perform \$10,000-worth of the remaining total contract work, MBE, WBE, or DBE participation would be 25% ($(\$15,000 + \$10,000)/\$100,000$).

- a) A joint venture shall receive no MBE, WBE, or DBE participation credit unless, before the start of work, it delivers to LMHA a fully executed original counterpart of the "Joint Venture Agreement".
 - b) Such agreement must bear the notarized signatures of all parties to the agreement, must state the sum each party will receive for its work, and must include a reasonably detailed description of the work each party will perform.
 - c) To be counted at all, the MBE, WBE, or DBE party's portion of the dollar value of the work must be distinct and clearly defined.
8. Materials and Supplies - Any contractor or subcontractor may, under certain conditions, claim MBE, WBE, or DBE participation credit for MBE, WBE, or DBE suppliers who provide materials for the Contract work. MBE, WBE, or DBE supplier participation is based, generally, on the dollar value of the goods purchased from the MBE, WBE, or DBE supplier. For example:

Subject to the conditions following this example, if a non-minority prime contractor purchases \$20,000-worth of supplies from an MBE, WBE, or DBE supplier, and the total contract price is \$100,000, MBE, WBE, or DBE participation would be 20% ($\$20,000/\$100,000$). Materials and supplies purchased from MBE, WBE, or DBE firms for use in the Contract may count toward the goal as follows:

- a) If the materials or supplies are purchased from an MBE, WBE, or DBE manufacturer, 100 percent of the cost of the materials or supplies may count toward the goal.
 - (1) For the purposes of these provisions, a “manufacturer” is a business entity that operates or maintains a factory or production facility that routinely produces, on its premises and in the normal course of its business, materials, supplies, articles or equipment required under the Contract.
- b) Materials and supplies purchased from MBE, WBE, or DBE firms who are regular retail or wholesale dealers will only be counted toward the goal at 60 percent of their cost.
 - (1) For the purposes of these provisions, a “regular retail or wholesale dealer” is a business entity that:
 - (a) owns, operates, or maintains a store, warehouse, or other establishment in which materials, supplies, articles or equipment required under the Contract are bought, kept in stock, and regularly sold or leased to the public in the normal course of business; and
 - (b) is an established, regular business that engages, as its principal business and under its own name, in the purchase and sale or lease of the items required under the Contract.
 - (2) A person may be a regular retail or wholesale dealer in such bulk items as petroleum products, steel, cement, gravel, stone, or asphalt without owning, operating, or maintaining a place of business as described above, if the person owns and operates distribution equipment for distribution of such products.
 - (3) Long-term lease agreements by which a regular retail or wholesale dealer supplements its own distribution equipment may be acceptable as to the goal, but ad hoc or contract-by-contract agreements for that purpose are not.
 - (4) Packagers, brokers, manufacturers’ representatives, and other persons who arrange or expedite transactions are not regular

retail or wholesale dealers within the meaning of these provisions. Such persons' or entities' participation shall not count toward the MBE, WBE, or DBE or DBE goal.

9. Fees or commissions -- charged by an MBE, WBE, or DBE that is neither a manufacturer nor a regular retail or wholesale dealer, for assistance in procuring materials or supplies, or for feed or transportation charges for delivering materials or supplies required under the Contract, may count toward the goal, provided LMHA finds such fees or commissions are reasonable and not excessive in comparison to fees customarily allowed for similar services. No portion of the cost of the materials and supplies themselves shall count toward the goal under these circumstances, unless they qualify under one of the other provisions of this subsection.
10. Professional Services -- Fees or commissions charged by an MBE, WBE, or DBE for providing a bona fide service, such as professional, technical, consultant, or managerial services, or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of the Contract, may count toward the goal, if LMHA finds them reasonable and not excessive in comparison to fees customarily allowed for similar services.
11. Any contractor, subcontractor, or joint venture that claims MBE, WBE, or DBE participation may, at any time, be required to produce evidence that the portion of the total contract price claimed was actually awarded to, and performed or supplied, by MBE, WBE, or DBE firms.

