



SOLICITATION TYPE:	Invitation for Bids (IFB)
DESCRIPTION:	Lawn Care Services – AMP 131 Scattered Sites
IFB NUMBER:	IFB # 19-B011
ISSUE DATE:	Thursday, February 7, 2019
PRE-BID MEETING:	Tuesday, February 19 at 3:00 PM ET Belmont Community Room 201 Belmont Avenue
BID DUE DATE/ TIME/OPENING LOCATION:	Friday, March 8, 2019 at 3:00 pm 425 Nebraska Avenue Toledo, OH 43604
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Note: All inquiries must be received via email, no later 12:00 P.M. Eastern Time, February 27, 2019. All Bidders are subject to the Conditions, Instructions, Requirements and the Specifications attached hereto. These documents are available at web address: www.lucasmha.org.

All bidders shall be required to meet the Affirmative Action requirements and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. Each bidder must ensure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, military status, national origin, disability, pregnancy, genetic information, age, ancestry, religious creed, handicap or sexual orientation.

The responsibility for submitting a response to this IFB at the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority on or before the stated time and date will be solely and strictly the responsibility of the respondent.

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) is seeking bids from qualified, licensed and bonded entities to provide professional lawn care maintenance and, tree trimming services. The ensuing contract(s) shall be indefinite quantity contracts (IQC), whereas the Agency will call upon the ensuing contractor(s) to perform the required work as proposed in the bidder's response to this IFB. Bidders will submit bids to enter into a one (1) year agreement with LMHA (the "**Agreement**") with an option by LMHA to extend for four (4) subsequent one-year agreement(s).

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The work shall include but is not limited to providing all labor, materials, equipment, and services required to provide lawn mowing and maintenance services as indicated within these specifications.

Additional work as detailed in this IFB may be requested at other sites that are not specified in this IFB but may be owned by LMHA.

The contractor shall be responsible for visiting each site to review the scope of work, including reviewing the grounds layout and any potential hazards that may affect lawn care services.

The contractor shall be responsible for mowing AMP Scattered Site locations up to twenty-seven (27) times per mowing season.

Contractors are notified that the number of sites and locations where lawn care services are provided may increase or decrease as needed by LMHA over the course of the ensuing contract period, including all executed optional renewal years.

Agency Reservation of Rights

In the event the Contractor fails to address and correct work that does not meet contract requirements within two (2) days after notification from LMHA, or fails, neglects or refuses to carry such repairs to prompt conclusion, LMHA reserves the right to:

- Terminate, for default, the Contractor's right to proceed
- By contract or otherwise, complete or correct the unacceptable work, and charge the cost to the Contractor.
- Decide to reject future contract bids for Contractor failure to honor the ensuing contract

- LMHA reserves and holds the option to contract with other contractors if the lawn mowing services are not completed in a timely manner and/or to the satisfaction of the LMHA.
- Amend the schedule for lawncare services as described herein if LMHA deems it necessary.

Use of Subcontractors

All subcontractors used by the Contractor to provide lawn care services must be approved by the Department of Procurement and Contracts at LMHA. If the Contractor is aware in advance that there may be a need for subcontractor work, the Contractor shall provide a list of their subcontractors and complete and submit the Subcontractor Listing (Attachment C) to LMHA. The Department of Labor has instructed LMHA not to allow the use of 1099 workers on federally funded projects. The subcontractor cannot be a 1099 worker but must be a sole proprietor of his own business with a federal tax identification number. The subcontractor shall not perform any work at any LMHA site location without first being approved. Subcontractors will be required to submit the same paperwork as the contractors (ie: Certificates of Insurance, Licenses, W-9, Section 3 documentation, etc.). It is expressly understood that the Contractor covers the subcontractor on their general liability, commercial liability and property damage insurance policies, with LMHA as the additional insured. **The Contractor will be responsible for its subcontractor for any action or negligence of the subcontractor.**

Record Keeping

Employers (contractors and subcontractors) engaged on work subject to MWDs must make and maintain for no less than three years following the completion of the work records containing information demonstrating compliance with the MWDs applicable to the work. These records at a minimum contain for each laborer or mechanic employed: Employee name, address and social security number; correct work classification; hourly rate of monetary wages paid; rate of any bona fide fringe benefits provided; number of daily and weekly hours worked; gross wages earned; all deductions taken; and actual net wages paid.

Maintenance Wage Determination (MWD) for maintenance work

An award from this IFB has the potential to be a multi-year contract for maintenance work or services. The applicable Maintenance Wage Determination (MWD) for 2019 have not been received from HUD at the time that this solicitation was issued. An addendum will be issued as soon as the HUD approved wage determinations are available.

Labor Standards compliance monitoring

Periodic monitoring is conducted to ensure all contractors and subcontractors are performing the contract work in accordance with the applicable labor standards provisions. The two key aspects of periodic monitoring include spot-check reviews of contractor and subcontractor records and on-site interviews with laborers and mechanics employed under the contract.

LAWN MOWING SERVICES

In most cases, the dwelling and immediate/adjacent area where work is to be performed will not be vacated. It shall be the contractor's responsibility to provide proper protection from any infiltration of or damage by dust, dirt and debris to the tenants and their possessions. Liabilities for failure to do so shall be solely the responsibility of the Contractor. All work shall be performed in a manner that will cause minimal discomfort and inconvenience to the tenants of each property.

Contractor shall be responsible for making sure all his/her employees are wearing the following Personal Protection Equipment always while working on LMHA property:

- Eye protection must be ANSI certified
- Hearing protection
- Long pants
- Short/long sleeve shirts - Shirts must be worn always

Contractor and his/her employees shall present themselves in a professional manner when on LMHA properties. Contractor and his/her employees shall be courteous to all LMHA employees and LMHA tenants.

Coordination of Work

Coordination of work with other contractors and LMHA employees may be required. Other work may include but is not limited to: post-emergent herbicide applications, landscaping, and related site work.

The contractor shall be required to have a cell phone to maintain communication with designated LMHA supervisors.

Contractor must respond to cell phone calls within four (4) hours on the same day.

Equipment

Equipment must be in proper working condition. Equipment that is unsafe, creating unreasonable exhaust or noise, or creating unacceptable work shall not be permitted.

Mowers shall have sharp blades so that the cut is clean and grass leaf tips are not shredded after cutting.

All lawn mowers are required to be equipped with grass clipping catchers at each LMHA AMP, scattered site or vacant lot location.

Equipment shall be appropriate for the scale of the mowing. Contractor shall not cause damage to landscape beds, tree trunks, edging, fencing, etc. by using large-scale equipment for trim mowing. String trimmers or hand mowers shall be used in areas with limited access.

Execution

Prior to performing any work on LMHA property, the Contractor shall notify the appropriate LMHA representative of the days that crews are scheduled to be on site. Failure to provide proper notification will prevent inspection and acceptance of work, therefore delaying application for payment.

Contractors shall provide LMHA site personnel a written schedule of when routine mowing services shall be performed.

Preparation

Contractor must gas equipment before arriving at the site or before unloading from trailer. If it is necessary to refuel during mowing, equipment must be moved away from turf areas, to prevent damage from potential spills. Contractor shall clean up any spills immediately, appropriately, and thoroughly.

PRIOR TO EACH MOWING, the Contractor shall remove and dispose of all trash, debris, branches, undesirable materials, etc. found in the lawn areas. LMHA dumpsters may be used for disposal of removed trash. Organic waste, such as grass clippings, leaves, etc. are **NOT** permitted in LMHA dumpsters and must be disposed of offsite.

Leaf collection shall be completed as needed during the contracted mowing season. The Contractor shall dispose of all leaves offsite. Contractors **SHALL NOT** use LMHA dumpsters for leaf disposal.

LMHA Mowing Schedule

Mowing season shall commence on April 16th. Seasonal conditions may affect start of mowing season to be earlier or later than this date.