F. Required Forms

Bidders must submit the following two (2) forms, among others, as a part of the bid proposal, regarding proposed employment of MBE, WBE, or DBE firms on this project:

1. *Schedule of Minority Business Participation*
 - a) The Bidder shall list, on this form, all MBE, WBE, or DBE firms proposed to perform as prime contractors or subcontractors for this project; the type of work to be performed; the anticipated start and completion dates for the work to be performed; and the agreed upon price for the work.
 - b) The Bidder, by completing this form, represents that, if awarded this contract, it will enter into formal contracts (provided each MBE, WBE, or DBE is accepted, in writing, by LMHA), in the amounts indicated, with the MBE, WBE, or DBE firms listed on this form.
2. *Schedule of MBE, WBE, or DBE Unavailability*
 - a) In the event the Bidder is unable to achieve the MBE, WBE, or DBE participation percentage goal, the Bidder shall list on this form all MBE,

WBE, or DBE firms contacted and/or considered, but not proposed to participate in this project, and the reasons they are not proposed to participate.

FAILURE TO SATISFY THE MBE, WBE, or DBE PARTICIPATION PERCENTAGE GOALS MAY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON A BIDDER'S RESPONSIVENESS!

G. Evidence of Responsiveness

As evidence that the Bidder has made a significant good faith effort to involve MBE, WBE, or DBE firms in this project, the Contractor, upon request, shall make available to the Louisville Metro Housing Authority such documentation as is described below.

Bidders that fail to meet MBE, WBE, or DBE goals and fail to demonstrate sufficient good faith efforts to merit a waiver, may be required to forfeit their bid guaranty as agreed liquidated damages.

H. Waiver of MBE, WBE, or DBE Goals

Minority Business Enterprise participation is a priority objective of this agency and LMHA's MBE, WBE, and DBE policy applies to all construction and abatement contracts. If, because of extreme circumstances, a bidder cannot meet the MBE, WBE, or DBE participation percentage goal, LMHA may grant a full or partial waiver of the goal. LMHA will, however, grant a waiver of the MBE, WBE, or DBE participation percentage goal only upon receipt of persuasive evidence that a bidder has made diligent, albeit ultimately unsuccessful, efforts to meet the MBE, WBE, or DBE participation percentage goal (as further explained below).

1. **Bidders must make every reasonable effort to meet the MBE, WBE, or DBE goals.**

Limited or merely formalistic efforts are not considered "good faith" efforts. The bidder must demonstrate that, given all relevant circumstances, it actively and aggressively endeavored to meet the MBE, WBE, or DBE goals.

2. **In the event a bidder finds that it cannot fully satisfy the MBE, WBE, or DBE goals of this solicitation, the bidder must submit a written request for a full or partial waiver of the goals and receive approval prior to submission of bid. All request for waivers for MBE, WBE, and DBE must be submitted with the proposals.**

The "MBE, WBE and DBE Waiver Request Information Sheet" can be found on Page 16 of this Section.

IF THE BIDDER WILL NOT USE ANY SUBCONTRACTORS OR HAS MET THE FULL MBE, WBE, AND DBE GOALS, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO REQUEST A WAIVER.