Frequency: Mowing frequency is based on growth rate of grass. Height of grass shall indicate time to mow. Maximum contract performance generally requires mowing once every ten (10) days. **Vacant lots will be mowed twice a month (once in April & once in November)**. There shall be no more and, may be less than:

- Up to twenty-seven (27) cuts/ string trimmings
- Up to eight (8) edgings (once per month)

Height: Failure to adhere to the acceptable mowing heights as specified shall cause LMHA to notify the contractor of inadequate work and may lead to the adverse reactions described on page five (5) "Agency Reservation of Rights."

- **Spring** cut height 3"-April 1st through May 31st
 - Mow when grass reaches 3"
- **Summer** cut height 3" -June 1st through September 15th

- Mow when grass reaches 3"
- **Fall** cut height 3"-September 17th through November 16th
 - Mow when grass reaches 3"

Method: Contractor shall vary mowing patterns weekly to avoid soil compaction from equipment. Mow in direction that prevents clippings from being blown onto landscape beds, sidewalks, resident steps and entranceways, and playgrounds.

Conditions: Contractor shall not mow grass when soil conditions are unfavorable, and when mowing equipment may potentially cause ruts or damage to turf.

Grass Clippings: Grass clippings **must be collected** and disposed offsite at the time of mowing. **DO NOT** use LMHA dumpsters for disposal.

String Trimming: Upon completion of mowing, all remaining inaccessible grass should be trimmed to match surrounding mowed height.

String trimming should occur around all objects that encroach or are surrounded by turf. This includes, but is not limited to, areas adjacent to buildings, stoops, steps, porches, playgrounds, timber, plastic or metal edging, mulch beds, fencing, dumpster enclosures, sign posts, bollards, utility poles and guide wires, and fire hydrants.

Contractor should exercise care while string trimming to prevent damage to trees, landscaping, resident's property, and structures. Any damage shall be evaluated and deducted from application for payment.

Edging: Edging shall take place at initial mowing of the season, and then once per month thereafter, for the duration of the contract. All walks, drives, curbs, between curbs & driveways, and hardscape elements adjacent to turf are to be edged.

Edging must be completed by a designated Edging Machine and **NOT a string trimmer.**

Weeding: Weed eradication (spray or powder) around scattered sites where weeds are present and, all sidewalks and playgrounds where weeds are growing up between cracks. Weeding eradication shall be performed once per month.

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) must accompany weeding products (Spray or Powder) and submitted to Maintenance Supervisor prior to mowing. **Contractors must be licensed to dispense chemical or powder weed killer.**

Clean Up: Upon completion of the work, the Contractor shall remove all debris from the site caused by mowing. Contractor shall clean all sidewalks of debris, grass clippings, dirt, etc. after each mowing.

Contractor shall complete a **Spring Clean-Up** in April or May (as conditions allow) each year. Spring Clean-Up is defined as blowing or raking and removing all leaves and debris from the site including, but not limited to, flower beds, fence lines, trash enclosures, meter enclosures and boiler room enclosures.

Contractor shall complete a **Fall Clean-Up** in November or December of each year. Fall Clean-Up is defined as blowing or raking and removing all leaves and debris from the site including, but not limited to, flower beds, fence lines, trash enclosures, meter enclosures and boiler room enclosures. Contractor may be asked to perform additional leaf blowing duties as required depending on leaf accumulation and site conditions.

Debris piles must not be left unattended. All debris piles must be removed daily (upon clean-up services).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Introduction

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) is a metropolitan housing authority organized and existing under the Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.27, et seq., and is governed by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and subject to regulation under Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulation. LMHA is governed by a five (5) person Board of Commissioners, appointed pursuant to the above - cited statute.

LMHA is committed to a goal of thirty-five percent of all contract funds being awarded to Minority Business Enterprises (MBE). The firms submitting bids are encouraged to include MBE participation to the maximum extent possible.

All bidders shall be required to meet the Affirmative Action requirements and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements as described in Executive Order #11246. Each bidder must insure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

Our Vision: "To be a premier partner in creating communities of choice in the Greater Toledo Area." Our Mission: "to create and maintain sustainable, affordable housing opportunities, provide pathways to a better quality of life, and empower vibrant communities."

Green Procurement

LMHA is committed to purchasing products and services that meet the local, state, and national environmental goals. Purchasing preference (whenever feasible) will be given to products that:

- Decrease greenhouse gas emissions or are made with renewable energy;
- Decrease the use of toxins detrimental to human health and to the environment;

- Contain the highest possible percentage of post-consumer recycled content (a finished material that would normally be thrown away as solid waste at the end of its life cycle, and does not include manufacturing or converting wastes);
- Limit air, land, and/or water pollution;
- Reduce the amount of waste they produce;
- Are reusable or contain reusable parts (rechargeable batteries, refillable pens, etc.); or
- Are multifunctional (i.e., scanner/copier/printers, multipurpose cleaners) and serve to decrease the total number of products purchased.
- If feasible, preference will also be given to suppliers who offer environmentally preferable products, who work to exceed their environmental performance expectations, and who can show documentation of their supply-chain impacts.
- LMHA hopes to engage producers and suppliers of products and services it uses to utilize business practices that reduce negative environmental impact.

OSHA Hazard Communication Standard

The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) Hazard Communication Standard (29CFR 1910.1200) states that contractors/suppliers must be informed of the hazardous chemicals their employees may be exposed to while performing their work and any appropriate protective measures. In order to comply with this requirement, Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority has developed a list of all the hazardous chemicals known to be present in our facility. A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is also on file for each of the chemicals and / or hazardous substances. This information is available to you and to your employees upon request.

In order to protect the safety and health of our own employees, contractors/supplies must provide (upon request) an SDS on any hazardous chemical (s) or material (s) which they bring into the facility. Failure to provide this information in a timely manner will result in the removal of the contractor/supplier from the premises.

Each employer is also responsible for notifying any subcontractor they employ regarding the requirements of OSHA Hazard Communication Standard and other provisions described in this notice.

Each contractor is responsible for identifying conditions where Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) is required, and they are to furnish the necessary filtering face pieces, gloves, masks, eye protection, coveralls, steel toed shoes or any other type of gear that will keep their employees safe from a hazardous condition.

Reservation of Rights

LMHA reserves the right to:

- **Right to Reject, Waive, or Terminate the IFB.** Reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in the IFB process, or to terminate the IFB process at any time, if deemed by the Agency to be in its best interests.

- Not to award a contract pursuant to this IFB.
- Terminate a contract awarded pursuant to this IFB, at any time for its convenience upon 10 days written notice to the successful bidder(s).
- LMHA reserves the right to increase or decrease the locations where services are provided during the course of the ensuing contract.
- LMHA reserves the right to withhold payment of invoices if in their opinion the work is not completed to Agency satisfaction.
- LMHA reserves the right to limit the frequency of lawn care services at each site even if it contradicts other areas of the ensuing contract.
- LMHA reserves the right to limit the amount of mowing at each site for any reason, including as occupancy may dictate.
- Determine the days, hours and locations that the successful bid(s) shall provide the services called for in this IFB and the right to increase or decrease sites and locations as LMHA desires.
- Retain all bids submitted and not permit withdrawal for a period of 90 days subsequent to the deadline for receiving bids without the written consent of LMHA.
- Negotiate the fees proposed by the bidder entity.
- Reject and not consider any bid that does not meet the requirements of this IFB, including but not necessarily limited to incomplete bids and/or bids offering alternate or non-requested services.
- Have no obligation to compensate any bidder for any costs incurred in responding to this IFB.
- Make an award to multiple bids (including joint ventures).
- Select a bid(s) for specific purposes or for any combination of specific purposes
- To defer the selection and award of any bidder(s) to a time of the LMHA's choosing.
- At any time during the IFB or contract process to prohibit any further participation by a bidder or reject any bid submitted that does not conform to any of the requirements detailed herein. By accessing the nahro.economicengine.com Internet System (hereinafter, the "noted Internet System" or the "System") and by downloading this document or by reviewing the IFB received via email, each prospective bidder is thereby agreeing to abide by all terms and conditions listed within this document and within the noted Internet System, and further agrees that he/she will inform LMHA in writing within 5 days of the discovery of any item listed herein or of any item that is issued thereafter by LMHA that he/she feels needs to be addressed. Failure to abide by this time frame shall relieve LMHA, but not the prospective bidder, of any responsibility pertaining to such issue.