- a) The written request for a waiver must explain how the bidder views and evaluates the subcontractable components of a project and why the bidder was unable to attain the MBE, WBE, or DBE participation percentage goal. The request must also include detailed narrative statements describing the bidder's "good faith" efforts to secure MBE, WBE, and DBE participation. **If bidder has requested such waiver from LMHA within the last five (5) years, submit copies of all waiver requests.**
3. Examples of "good faith efforts" to attain the MBE, WBE, or DBE goal include, but are not necessarily limited to:
- a) **Attending scheduled meetings**, regarding the project.
 - b) **Providing written notice**, (preferably certified mail) to a reasonable number of MBE, WBE, and DBE firms requesting bids. *A reasonable number means at least as many MBE, WBE, or DBE firms as non-MBE, WBE, or DBE firms, in each trade category, must be contacted.* Copies of certified letters sent to MBE, WBE, or DBE firms requesting bids, and original, signed, receipts, or copies of telegrams soliciting bids from MBE, WBE, or DBE firms, indicating the date of delivery, would be considered evidence of such efforts.
 - c) **Allowing sufficient time** (five working days, or more, as time permits) **for MBE, WBE, and DBE firms to respond** to a written notice. *Sufficient time means initiating contact with MBE, WBE, or DBE firms at least as far in advance of the bid date as contact is initiated with non-MBE, WBE, or DBE firms.* Original responses from MBE, WBE, or DBE firms indicating the reasons why they do not wish to participate in this project and bids received from MBE, WBE, or DBE firms on those firm's letterhead or standard bid forms would be considered evidence of such efforts.
 - d) **Following up** written notification by **telephone or other means**. Date-stamped copies of telephone conversation records and faxed letters would be considered evidence of such efforts.
 - e) **Contacting MBE, WBE, and DBE assistance agencies** and organizations (see Section J of Official Bid Package for lists) and the LMHA's MBE/Section 3 Coordinator at (502) 569-4922, for assistance in locating qualified MBE, WBE, or DBE firms. Date-stamped copies of telephone conversation records and faxed or mailed letters would be considered evidence of such efforts.
 - f) **Selecting portions of the work to be performed by MBE, WBE, and DBE firms** in order to increase the likelihood of meeting the MBE, WBE, or DBE goals. Documentation demonstrating that extra effort was made to solicit MBE, WBE, or DBE bids for categories of work in which MBE, WBE, or DBE firms are particularly well

represented in the geographical area of the project would be considered evidence of such efforts.

- g) **Providing MBE, WBE, and DBE firms with adequate information about the project** when requesting quotations (i.e., identifying potential subtrades involved in the project and identifying a potential dollar range for those subtrades). Copies of certified letters sent to MBE, WBE, and DBE firms, and original, signed, receipts, date-stamped copies of telephone records and faxed or mailed follow-up letters, or copies of telegrams sent to MBE, WBE, and DBE firms, would be considered evidence of such efforts.
 - h) **Advertising in general circulation media (e.g., Courier-Journal), and media aimed at minorities (e.g., Louisville Defender)**, at least 20 days before bids are due. Or, if 20 days are not available, publication for a shorter, but maximum available, period is acceptable. Copies of legal advertisements published as an attempt to obtain MBE, WBE, and DBE involvement would be considered evidence of such efforts.
 - i) **Making efforts to assist MBE, WBE, or DBE firms** in obtaining bonding, credit, or insurance. Date-stamped copies of telephone conversation records and faxed or mailed letters to MBE, WBE, or DBE firms and/or bondsmen, creditors, or insurers would be considered evidence of such efforts.
 - j) **Making efforts to meet and negotiate** with potential MBE, WBE, and DBE Bidders prior to the bid opening. Copies of certified letters sent to MBE, WBE, and DBE firms and original, signed, receipts, date-stamped copies of telephone records and faxed or mailed follow-up letters, or copies of telegrams sent to MBE, WBE, and DBE firms, would be considered evidence of such efforts.
 - k) **Efforts made by the Bidder to expand its search** for MBE, WBE, and DBE firms, beyond the usual geographic boundaries. Documentation demonstrating that such efforts were made would be considered evidence of such efforts.
4. LMHA reserves the right to examine the Bidder's bid preparation materials, including all requests for bids the Bidder issued to potential subcontractors, the Bidder's bid calculation work sheets, and the Bidder's telephone records, notes, and any other information LMHA believes may be helpful in verifying the Bidder's assertions.
5. LMHA's "MBE, WBE and DBE Waiver Request" review protocol includes the following steps:
- a) The contractor's "MBE, WBE and DBE Waiver Request" and supporting documentation will be reviewed by the MBE, WBE, DBE and Section 3 Coordinator and the appropriate LMHA Directors