Contractor Right to Debriefing and Protests

It is LMHA's policy to resolve all procurement and contractual issues informally at the Authority level, without litigation. Disputes shall not be referred to HUD until all administrative remedies have been exhausted at the Authority level. HUD will only review protests in cases involving

violations of Federal law or regulations or failure of the Authority to review a complaint or protest.

Any actual or prospective contractor may protest the solicitation or award of a contract only for serious violations of the principles of LMHA's Statement of Procurement. All protests shall be in writing. If the protest is regarding the solicitation, the notice of protest must be received prior to the solicitation deadline. If the protest is regarding award, the notice of protest must be received within ten (10) business days after the issuance of the award notice. A written protest shall contain, at a minimum, the name, address and phone number of the protester; identification of the procurement, including solicitation or contract number; a statement of the reasons for the protest; supporting exhibits, evidence, or documents to substantiate any arguments; and the form of relief requested. LMHA shall issue a decision as expeditiously as possible after receiving all relevant information requested.

Upon the conclusion of the solicitation period and issuance of the Award Notice, Offerors shall have the right to a debriefing. The request for a debriefing meeting must be made within ten (10) days of the date listed on the Award Notice. The debriefing meeting may be held either by phone or in-person at LMHA's office. If the debriefing is in-person, travel expenses shall be the sole responsibility of the Offeror and not LMHA.

Vendor Disclosures

Vendor must provide disclosure of any pending or threatened court actions and/or claims against the Vendor. This information may not cause rejection of the bid; but withholding the information may be cause to reject the bid.

Conflict of Interest

No vendor will promise or give to any LMHA employee anything of value that could influence that employee in their decision on awarding contracts. No vendor will try to influence an employee of LMHA to violate any procurement policies of the agency, the Ohio Revised code, or Federal Procurement Regulations.

Proof of Insurance for Contractors and Vendors

Workers' Compensation:

- LMHA requires that contractors and vendors supply LMHA with a current Workers' Compensation Certificate.
- LMHA requires that the Workers' Compensation Certificate be valid for the term of the contract.
- Contractors and vendors will immediately provide verification of coverage for the contract term.

General Liability:

1. Contractor agrees to name **LMHA** as an **additional insured** on its general liability policy, which shall be primary to LMHA's general liability policy, and any other

- insurance policy as determined by LMHA that is relevant to the contract scope of work.
2. These policies shall also be primary to and non-contributory to LMHA's General Liability policy.
 3. Contractors and subcontractors shall name LMHA as an additional insured on their General Liability policy, and any other insurance policy as determined by LMHA that is relevant to the contract scope of work.
 4. Contractor and subcontractor shall indemnify LMHA, to the fullest extent provided by law, for any and all claims arising out of the contractor's and subcontractor's performance of this contract.
 5. Contractor and subcontractor shall provide proof of General Liability insurance coverage with combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage not less than \$1million per occurrence.
 6. LMHA reserves the right to request a copy of the contractor's and subcontractor's full insurance policies and applicable endorsements.
 7. Contractors and subcontractors must maintain the insurance policies that were submitted during the entire length of the contract.

Insurance Commercial Liability:

1. LMHA requires that the contractors and vendors supply LMHA with a current Certificate of Insurance listing LMHA as an **additional insured** to their commercial general liability policy.
2. Such coverage must be maintained for the term of the contract.
3. LMHA requires that the contractors' and vendors' general liability policy, such insurance be primary to LMHA's general liability policy.
4. Insurance limits for contractors' and vendors' policies shall be no less than \$500,000/\$1,000,000 for personal injury and property damage.

Insurance Automobile Liability:

Contractors and subcontractors shall provide proof of Automobile insurance of owned and non-owned vehicles used on the sites or in connection therewith for combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage not less than \$500,000 per occurrence.

Indemnity:

Contractors and vendors agree to indemnify LMHA, to the fullest extent provided by law, for any and all claims arising out of their performance of the contracts.

Processing:

LMHA's Manager of Procurement shall be responsible for obtaining proof of the listed above documents and ensuring that LMHA contracts have the appropriate indemnifications.

Vendor Examination of the IFB

Vendors are expected to be familiar with the entire IFB. The vendor is expected to respond to the IFB in a manner that makes it clear they understand and have responded to all sections of the IFB.

If a vendor discovers any mistakes or omissions in the IFB they must notify LMHA's Contact Person in writing. Clarifications and corrections will be sent to all vendors who have registered with the agency for the IFB.

Changes to IFB

LMHA may make changes to this IFB by addendum, which shall be posted at <https://nahro.economicengine.com>.

Availability of Funds

This IFB and all agency contracts are contingent upon the availability of funds. If, during the IFB process, funds are not available for the proposed services, the IFB process will be canceled. The vendor will be notified at the earliest possible time. LMHA is not required to compensate the vendor for any expenses incurred as a result of the IFB process.

Non-Appropriation Clause

The proposed services will be subject to termination in the subsequent fiscal years if the sufficient funds are not appropriated and budgeted or are not otherwise available to continue making payments for the equipment or other services performing similar functions and services.

Termination

LMHA reserves the right to terminate an agreement without prior notification for reasons it deems in the best interest of LMHA. If terminated, LMHA will notify the contractor of the termination in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall pay contractor for services rendered prior to contractor's receipt of the Notice of the Agreement Termination.

Holidays

LMHA recognizes the following holidays as vacation days for its employees:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day	Veteran's Day
President's Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Independence Day	Christmas Eve
Labor Day	Christmas Day
	New Year's Eve

Contract Standards:

The following clauses pertaining to this solicitation are included by reference:

- Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-37080) for contracts awarded by a non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers.
- Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards for contracts awarded in excess of \$2,500.
- Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended, to agree to comply with all applicable standards, order or regulations issued pursuant to compliance.
- Contractor is to comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in HUD Information Bulletin 909-23 regarding the Energy Policy and conversation Act.
- Executive Order 11061, as amended, which directs the Secretary of HUD to take all action which is necessary to prevent discrimination by agencies that utilizes federal funds.
- Public Law 88-352 Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program which received federal financial assistance.
- Public Law 90-284, title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, known as the Fair Housing Act, the Agency requires that the Contractor administer all programs and activities, which are related to housing and community development in such a manner as affirmatively to further fair housing. Contractor also abides by the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.
- Executive Orders 12549 and 12689) whereby a contract award may not be made to parties listed on the government wide Excluded Parties List System for Award Management (SAM).
- The Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) that requires a contractor who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more must file the required certification.
- For all construction and repair contracts awarded, both parties hereby agree to comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (41 CFR Chapter 60).

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The IFB and the commitments made in the selected bid will be contractual obligations, if a contract ensues. Failure to accept these obligations may result in cancellation of the award.

Type of Contract

The evaluation of bids submitted in response to this IFB may result in the issuance of a contract. The contract will incorporate the requirements of the IFB, the vendor's bid, and all other agreements that may be reached.

The bidder shall be responsible for the execution of the project/program and contract requirements.

If subcontracting shall be involved in this contract the bidder shall clearly describe the responsibilities of each party and the assurances of the performance, you offer. The successful vendor's bid, this IFB, and other applicable addenda will become part of the final contract and will merge into the contract.

Contract Period – Funding & Invoicing

Contracts shall be for a one-year period with the option for four (4) additional one-year extensions solely at the discretion of the LMHA. Requests for payment shall be subject to the requirements of HUD 5370. LMHA payment terms are N30. Payment by LMHA is made within 30 days of receipt of invoices and any required documentation.

At Minimum, Invoices Require:

- Purchase Order Number
- Date of Service
- Property Name
- Service Address
- Description of Service(s) Provided
- Invoice Number
- Invoice Date

Additionally, all invoices require electronic submittals for approval. Please adhere to the below submission procedure.