- overseeing the solicitation. The Waiver Request Reviewers Team will collectively make a determination for the appropriate waiver action.
- b) The MBE, WBE, DBE and Section 3 Coordinator will send the written recommendation from the Waiver Request Reviewers Team to the Deputy Executive Director. If necessary, the Deputy Executive Director will schedule a meeting with the Waiver Request Reviewers Team for additional dialogue regarding the suggested waiver action.
 - c) The Deputy Executive Director will forward its and the Waiver Request Reviewers Team's recommendations to the Executive Director for final review and approval. This recommendation will include "MBE, WBE and DBE Waiver Request" and supporting documentation, and a transmittal signature sheet.
 - d) The MBE, WBE, DBE and Section 3 Coordinator will send a written notification regarding the "MBE, WBE and DBE Waiver Request" decision to the contractor or offeror.
6. The bidder's **delivery of a request** for waiver **does not**, in and of itself, **ensure** that such a **request will be granted**.
- a) A full or partial waiver may be granted only after the Louisville Metro Housing Authority has thoroughly reviewed the project's MBE, WBE, or DBE participation potential. Documentation supporting a request for waiver, if such evidence exists, may be presented to the Louisville Metro Housing Authority's Executive Director for a final decision.
 - b) If a waiver is granted, and there are no other impediments to the award of the contract, the contract award process may proceed.
 - c) If a waiver is not granted, or if no request for waiver is received, and the bid is otherwise acceptable, the Louisville Metro Housing Authority may require the Bidder to satisfy the total MBE, WBE, and DBE goals at no additional cost to the Louisville Metro Housing Authority or may deem the Bidder non-responsive.

I. Replacing MBE, WBE, or DBE Subcontractors

1. Any contractor who proposes to replace a proposed or accepted MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractor must maintain the MBE, WBE, or DBE participation percentage that existed prior to the replacement of that subcontractor, or, if possible, achieve an even greater MBE, WBE, or DBE participation percentage. If the contractor finds it cannot satisfy these requirements, it must submit a request for waiver of the MBE, WBE, or DBE participation percentage goal, as prescribed above.
2. LMHA reserves the right to conduct compliance reviews on minority and non-minority contractors that utilize MBE, WBE, or DBE subcontractors, or perform as joint ventures. Contractors shall maintain records of all MBE, WBE, or DBE participation for three (3) years following completion of the project. Failure on the part of the contractor to comply with these requirements could result in the withholding of payment, termination of the

Contractor's right to proceed with the work, legal fines, imprisonment, or all of the above.

J. Assistance to MBE, WBE, and DBE firms

The Louisville Metro Housing Authority actively works to assist minority vendors and contractors/subcontractors. LMHA is committed to providing equal opportunities for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE, WBE, and DBE firms).

Such opportunities are advertised through newsletters and newspapers, including minority newspapers, minority purchasing councils, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

When requested, LMHA will provide special assistance, to the fullest extent possible, to MBE, WBE, and DBE firms, by providing instruction on the preparation of bids, MBE, WBE, and DBE policy, and any other requirements related to LMHA's MBE, WBE, and DBE program, in connection with activities including but not necessarily limited to:

1. Architectural, Engineering, and similar Professional Services contracts;
2. Construction and Maintenance contracts;
3. Purchase Contracts; and,

4. Bank Deposits.

MBE, WBE, or DBE firms, and others, seeking assistance in these areas should first contact:

1. Tri-State Minority Supplier Development Council, 600 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202.
Contact: (502) 625-0159

2. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Department of Existing Business & Industry, Minority Business Division, 2201 Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, KY 40601.
Contact: (502) 564-2064

3. Louisville and Jefferson County Human Relations Commission, 410 West Chestnut Street, Suite 300A, Louisville, KY 40202.
Contact: (502) 574-3631

NOTE: The following forms on pages 15-22 shall be completely filled out and submitted with the bid.
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SCHEDULE OF MBE, WBE, AND DBE PARTICIPATION

(Name of Bidder)

For each MBE, WBE, or DBE firm proposed to participate in this project, list the firm's name, business address, category of work, percentage of total bid to be performed by the firm, and the firm's Federal Tax ID number in the space provided below. **Use additional sheets if necessary.**

The combined total of MBE participation proposed is _____ % of the total bid amount.
The combined total of WBE participation proposed is _____ % of the total bid amount.
The combined total of DBE participation proposed is _____ % of the total bid amount.

In addition to completion of this form, a Bidder who has met the MBE, WBE, and DBE goals must submit a copy of the signed sub-bid from each MBE, WBE, and DBE subcontractor listed with its bid.

The bidder, if successful, agrees to enter into a formal contract with each of the above referenced firms, in the amounts indicated, provided those firms are acceptable to the Louisville Metro Housing Authority.

NOTE: With respect to all MBD, WBE and DBE firms, whether proposed or otherwise, Bidder [or Contractor] hereby certifies that it and its fiduciaries and affiliates (i) have engaged in a fair and impartial manner with all such firms; (ii) have not utilized any such firms to obtain any unfair advantage; (iii) have made no negligent or fraudulent representations or misrepresentations to or about such firms; (iv) and there exist no side deals or undisclosed contracts or agreements that would otherwise frustrate the purpose of contracting with any MBD, WBE or DBE firms.

Signature/Title: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Failure to complete and submit THIS form or comply with directions therein is ground for bid rejection.

MBE, WBE AND DBE WAIVER REQUEST INFORMATION SHEET

Contractor's Name: _____

Business Address, City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Contract Person: _____

Project Name and Proposal Number: _____

WAVIER REQUESTED FOR: (fill in as needed for any that apply)

MBE: _____
% Requested: _____

WBE: _____
% Requested: _____

DBE: _____
% Requested: _____

NOTE: The "MBE, WBE and/or DBE waiver percentages" requested, when added with the "MBE, WBE and/ or DBE percentages" proposed on Page 15, must add up to the percentage needed for each category (MBE is 25%; WBE is 10%; and DBE is 0.5%).

STEPS TAKEN TO MEET GOALS: (must choose one for respond for each "step"):

	YES	NO
1 Provide written notice to potential bidders		
2 Allowed sufficient time to respond		
3 Follow-up written notification to potential bidders		
4 Contacting MBE, WBE, and DBE Agencies		
5 Selecting portions of work to be performed by MBE, WBE and DBE		
6 Advertising in general circulation media		
7 Marking efforts to meet and negotiate with potential MBE, WBE and DBE bidders		

PROVIDE A WRITTEN NARRATIVE OF THE "GOOD FAITH EFFORTS" TAKEN AND RESULTS: (Use Additional Sheets if Necessary):

NOTE: With respect to all MBD, WBE and DBE firms, whether proposed or otherwise, Bidder [or Contractor] hereby certifies that it and its fiduciaries and affiliates (i) have engaged in a fair and impartial manner with all such firms; (ii) have not utilized any such firms to obtain any unfair advantage; (iii) have made no negligent or fraudulent representations or misrepresentations to or about such firms; (iv) and there exist no side deals or undisclosed contracts or agreements that would otherwise frustrate the purpose of contracting with any MBD, WBE or DBE firms.

Signature/Title: _____ Date: _____

LIST OF PROPOSED SUBCONTRACTORS

The following list of proposed subcontractors is required to be submitted with each bidder's proposal, in accordance with the requirements of Section C of this solicitation. All subcontractors are subject to the approval of LMHA. **PROPOSED SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACT AMOUNTS SHALL NOT BE CHANGED, NOR SHALL ANY ADDITIONAL SUBCONTRACTORS BE EMPLOYED, WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY.**

<u>NAME OF SUBCONTRACTOR</u>	<u>CATEGORY OF WORK</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

(Employer ID numbers must be provided upon request)
Use Additional Sheets If Necessary

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED
WITH THE OFFICIAL BID PACKAGE.**

NOTE: WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF CONTRACT EXECUTION, THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT, FOR THIS CONTRACT, COPIES OF ALL SUBCONTRACTOR CONTRACTS OR WRITTEN AGREEMENTS TO THE LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY

NOTE: If third tier subcontracts are intended, the information on the following page must be provided for each proposed subcontractor.

NOTE: With respect to all MBD, WBE and DBE firms, whether proposed or otherwise, Bidder [or Contractor] hereby certifies that it and its fiduciaries and affiliates (i) have engaged in a fair and impartial manner with all such firms; (ii) have not utilized any such firms to obtain any unfair advantage; (iii) have made no negligent or fraudulent representations or misrepresentations to or about such firms; (iv) and there exist no side deals or undisclosed contracts or agreements that would otherwise frustrate the purpose of contracting with any MBD, WBE or DBE firms.