Go to LMHA website – www.lucasmha.org , select “*Business Partners*” at the top, *Doing Business with LMHA*. The first menu item is Vendor Invoice Submission, click on ‘Vendor Invoice Submission Portal’, and fill out the cover sheet. Attach your invoice to the cover sheet. Make sure that you have a purchase order number.

Invoices not submitted as directed above will result in delay of payment.

Confidentiality & Security

Any vendor that has access to confidential information will be required to keep that information confidential.

SUBMITTING BIDS

Preparation of Bid

Bids must provide a clear picture of the vendor's qualifications and price to provide the services required in the IFB. The vendor should respond to the IFB instructions and requirements. The bid must include all costs that relate to the responses submitted.

All bids become the property of LMHA to use. All bids will be considered public information and will be open for inspection.

The bid will be reviewed and awarded based on price and other factors such as capacity, capability, responsibility and references.

The Bidder is solely responsible for submitting all documentation to substantiate those items listed above. Failure to submit adequate documentation may result in a lower score or no points awarded for that item. Bidders are encouraged to expand on the information required.

Bid Cost

The cost of creating bids is the responsibility of the vendor and shall not be chargeable to LMHA. The vendor must guarantee the pricing listed in the bid will remain in effect for a minimum of 365 days after the bid submission date.

Labor Rates All-inclusive

Unless otherwise provided for herein, the unit fees bid shall be all-inclusive; all other items, services and costs that the Contractor needs to complete the work, including but not limited to: tools; equipment; insurance; licensing; employee costs, including benefits; etc.

False or Misleading Statements

Bids containing false or misleading statements may be rejected.

Vendor Representative's Signature

An officer of the Respondent, who is legally authorized to enter into a contractual relationship on behalf of the Respondent, must sign the submission package, and Respondent(s) must affix the organization's corporate seal to these documents. In the absence of a corporate seal, a Notary Public must notarize the submission package signature. The signature must indicate the title or position the individual holds in the vendor's organization.

References

LMHA requires the bidder to supply references with this bid. Bidder's shall complete the Reference Request Form included in this IFB giving LMHA permission to contact at least three (3) organizations where similar services were provided within the last 24 months. Information should include all information shown within the Reference Request Form, such as phone number, email address and name of contact person.

Delivery of Bids

BID DUE DATE: March 8, 2019 at 3:00 pm ET

Contractor will deliver the sealed bid to 435 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 before **3:00 PM ET, on Friday, March 8, 2019**. The exterior of the bid package must be labeled with the Respondent's name, address, telephone number, **email address**, due date and IFB title: **IFB#19-B011 "Lawn Care Services – AMP 131 Scattered Sites"**. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. If mailed, the vendor should use certified or registered mail, UPS, or Federal Express with return receipt requested. Faxes or electronically mailed bids will not be accepted.

All vendors must carefully review their final bids. Once the bid has been opened, bids cannot be changed; with the exception that LMHA may request information or respond to inquiries for clarification purpose only.

Non-Escalation:

The unit prices reflected on the Bid Form and in a subsequent contract shall remain firm with no provision for price increases during the term of the contract.

All vendors submitting a bid must agree to honor the terms and conditions contained herein for the life of the contract.

Bid Details

The detailed bid must include information as follows:

1. Submission Contents:

Letter of Transmittal

Bid Form

Statement of Qualifications and Experience, References and Equipment

Acknowledgement of Scope

MBE/WBE Participation

Exhibits

BID FORMAT

To simplify the process for evaluating bids, and to assure each bid receives the same review; all bids must be submitted in the following format. Bids must contain all the items listed here.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

A letter of transmittal (preferably on letterhead) bearing the signature of an authorized representative of the firm and the name(s) of the individual(s) authorized to negotiate services and costs with LMHA. Authorized individual contact information, including phone number and email address shall be included within this letter.

BID FORM

All submissions **MUST include a fixed price for each type of service for each property listed on the Bid Form.** Your bid will be disqualified if you do not bid all of the scattered site properties in the AMP.

ORGANIZATION

Information about the company: size, structure, history and any relevant certifications as a Minority-owned or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

1) The Offeror should describe the qualifications of staff to be assigned to the Project.

Descriptions should include:

- Project team make-up (only include resumes of staff to be assigned to the project.)
- Assigned Project Manager (the main liaison/contact person for LMHA)
- List of equipment that is owned or leased that will be used to provide services
- If any subcontractors are used, then all aforementioned information should be provided about each potential subcontractor.

2) Experience - List assignments within the past two (2) years that best demonstrate the bidder's competence to perform work similar to the required Scope of Services, including:

- Description of project and who supervised the work and contact information for the project including phone and email.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SCOPE OF SERVICES

A statement that you have toured the properties that you are bidding (on Bid Form)

MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION

The bid should include percentage participation of MBE/WBE of the firms that comprise the bidder's team. LMHA has established an administrative goal of 35% utilization of disadvantaged and historically underutilized businesses for performance of the work under this procurement.

EXHIBITS

(Exhibit 1) Complete and return Level of Interest Form at earliest opportunity.

(Exhibits 2-8) All other required information is set forth by each of the following exhibits. Please index and label each exhibit individually as noted below **and** notarize if required.

(Other) **Any remaining attachments are for your information only and NOT to be returned.**

Exhibit (1) – Level of Interest Form *(Complete and return promptly)*

Exhibit (2) – Bid Form *(return)*

Exhibit (3) – Non-Collusive Affidavit and Disclosure Statement *(return)*

Exhibit (4) – Contractor/Vendor Qualifications Statement *(return)*

Exhibit (5) – Section 3 Forms *(Complete, notarize and return)*

Exhibit (6) – Contractor's Certificate Concerning Equal Employment Opportunities *(return)*

Exhibit (7) - HUD Form 5369-C- Certifications and Representations of Offerors *(return)*

Attachment A - HUD 52158 Maintenance Wage Rate Determination

Attachment B - HUD Form 5369-B – Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

Attachment C – HUD Form 5370-C - General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts
(Part I & II)

Bid Evaluation

Public Opening

The Bid opening will take place at 3:05 PM ET on Friday, March 8, 2019.

At the set date and time, all bids received will be opening and publicly read aloud, including the company name of the bidder and the total calculated costs proposed. At the bid opening, LMHA will only disclose the following information: (a) The company name of each bidder and (b) the calculated total amount of the bid. The bids will not be made available for inspection by anyone at this time; LMHA will, at a later time, review all bids in detail and will, in a timely manner, notify all bidders of any bidder that is, as a result of the more detailed inspection of bids submitted, rules to be non-responsive or not responsible. Bids will be available for inspection by the public after the award has been completed.

Responsive Evaluation

After the public opening the "hard copy" bid submittals received will be evaluated in private for responsiveness (i.e. meets the minimum of the requirements). Firms not meeting the minimum that are deemed to be non-responsive will be notified of such in writing by LMHA in a timely manner.

Responsible Evaluation

LMHA will evaluate the apparent lowest responsive bidder to ensure that he/she is responsible (i.e. a firm is qualified, responsible and able to provide to LMHA the required services). If LMHA ascertains that such firm has the required ability, capability, experience, knowledge, licensing, insurance and resources to provide services, LMHA may proceed with an award. If LMHA determines that such firm is deemed to be not responsible, such firm will be notified of such in writing by LMHA in a timely manner; in such case, LMHA may proceed with the noted Responsive and Responsible Evaluation with the next lowest bidder.

Depending on the amount of the award (typically for awards greater than \$50,000), LMHA shall take such contract award to LMHA Board of Commissions (BOC) for approval of the award prior to executing a contract with the apparent successful bidder.

The bids will be reviewed for pricing, responsibility, and completeness. LMHA will check the references and the equipment of the bidders. If there is documentation that the Bidder is a Resident Owned Business or an MBE / WBE, and the pricing is similar, preference will be given.