Signature/Title: _____ Date: _____

Instructions for Completing EMPLOYMENT DEMOGRAPHICS Form

1. **Duty to Submit Form** -- Every bidder shall complete the *Employment Demographics* form (hereafter, the Form). Every bidder shall ensure that each of its sub-bidders also completes the Form. The Bidder shall submit fully executed Forms for itself and each sub-bidder, with its bid, in the package labeled "Supplemental Bid Information."
2. **Space Constraints/Additional Forms** -- If the space provided on a single Form is insufficient to list every employee (see definition below) of the bidder or sub-bidder completing the Form (hereafter, the Entity), such Entity shall use additional Forms. Said Entity shall, however, ensure that each separate Form is dated, signed, and notarized. Each Official Bid Package contains one (1) blank copy of the Form. From that, the Bidder shall make as many copies as needed to ensure compliance with the preceding requirements.
3. **Completing the Form** -- The Form is divided into six numbered columns. Write the appropriate name and check the appropriate box at the top of the Form, then complete each column as follows:

Columns 1 and 2 -- Identify, by name, each and every employee, officer, principal, and agent of the Entity. Identify every such person (hereafter, the employee), whether or not intended to perform work under or related to this Contract. Be careful to list each employee by last name first. List only proper, legal names, do not list nicknames. Do not list names of persons the Entity employs as independent contractors. If the employee routinely works less than 37 and 1/2 hours per week, write the letter "P" in the left margin adjacent to the employee's name.

Column 3 -- State the employee's job title (e.g., secretary, laborer, carpenter, CEO). Use the job titles the Entity actually, routinely uses to describe the employee.

Column 4 -- State the date upon which the Entity hired the employee. If the employee has left the Entity's employ in the past and returned to work for the Entity again, state the most recent date of hire.

Column 5 -- Describe the nature of the work the employee routinely performs for the Entity. For example, if the employee's job title is "Laborer," the employee's work may be described as "performs unskilled physical labor." Or, a "Secretary" might be described as doing "filing, typing, etc." Use additional lines if necessary, to provide a clear description of an employee's duties.

Column 6 -- State the employee's race. Use the racial classifications provided in page 2, Section M. If you write "other" or a similar classification in Column 6, attach a signed statement explaining in detail exactly what is meant by such description. Attach a separate signed statement for each employee so described, tailoring each such statement to the employee to whom it refers.

4. Each Form shall be signed and dated by an authorized officer of the Entity and shall be notarized.

AGREEMENT TO NOTIFY LMHA OF JOB OPENINGS

(This form to be completed and submitted by prime contractor and all subcontractors.)

By my signature below, _____ (hereafter "the Company"), agrees to the
(Company's Name)
following conditions:

1. The Company shall, if awarded the contract for which this Bid is offered, give LMHA notice of any and all job openings that may arise at the Company during the course of that contract.
2. Such notice shall be in writing and mailed, first class, to LMHA via the U.S. Postal Service within two business days after such opening arises. The notice shall describe the minimum qualifications and requirements of the job, the nature of the work, the expected pay rate or range, the place and manner of submitting applications, the name, address and telephone number of the person to contact to obtain an application or additional information, and the date by which applications must be submitted.
3. LMHA will notify its residents of such job openings and encourage qualified residents to submit applications for employment.
4. The Company will, if it receives an application from a qualified LMHA resident, give that application and applicant the same opportunity and consideration for the job as would be given any other, similarly qualified applicant and, if such applicant is the most qualified applicant and there is no bar to employing the applicant, the Company will hire the applicant for the job if it hires anyone for the job.

Date: _____

By: _____
(Authorized Officer's Signature)

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal:

(Notary's Signature)

(Notary's printed name)

My commission expires _____.

**AFFIX
NOTARY'S
SEAL**

**STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PERFORM AS A
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR**

(Separate form required for each MBE, WBE, and DBE prime or sub-bidder)

Name of Prime Bidder: _____

Name of MBE firm completing this form: _____

The undersigned wishes to perform work in connection with the above referenced project as:

Individual Corporation Partnership Joint Venture

The undersigned hereby confirms its status as a Minority Business Enterprise as defined by LMHA and that **a copy of the certification from the agency specified in Section C of this solicitation, or other evidence, is attached hereto.**

The undersigned intends to perform the following work in connection with this project (specify, in detail, the work to be performed):

Bid amount to be entered by sub-contractor \$ _____

The undersigned MBE projects its start and completion dates for the work as follows:

Project Start: _____ Project Completion: _____

BY: _____
(Signature of MBE's Principal) (Name and Title)

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, and included in this *Supplemental Bid Information* package, by each and every MBE contractor or subcontractor proposed to participate in this project.

The penalty for making false statements in offers (10 years imprisonment and/or \$10,000 fine) is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

AFFIDAVIT OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
(Separate form required for each MBE, WBE, and DBE proposed)

State of _____ County of _____

I hereby declare and affirm that _____ is a Minority
(Bidder's printed company name)

Business Enterprise (MBE), as defined by LMHA in the bid solicitation and that I am an officer of the above referenced MBE firm, and that I am authorized to provide information required by LMHA to support that firm's representation that it is a Minority Business Enterprise.

I do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am authorized, on behalf of the above-named firm, to make this affidavit.

(Signature of Affiant) (Printed name and title of Affiant)

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____, CITY OF _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20____,
_____, the undersigned officer, personally appeared before me,
(Printed name of Affiant)

known to me to be the person described in the foregoing Affidavit, and acknowledged that he/she executed the same in the capacity therein stated and for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal:

(Notary's Signature) (Notary's printed name)

My commission expires _____.

**AFFIX
NOTARY'S
SEAL**

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, and included in this *Supplemental Bid Information* package, by each and every minority contractor or subcontractor proposed to participate in this project.

The penalty for making false statements in offers (10 years imprisonment and/or \$10,000 fine) is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

LEGITIMACY OF JOINT VENTURE

(Separate form required for each joint venture)

Majority Party's Name, Address, Phone, and Principal's Name:

Minority Party's Name, Address, Phone, and Principal's Name:

Portion of work to be performed by Majority Party: _____ % \$ _____
Portion of work to be performed by Minority Party: _____ % \$ _____

(Provide additional details on following page if applicable.)

"The undersigned do hereby declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that the foregoing statements are true and correct and that **all material information necessary to identify and explain the terms and operation of the joint venture, and the intended participation by each joint venture, in this undertaking, is attached hereto.** Further, the undersigned agree to provide LMHA current, complete, and accurate information regarding the actual joint venture work, payments and any proposed changes in the above-stated arrangements, and to permit audits and/or examinations of books, records, and files of the joint ventures by authorized representatives of LMHA. The undersigned recognize and acknowledge that the statements herein are given under oath and any material misrepresentation will be grounds for terminating any contract that may be awarded the undersigned for this project."

BY: _____
(Signature of Majority Party's Principal)

Date: _____

BY: _____
(Signature of Minority Party's Principal)

Date: _____

Which, if any, of the parties to this venture are MBE firms? _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, and included in this *Supplemental Bid Information* package, by every joint venture proposed to participate in this project (ATTACH the Joint Venture Agreement and Letters of Incorporation).

The penalty for making false statements in offers (10 years imprisonment and/or \$10,000 fine) is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

II. SECTION 3 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. Paragraph 21.(f) of Section I, *General Conditions* is replaced with the following:

The purpose of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u - Section 3) is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities shall be to the greatest extent feasible and directed to low and very low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low and very low income persons.

1. Definitions of specific terms are as follows:

- a) *New Hires*: Full time employees for permanent, temporary or seasonal employment opportunities.
- b) *Section 3 Business Concern*: A business concern:
 - That is 51% or more owned Section 3 residents; or,
 - Whose permanent, full time employees include persons, at least 30% of whom are currently Section 3 residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business concern were Section 3 residents; or,
 - That provides evidence of a commitment to subcontracts in excess of 25% of the dollar award of all subcontract to be awarded to business concerns that meet the qualifications set forth in paragraph (1) or (2) above.
- c) *Section 3 Resident*:
 - A public housing resident; or,
 - An individual who resides in the metropolitan statistical area and who is a low-income person (families, including single persons, whose incomes do not exceed 80% of the median family income) or very low-income person (families, including single persons, whose incomes do not exceed 50% of the median family income).
- d) *Subcontractor*: Any entity (other than a person who is an employee of the Contractor) that has a contract with the Contractor to undertake a portion of the Contractor's obligation for the performance of work.