Ties

In the case of bids, the award shall be decided as detailed within Section 6.12.C of HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2, by “drawing lots or other random means of selection.”

Acceptance and Rejection of Bids

LMHA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to take exception to the IFB specifications, or to waive any formality. Firms may be excluded from further consideration for failure to comply with the specifications of this IFB. The recommendation of LMHA staff, LMHA President and Chief Executive Officer, as well as LMHA’s Board of Commissioners shall be final.

Withdrawal of Bids

Bids may be withdrawn by written request dispatched by the Respondent in time for delivery in the normal course of business prior to the bid due date and time. Negligence on the part of the Respondent in preparing the required documents confers no right of withdrawal or modification of bid data after such documents are opened.

Modification

Only the Contracting Officer has the authority to modify any term or condition in this Agreement. Any contract modification shall be authorized in writing and shall be in the form of supplement agreements signed by LMHA and Contractor.

Section 3 Requirements

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Section 3 requirements do not apply to any agreement or contract for the purchase of supplies and materials only.

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A. Training and Employment Opportunities for Section 3 Residents

When the Section 3 regulation is triggered by the need for new hires, LMHA and its contractors and subcontractors will make every effort within their disposal to the greatest extent feasible to attempt to hire Section 3 residents amounting to at least 30% of the aggregate number of full-time new hires.

When hiring opportunities are offered and all requirements are met and remain equal, LMHA, contractors and subcontractors shall direct their efforts to hire Section 3 residents in the order of priority preference provided below:

1. Residents at the housing development where the work is being performed (Category 1 residents).
2. Residents of other LMHA public housing developments and holders of housing choice vouchers (Section 8 rent assistance) managed by LMHA (Category 2 residents).
3. Other Section 3 area residents (Category 4 residents).

B. Contracting Opportunities for Section 3 Business Concerns

When the Section 3 regulation is triggered by the need for subcontracting a portion of the work to another business, LMHA and its contractors and subcontractors will make every effort within their disposal to the greatest extent feasible to attempt to subcontract:

1. **Building Trades:** At least 10% of the total dollar amount of all Section 3 covered contracts or purchase orders for building trades work, maintenance, repair, modernization, or development of public housing to Section 3 business concerns.
2. **Other contracts (Non-building trades):** For other Section 3 covered contracts or purchase orders that are not building trades work covered above, the goal is to subcontract at least 3% of the total dollar amount to Section 3 business concerns. This includes professional service contracts such as legal, architects, engineers, consultants, or any other contract or purchase order for services that are not building trades.

Self-Certification of Section 3 Residents and Section 3 Business Concerns

To receive preference as a Section 3 resident or Section 3 business concern, the resident or business must self-certify that they meet the eligibility requirements. (see Section 3 Form #4 and Section 3 Form #2, respectively).

Contractor Responsibilities in meeting Section 3 goals

All contractors are held to the same Section 3 compliance requirements of LMHA as stated in its Section 3 policy. The LMHA Section 3 policy states that when the Section 3 regulation is triggered by a need for new hires or by a need to subcontract a portion of the work, every effort within the contractor's disposal must be made to the greatest extent feasible to direct all available employments, training, and contracting opportunities to Section 3 residents.

Contractors must also proactively facilitate compliance with Section 3 subject to the definition of a Section 3 covered contract. Contractors will have fulfilled their responsibility when they can provide evidence that the following have occurred in the case of hiring, contracting, solicitation and recruitment effort:

1. Extra or greater efforts in notifying Section 3 residents of opportunities through posting job openings in the offices of procurement, in the local media and on the LMHA website;
2. Conveying that the hiring/contract work is a Section 3 Covered opportunity in any advertisement for bids / bids by placing the following language in each advertisement/public notice and website "This job is covered under the requirements of Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968".
3. Notifying subcontractors in each pre-bid meeting of the Section 3 requirements.
4. Providing "Section 3 Resident Self-Certification Forms" for employment at the contractor/subcontractor business offices.
5. Encouraging the training of Section 3 residents by the subcontractors.
6. Facilitating an opportunity or job fair for the contractor and subcontractor to meet interested Section 3 residents for possible employment.
7. Documenting actions taken to comply with Section 3 requirements including all results and impediments using the LMHA prescribed mechanism or form.
8. Posting all job sites funded by LMHA with a location or phone number of whom and how to apply for any opportunities for employment, training or contracting. The sign should be no smaller than a 24" x 24" and should specifically read "This project is covered under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 which requires that any new opportunities be directed to low- and very low-income persons in the community. Please contact _____ at _____ for information on any Employments, Contracting and Subcontracting opportunities.
9. Distributing or posting flyers advertising positions to be filled.
10. Notify the local workforce development board about open positions.

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A contractor may provide one or more of the following “other economic opportunities” under this section:

1. **Training and Employment:** A detailed plan for training should be described in a written narrative and provided for LMHA review. Contractors seeking to provide training may identify a qualified training firm that has the proper experience working with low-income and public housing residents in particular. The contractor will procure the training/firm individual at its expense to provide direct recruitment and solicitation to LMHA residents for employment related training. Verification of the agreement between the contractor and training firm/individual must be provided to LMHA’s Section 3 Compliance Coordinator.
2. **Other Results-Oriented Economic Opportunities:** Other Results -Oriented Economic Opportunities are programs designed to provide economic opportunities to Section 3 residents, including, but not limited to: Section 3 joint ventures, teaming agreements or combination of other economic
3. **opportunities.** A contractor must submit to LMHA a plan detailing these “Other Results-Oriented Economic Opportunities” and receive an approval prior to implementation.

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Form #4 Section 3 Resident Self-Certification and Skills Data Form – this form can be returned if you are a Section 3 resident seeking preference, or it can be used during the interview and application process when hiring for a Section 3 Covered project.



Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority
201 Belmont Avenue
Toledo, Ohio 43604
419-259-9400 Fax 419-254-3495
TDD 419-259-9529
www.lucasmha.org

Bid Form

Offeror: _____ _____ _____	Terms: N30 Bid Expiration Date: _____
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are currently developing a program of vendor sources. Therefore, we would appreciate a bid from you on the service listed within the Invitation for Bids (IFB) #19-B011 / Lawn Care Services – AMP 131 Scattered Sites. **You must bid every line item for it to be a valid bid.**

An Excel Spreadsheet has been attached for ease of inputting figures and tabulating totals.

Please forward this Bid Form and all required documentation requested via the instructions listed under “Delivery of Bids” section of this IFB.

Thank you,

Sherry Tobin
Manager
Procurement & Contracts
Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority
stobin@lucasmha.org

Assigned Property/Address AMP 131 Scattered Sites	Mowing (per service)	Qty.	Total \$	SPRING CLEAN-UP	FALL CLEAN-UP
109 Wellington, Toledo 43607	\$ -	27	\$ -		
1468 Beecham, Toledo 43609	\$ -	27	\$ -		
740 Finch, Toledo 43609	\$ -	27	\$ -		
640 Geneva, Toledo 43609	\$ -	27	\$ -		
544 Hampton, Toledo 43609	\$ -	27	\$ -		
1332 Prouty, Toledo 43609	\$ -	27	\$ -		
241 Somerset, Toledo 43609	\$ -	27	\$ -		
842 Toronto, Toledo 43609	\$ -	27	\$ -		
514 Shasta, Toledo 43609	\$ -	27	\$ -		
334 Spencer, Toledo 43609	\$ -	27	\$ -		
859 Woodsdale, Toledo 43609	\$ -	27	\$ -		
544-546 Pleasant Place, Toledo 43609	\$ -	27	\$ -		
631 / 633 South Ave, Toledo 43609	\$ -	27	\$ -		
802 Lorain St, Toledo 43614	\$ -	27	\$ -		
804 Lorain St., Toledo 43614	\$ -	27	\$ -		
Totals			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Combined Totals - IFB19-B011			\$ -		

Bid Form

Total of Services based on AMP 131 Scattered Sites: _____

Company Name: _____

Federal I.D. # _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Contractor/Vendor Qualification Statement
(Page 1 of 2)

- (1) Prime ____ Sub-contractor ____ (This form must be completed by and for each).
- (2) Name of Firm: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
- (3) Street Address, City, State, Zip: _____
- (4) Please attached a brief biography/resume of the company, including the following information:
(a) Year Firm Established; (b) Year Firm Established in [JURISDICTION]; (c) Former Name and Year Established (if applicable); (d) Name of Parent Company and Date Acquired (if applicable).