2. Contractor's may demonstrate compliance with the "greatest extent feasible" requirement of Section 3 by meeting the numerical goals set forth for providing training, employment, and contracting opportunities to Section 3 residents and business concerns as follows:
 - a) Awarding **at least 10%** of the total dollar amount of the Contract to Section 3 business concerns; and
 - b) Hiring Section 3 residents in a number equal to **at least 30%** of the aggregate number of new hires.
3. Contractor's shall provide training and employment opportunities to Section 3 residents in the following order of priority:
 - a) Residents of the housing development or developments for which the Section 3 covered assistance is expended;
 - b) Residents of other housing developments managed by the Louisville Metro Housing Authority;
 - c) Participants in HUD YouthBuild programs in the metropolitan statistical area; and
 - d) Other Section 3 residents of the metropolitan statistical area.
4. Contractor's shall award to Section 3 business concerns in the following order of priority:
 - a) Business concerns that are 51% or more owned by residents of the housing development or development for which the Section 3 covered assistance expended, or whose full, permanent work force includes 30% of these persons as employees;
 - b) Business concerns that are 51% or more owned by residents of other Louisville Metro Housing Authority developments, or whose full-time permanent workforce includes 30% of those persons as employees;
 - c) HUD YouthBuild programs being carried out within the metropolitan statistical area; and
 - d) Business concerns that are 51% or more owned by Section 3 residents, or whose permanent, full time workforce includes no less than 30% Section 3 residents, or that subcontract in excess of 25% of the total amount of subcontracts to business concerns in (1) and (2) above.

5. A contractor that has not met the numerical goals set forth has the burden of demonstrating why it was not feasible to meet the numerical goals set forth in this section.

B. The following paragraph shall be added to Section I, *General Conditions*:

Employment Demographics Reporting Requirements -- The Contractor and each subcontractor shall complete and submit "Employment Demographics" forms once every month, or more frequently if LMHA so chooses, during the course of the contract.

In completing the forms, the Contractor and each subcontractor shall clearly identify persons newly employed since the last form was submitted (hereafter "New Hires"). The Contractor or subcontractor shall provide the address and telephone number of each New Hire, and shall state whether each New Hire is a Section 3 Resident. The Contractor shall collect the forms and deliver them to LMHA by the seventh calendar day of each such month. LMHA will provide the Contractor with proper, blank forms at the pre-construction conference, from which the Contractor shall make and distribute copies for its own use and its subcontractors' use. The Contractor's failure to submit a monthly Employment Demographics form, or that of any subcontractor, is ground for termination, for default, of the Contractor's right to proceed with the work.

C. The following paragraph shall be added to Section I, *General Conditions*:

Notice of Job Openings -- The Contractor shall notify LMHA of any and all job openings that arise in the Contractor's company during the course of the Contract. Such notice shall be in writing and mailed, first class, to LMHA via the U.S. Postal Service within two business days after such opening arises. The notice shall describe the minimum qualifications and requirements of the job, the nature of the work, the expected pay rate or range, the place and manner of submitting applications, the name, address and telephone number of the person to contact to obtain an application or additional information, and the date by which applications must be submitted. LMHA will notify its residents of such job openings and encourage qualified residents to submit applications for employment. The Contractor shall, if it receives an application from a qualified LMHA resident, give that application and applicant the same opportunity and consideration for the job as would be given any other, similarly qualified applicant and, if such applicant is the most qualified applicant and there is no bar to employing the applicant, the Contractor shall hire the applicant for the job if it hires anyone for the job. The Contractor's right to proceed with the work may be terminated, for default, upon failure to perform this obligation.

END OF SECTION M