(5) Identify Principals/Partners in Firm (submit a brief professional resume for each):

NAME	TITLE	% OF OWNERSHIP

(6) Identify the individual(s) that will act as project manager and any other supervisory personnel that will work on project. (Do not duplicate any resumes required above):

NAME	TITLE

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

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

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

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

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

WMBE
Certified

Certification
by

Number:
(Agency):

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

Signature Date Printed Name Company

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

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Company

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Section 3 Form #1: SECTION 3 CLAUSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons (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 Section 3 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.

I have read and understand these requirements of this Section 3 funded project:

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature

Date

Section 3 Form #2: SECTION 3 BUSINESS SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM



<p>Please return this form to the following address:</p> <p><i>Martice Bishop Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority 201 Belmont Avenue Toledo, OH 43604-0477</i></p>	<p>LMHA's Section 3 Self Certification</p> <p>For assistance completing the certification form, please email: <i>Martice Bishop at MBishop@lucasmha.org</i></p>
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Section 3 Business Criteria: Your business is eligible for Section 3 Business Certification if it meets any one of the following criteria. Please note that the definition of Section 3 qualified person is on Section 3 Form #3, "Section 3 Resident Self-Certification Form."

- 1. Fifty-one percent or more of your business is owned by a Section 3 resident or residents.
- 2. Thirty percent or more of your permanent, full-time employees are Section 3 residents.
- 3. You can provide evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25% of the amount of all subcontracts to Section 3 businesses: (a) that are fifty-one percent or more owned by public housing residents or (b) that has thirty percent or more of their permanent, full-time employees as public housing residents.

Section 3 Business Certification Statement: I hereby certify to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority that all of the information on this form is true and correct. I understand that it is my responsibility to conduct any due diligence necessary to make this certification and to maintain documentation establishing my Section 3 Business concern status. I also understand that failure to complete this form completely and accurately may result in debarment or other administrative remedies available to HUD, and criminal or civil penalties under federal, state, and local laws.

- My business is a Section 3 business in accordance with the standard checked above under Section 3 Business Criteria.
- My business is not a Section 3 business.

Signature:		Date Signed:
Name:	Title:	
Company Name		
Address		
Telephone Number		
Type of Business: (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Other		



Section 3 Form #3: CONTRACTOR SECTION 3 ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE AND ACTION PLAN (p. 1 of 7)

PART I-- Purpose: To ensure that regulations promulgated under 24 CFR Part 135 “Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons” is met, LMHA has developed and approved a Section 3 Policy for LMHA. Information on specific compliance with Section 3 is found in LMHA’s Section 3 Policy, or in the regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

This form, along with all related required documents included shall serve as the ‘assurance of compliance’ certification and action plan as required in the bid documents, supplemental general conditions, and required forms for the contract for any HUD work funded by LMHA.

Name of Business: _____

Business Address: _____

Contract Name/Solicitation #: _____

Total amount of Bid: _____

PART II: PRIOR COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

I am certifying that my business has complied with the HUD Section 3 regulations in its past HUD contracts/purchase orders.

Signature/Title

Print Name

Date

PART III: IS SECTION 3 TRIGGERED BY THIS CONTRACT?

IF CONTRACTOR DOES NOT ANTICIPATE TRIGGERING THE SECTION 3 REGULATIONS, YOU MUST INITIAL BOTH BOXES BELOW:

I do not anticipate hiring any new permanent, temporary, or seasonal employees on this contract.

I do not anticipate subcontracting any portion of the work on this contract.

If you checked both boxes, do NOT check any other boxes or select any other options on this form! Review all other pages and execute the attestation and notarized signature on page 7 Form #3.

IMPORTANT: IF THIS CHANGES AT ANY POINT DURING YOUR CONTRACT, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT YOUR LMHA CONTRACT CONTACT AS WELL AS LMHA SECTION 3 Compliance Coordinator, Martice Bishop: MBishop@lucasmha.org

PART VI. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Outreach Plan:

Check all methods you will employ to hire Section 3 residents. Posting the position in community sources that are generally available to low-income residents and the general public is a standard requirement.

Check at least three (3) other methods you will employ:

- The local community newspaper(s)
- The most widely distributed newspaper
- LMHA website
- LMHA properties management offices in a conspicuous location
- Homeless service agencies
- Local HUD-supported housing communities
- Local Workforce Board
- Other locations as approved by LMHA
- Email blast residents on LMHA Section 3 Resident List
- Post notices on social media controlled by LMHA

Documentation of “To the Greatest Extent Feasible”:

The contractor will work with LMHA Section 3 Coordinator and other designated staff to notify residents of any opportunities afforded under the contract. The contractor will collaborate with LMHA by giving preference of any employment opportunities to the Section 3 persons or business concerns.

The contractor and subcontractor(s) shall recruit or attempt to recruit from LMHA’s Section 3 area, based on the priority order in LMHA’s Section 3 Plan, the necessary number of low-income and very low-income residents through documentation of their efforts and of any impediments to comply. LMHA’s contractors and subcontractors shall:

1. Maintain a list of all low-income area residents who have applied, either on their own or from referral from any source, and employ such person if otherwise qualified and if a vacancy exists.
2. Review and consider the Section 3 Resident List provided by LMHA prior to making new hires. If those hired are not Section 3 residents, or are in a lower preference category, the Contractor must explain in writing the qualifications that those on Section 3 Resident List lacked, or other reason for non-hire (e.g., job offer declined).
3. Provide evidence that the contractor has not filled vacant employment positions in its workforce immediately prior to undertaking work in an attempt to circumvent Section 3 regulations.

Review and determine if low-income and very low-income residents meet minimum hiring qualifications. Applicants meeting such minimum qualifications, but not hired due to lack of job openings or for other operations reasons, will be placed on a priority-hiring list and offered positions upon the occurrence of the first available appropriate job opening.

Recordkeeping:

The contractor shall maintain on file all records related to employment and job training of low-income and very low-income residents or other such records, advertisements, legal notices, brochures, flyers, publications, assurances of compliance from subcontractors, etc., in connection with this contract. If there is a report that is needed as part of the submission, you agree to provide it timely. The contractor shall, upon request, provide such records or copies of records to LMHA, its staff, or agents.

Reports:

The contractor shall provide reports as required in connection with the contractor specifications. All certified and regular payrolls shall clearly detail which employees qualify under Section 3.

Certification:

The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that filled...

- (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed; and
- (2) with persons other than Section 3 residents

...were not filled to circumvent the subcontractor's obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.

Other Economic Opportunities:

If a contractor has demonstrated that it has no need or plans to subcontract or hire, and can demonstrate that it has attempted, to the greatest extent feasible, to hire/contract Section 3 residents and/or contractors, it has fully complied and may move forward and secure non-Section 3 persons or firms.

If a contractor does not trigger the requirements of Section 3 but chooses to offer other economic opportunities such as training, mentoring, or business development for Section 3 residents of LMHA, it may offer to do so in a thorough written plan to the Section 3 Coordinator. These opportunities must be described in a written plan on how the contractor will offer other economic opportunities expressing the outreach, number of persons to be affected, and outcomes.

A contractor that has a need to hire or sub-contract may not use other economic opportunities as a substitute to attempt to meet hiring or contracting goals; the contractor must still demonstrate how it attempted to the greatest extent feasible, to meet the goals.

Grievance and Compliance:

The contractor or sub-contractor hereby acknowledges that they understand that any low-income and very low-income resident of the project area, for him/her or as representatives of persons similarly situated, seeking employment or job training opportunities in the project area, or any eligible business concerns seeking contract opportunities may file a grievance if efforts to the greatest extent feasible were not executed. The grievance must be filed with HUD not later than one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of the action (or omission) upon which the grievance is based.

SECTION 3 CONTRACT COMPLIANCE CURE AND TERMINATION PROCESSES (p. 6 of 7)

This language is a component of contract compliance with the work contractors and sub-contractors including developers respond to in LMHA solicitations. The full requirements are provided in the Section 3 Clause found elsewhere in this package or in the HUD forms 5370-C or 5370 C1 as may be applicable.

All contractors claiming a Preference in contracting by meeting any of the three Preference requirements including a Resident Owned Business, Hiring 30% of New Hires and/or Sub-contracting at least 25% of contract award to a Section 3 Concern shall maintain that status throughout the life of the contract. Failure to meet this requirement will result in penalties up to and including contract termination. Any contractor triggering the regulation by doing any hiring or contracting once they are awarded the contract through contract execution must comply with the Section 3 requirements by executing the efforts on their Certification and Action Plan in accordance with LMHA Section 3 Action Plan.

LMHA shall execute these remedies to achieve compliance in this order:

- A. Based on the first observation or report of non-compliance with Section 3, the contractor will be sent an e-mail from LMHA notifying them of their non-compliance issue. The contractor will have until the next payroll or 14 calendar days, whichever is lesser to bring the contract into compliance.
- B. If at any time a contractor fails to bring the contract into compliance, LMHA must withhold all future payments until the contract is in compliance.
- C. The contractor shall have up to 15 business days from the most recent notice of non-compliance to meet compliance as a final cure period or justify in writing to LMHA why it cannot meet compliance. LMHA must render a response to the contractor within 10 business days of receipt of its letter of reason for non-compliance. If LMHA deems the cause to be unacceptable, at its option, LMHA can extend the cause period one time for up to 5 days to allow the contractor to identify and secure other compliance options, or
- D. If the contractor fails to take any corrective action to bring the contract into compliance within seven (7) business days from the most recent notice of non-compliance, or LMHA does not accept any of the contractor's corrective plans or justifications for non-compliance, LMHA must terminate the contract immediately. **All funds due to the contractor shall be held** and a financial workout of the agreement shall proceed within 24 hours of termination. The workout is to include a contract deduct equal to the total Section 3 contract violation of opportunities provided to non-Section 3 residents or business because they were not offered according to the contract and regulation award. All remaining funds can be paid out based on work satisfactorily completed per the agreement.

Any contractor claiming to meet Section 3 compliance by committing to hire residents, fund training itself **shall meet compliance within seven (7) calendar days of contract start** or LMHA shall halt all payments to the contractor and its sub-contractors related to the agreement and the actions listed in steps A-D in this Section shall apply.

Section 3 Form #3: CONTRACTOR SECTION 3 ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE AND ACTION PLAN (p. 7 of 7)

ATTESTATION:

I attest that the above information is true and correct and that by signing below, the Contractor hereby agrees to comply with Section 3 requirements.

Name of Prime Contractor: _____

Name of Authorized Officer: _____

Title of Authorized Officer: _____

Signature

Date

NOTARY REQUIRED

STATE:

COUNTY:

I, the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said authority and in said State, hereby certify that, _____, whose named as _____ (Title) of _____ (Company) is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of the foregoing conveyance, he/she, in his/her capability as _____ (Officer Title), and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public My Commission Expires: _____ {SEAL}



Section 3 Form #4-- SECTION 3 RESIDENT SELF-CERTIFICATION AND SKILLS DATA FORM (Page 1 of 2)

The purpose of this form is to comply with HUD Section 3 administration and certification regulations.

Printed Name of Individual: _____

My home address is (must be a street address and NOT a P.O. Box number):

Street Address _____ Apt Number _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ **Email Address:** _____

I certify that I am a legal resident of the United States and meet the income eligibility and federal guidelines for a Section 3 Resident below:

To qualify as a Section 3 Resident, you must meet one of the following standards:

1. Be a public housing resident or a Housing Choice Voucher program participant (Section 8 rent assistance voucher) managed by LMHA; OR
2. Be a low income or very low income person who resides in the service area where Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority serves including the total service area in Lucas County Ohio, Monroe County Michigan, Fulton County Ohio and Wood County Ohio with the exception of the city of Bowling Green is located and whose total household income does not exceed the following amounts:

Table of Adjusted Median Income for Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority

Family Size	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
Household Income	34,450	39,400	44,300	49,200	53,150	57,100	61,050	64,950

(Check all that apply):

- I am a public housing resident (Name of housing development: _____)
- I am a Section 8 rent assistance participant with LMHA (have a Housing Choice Voucher)
- I live in the service area of the Housing Commission (Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority)

My total annual household income is \$_____ and there are a total of _____ people living in my household.

Section 3 Form #4-- **SECTION 3 RESIDENT SELF-CERTIFICATION AND SKILLS DATA FORM (Page 2 of 2)**

- Graduated High School or GED Yes No
- Read & Speak English Fluently Yes No
- Graduated College, Trade, or Technical School Yes No

Please list degree or certifications: _____

Check the Skills, Trades, and/or Professions you have been employed in or contracted to do for others:

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|---|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drywall Hanging | <input type="checkbox"/> Drywall Finishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Framing | <input type="checkbox"/> Welding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HVAC | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Plumbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal/Steel Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet Hanging | <input type="checkbox"/> Door Replacement | <input type="checkbox"/> Trim/Carpentry | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Equipment Operator | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Plumbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Framing | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Cleaning | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete/Asphalt Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Roofing | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping | <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing | <input type="checkbox"/> Window/Door Repl. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Customer Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Care Aide | <input type="checkbox"/> Receptionist | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching/Training | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Entry | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative/Clerical | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Driver's License (CDL) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

I am interested in: **Training opportunities** **Employment Opportunities** **Both**

I hereby certify to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority that all of the information on this form is true and correct. I attest under penalty of perjury that my total household income and household size is as shown above, and that proof of this information may be requested in the future. If found to be inaccurate, I understand that I may be disqualified as an applicant and/or a certified Section 3 individual which may be grounds for termination of training, employment, or contracts that resulted from this certification. I also understand that failure to complete this form completely and accurately may result in other administrative remedies available to HUD. Finally, I authorize Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority to include my name on a list of Section 3 Residents seeking employment and to include my contact information so that contractors may contact me.

Signature

Date

LUCAS METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

I attest that the above information is true and correct.

Print Name

Title

Date

Signature

(STATE OF OHIO

_____ COUNTY)

I, the undersigned authority, A Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that, _____, whose name as _____ of _____ is signed to the foregoing conveyance and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that being informed of the contents of the foregoing conveyance, he/she in his/her capacity as _____, and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said Business entity.

Given under my hand and official seal, this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Notary Public

My commission Expires

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:

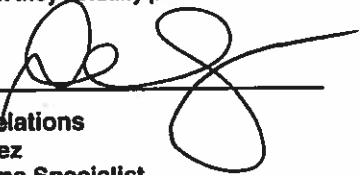
Typed or Printed Name:

Title:

Maintenance Wage Rate Determination	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement	
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Agency Name: Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority	LR 2000 Agency ID No: OH034A	Wage Decision Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Nonroutine Maintenance
	Effective Date: January 1, 2018	Expiration Date: December 31, 2018

The following wage rate determination is made pursuant to Section 12(a) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, (public housing agencies), or pursuant to Section 104(b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-determination Act of 1996, as amended, (Indian housing agencies). The agency and its contractors may pay to maintenance laborers and mechanics no less than the wage rate(s) indicated for the type of work they actually perform.



 HUD Labor Relations
 Deborah A Diez
 Labor Relations Specialist

 January 5, 2018
 Date

WORK CLASSIFICATION(S)	HOURLY WAGE RATES	
	BASIC WAGE	FRINGE BENEFIT(S) (if any)
HVAC/R Technician	\$22.93	As defined by the Lucas MHA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The agency employee benefit program has been determined by HUD to be acceptable for meeting the prevailing fringe benefit requirements. <small>(HUD Labor Relations: If applicable, check box and initial below.)</small> <div style="text-align: center;"> DD _____ LR Staff Initial </div>
Renovation Specialist	\$22.03	
Maintenance Mechanic III	\$22.03	
Maintenance Mechanic II	\$21.01	
Maintenance Mechanic I	\$20.16	
Laborer	\$16.12	
Janitor	\$11.78	

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Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

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



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1. Preparation of Offers

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

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

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

2. Submission of Offers

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

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

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

3. Amendments to Solicitations

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

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

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

4. Explanation to Prospective Offerors

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

5. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

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

6. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Offers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Contract Award

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

(b) The HA may

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

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

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

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

8. Service of Protest

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

9. Offer Submission

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

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

[Describe bid or proposal preparation instructions here:]

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section I – (With or without Maintenance Work)

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

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

1. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this contract:

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

2. Changes

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

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

3. Termination for Convenience and Default

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

4. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

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

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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 Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Labor may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance; provided that if the

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

17. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information

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

18. Contractor's Status

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

19. Other Contractors

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

20. Liens

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

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

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

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

- (d) The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.
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22. Procurement of Recovered Materials

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- (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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Section II – Labor Standard Provisions for all Maintenance Contracts greater than \$2,000

1. Minimum Wages

- (a) All maintenance laborers and mechanics employed under this Contract in the operation of the project(s) shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than semi-monthly, and without subsequent deduction (except as otherwise provided by law or regulations), the full amount of wages due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill. Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein; provided, that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination, including any additional classifications and wage rates approved by HUD under subparagraph 1(b), shall be posted at all times by the Contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.
- (b) (i) Any class of laborers or mechanics which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the Contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. HUD shall approve an additional classification and wage rate only when the following criteria have been met:
 - (1) The work to be performed by the classification required is not performed by a classification in the wage determination;
 - (2) The classification is utilized in the area by the industry; and
 - (3) The proposed wage rate bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.
- (ii) The wage rate determined pursuant to this paragraph shall be paid to all workers performing work

in the classification under this Contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

2. Withholding of funds

The Contracting Officer, upon his/her own action or upon request of HUD, shall withhold or cause to be withheld from the Contractor under this Contract or any other contract subject to HUD-determined wage rates, with the same prime Contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics employed by the Contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by this clause. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic employed under this Contract all or part of the wages required under this Contract, the Contracting Officer or HUD may, after written notice to the Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment or advance until such violations have ceased. The Public Housing Agency or HUD may, after written notice to the Contractor, disburse such amounts withheld for and on account of the Contractor or subcontractor to the respective employees to whom they are due.

3. Records

- (a) The Contractor and each subcontractor shall make and maintain for three (3) years from the completion of the work records containing the following for each laborer and mechanic:
 - (i) Name, address and Social Security Number;
 - (ii) Correct work classification or classifications;
 - (iii) Hourly rate or rates of monetary wages paid;
 - (iv) Rate or rates of any fringe benefits provided;
 - (v) Number of daily and weekly hours worked;
 - (vi) Gross wages earned;
 - (vii) Any deductions made; and
 - (viii) Actual wages paid.
- (b) The Contractor and each subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 3(a) available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of HUD or the HA and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the Contractor or any subcontractor fails to make the required records available, HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance or guarantee of funds.

4. Apprentices and Trainees

- (a) Apprentices and trainees will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they perform when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in:
 - (i) A bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Office of

Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services (OATELS), or with a state apprenticeship agency recognized by OATELS, or if a person is employed in his/her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by OATELS or a state apprenticeship agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice; A

- (ii) A trainee program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, ETA; or
- (iii) A training/trainee program that has received prior approval by HUD.

- (b) Each apprentice or trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered or approved program for the apprentice's/trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices and trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the registered or approved program. If the program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices/trainees must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification.
- (c) The allowable ratio of apprentices or trainees to journeyman on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the employer as to the entire work force under the approved program.
- (d) Any worker employed at an apprentice or trainee wage rate who is not registered in an approved program, and any apprentice or trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the approved program, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed.
- (e) In the event OATELS, a state apprenticeship agency recognized by OATELS or ETA, or HUD, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship or trainee program, the employer will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices/trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

5. Disputes concerning labor standards

- (a) Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions contained in Section II of this form HUD-5370-C, other than those in Paragraph 6, shall be subject to the following procedures. Disputes within the meaning of this paragraph include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the HA, or HUD, or the employees or their representatives, concerning payment of prevailing wage rates or proper classification. The procedures in this section may be initiated upon HUD's own motion, upon referral of the HA, or upon request of the Contractor or subcontractor(s).
 - (i) A Contractor and/or subcontractor or other interested party desiring reconsideration of findings of violation by the HA or HUD relating to the payment of straight-time prevailing wages or classification of work shall request such reconsideration by letter postmarked within 30 calendar days of the date of notice of findings issued by the HA or HUD. The request shall set

forth those findings that are in dispute and the reasons, including any affirmative defenses, with respect to the violations. The request shall be directed to the appropriate HA or HUD official in accordance with instructions contained in the notice of findings or, if the notice does not specify to whom a request should be made, to the Regional Labor Relations Officer (HUD). The HA or HUD official shall, within 60 days (unless otherwise indicated in the notice of findings) after receipt of a timely request for reconsideration, issue a written decision on the findings of violation. The written decision on reconsideration shall contain instructions that any appeal of the decision shall be addressed to the Regional Labor Relations Officer by letter postmarked within 30 calendar days after the date of the decision. In the event that the Regional Labor Relations Officer was the deciding official on reconsideration, the appeal shall be directed to the Director, Office of Labor Relations (HUD). Any appeal must set forth the aspects of the decision that are in dispute and the reasons, including any affirmative defenses, with respect to the violations. The Regional Labor Relations Officer shall, within 60 days (unless otherwise indicated in the decision on reconsideration) after receipt of a timely appeal, issue a written decision on the findings. A decision of the Regional Labor Relations Officer may be appealed to the Director, Office of Labor Relations, by letter postmarked within 30 days of the Regional Labor Relations Officer's decision. Any appeal to the Director must set forth the aspects of the prior decision(s) that are in dispute and the reasons. The decision of the Director, Office of Labor Relations, shall be final.

- (b) Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of paragraph 6 shall not be subject to paragraph 5(a) of this form HUD-5370C. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the U.S. Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR Parts 5, 6 and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this paragraph 5(b) include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the HA, HUD, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

6. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

The provisions of this paragraph 6 are applicable only where the amount of the prime contract exceeds \$100,000. As used in this paragraph, the terms "laborers" and "mechanics" includes watchmen and guards.

- (a) **Overtime requirements.** No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the Contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of 40 hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in such workweek.
- (b) **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.** In the event of any violation of the provisions set forth in paragraph 6(a), the Contractor and any

subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to the District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the provisions set forth in paragraph (a) of this clause, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of 40 hours without payment of the overtime wages required by provisions set forth in paragraph (a) of this clause.

- (c) **Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.** HUD or its designee shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the U.S. Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor under any such Contract or any federal contract with the same prime Contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Contractor such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the provisions set forth in paragraph (b) of this clause.

7. Subcontracts

The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts all the provisions contained in this Section II and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these provisions in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the provisions contained in these clauses.

8. Non-Federal Prevailing Wage Rates

Any prevailing wage rate (including basic hourly rate and any fringe benefits), determined under state law to be prevailing, with respect to any employee in any trade or position employed under the Contract, is inapplicable to the contract and shall not be enforced against the Contractor or any subcontractor, with respect to employees engaged under the contract whenever such non-Federal prevailing wage rate, exclusive of any fringe benefits, exceeds the applicable wage rate determined by the Secretary of HUD to be prevailing in the locality with respect to such trade or position.