

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SNOW REMOVAL

For

Public Housing Sites in Phoenixville and West Chester

Proposals Due: MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 2022, at 3:00PM

PRE-BID SITE WALK THRU SCHEDULE

SITE	DATE/TIME
222 N. Church Street West Chester, PA 19382	December 6 th , 2022 @ 10:00 am
125 S. Penn Street West Chester, PA 19380 (Includes Maple, Spruce, and Locust Courts)	December 6 th , 2022 @ 11:00 am
300 High Street Phoenixville, PA 19460	December 6 th , 2022 @ 2:00 pm

RSVP Required: Imonie Clements @ iclements@haccnet.org

Questions Due: MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2022, AT 2:00 PM
By email only to: iclements@haccnet.org

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the County of Chester (HACC) is soliciting proposals for SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES for Public Housing sites in West Chester:

222 North Church Street, West Chester
125 South Penn Street, West Chester
Maple/Spruce/Locust Courts in West Chester

SERVICES for Public Housing sites in Phoenixville:

300 High Street, Phoenixville

This RFP will be distributed to interested parties via email. However, if requested, the complete RFP can be mailed. Contact Imonie Clements at 610-235-4475; email: iclements@haccnet.org to request a copy is mailed.

A pre-bid meeting will be held **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 2022, AT 10 AM** at 222 N. Church Street in West Chester. After this meeting, tours to show representative the sites in West Chester and Phoenixville.

RSVP is REQUIRED; Imonie Clements @ iclements@haccnet.org.

The Housing Authority of the County of Chester (HACC), a recipient of federal assistance through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), hereby gives public notice of its intent to utilize a competitive process, in accordance with 24 CFR 85.36, for the procurement of consulting services for Snow Removal to act as the Authority's "Owner Representative" for major building/unit renovation projects.

Qualified firms are invited to submit proposals no later than Monday, December 12th, 2022, by 3:00. Proposals will be evaluated, and proposals which are most advantageous to the HACC will be selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation.

The HACC is an equal opportunity agency which does not discriminate against any person because of race, age, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status.

The HACC solicits and encourages Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), and Section 3 Business participation in all its contracts.

SEALED PROPOSALS are due no later than Monday, December 12th, 2022, at 3:00 PM at HACC's administrative office (30 W. Barnard St., Ste., 2, West Chester, PA 19382); ATTN: Imonie Clements.

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1. All proposals will become part of the official files of HACC and shall remain valid for ninety days following the deadline for submission. HACC may waive any minor irregularities, technicalities, omissions, and/or errors in bid documents received. HACC may make multiple awards by municipality or a single award for all sites under this RFP. HACC may cancel this solicitation in its entirety. HACC's reservation of rights shall in no way affect the formation of a contract upon written notice of award by HACC to the successful proposers.
2. All costs incurred directly or indirectly by the proposer for preparation shall be the sole responsibility of the proposer.

SECTION I

A. FORMS, REQUIRED DOCUMENTS & ORGANIZATION OF SUBMISSION

Bids must include all the below-listed documents, and must be submitted in the following order:

- a. Bid Form – excel spreadsheet- one page for each municipality - *signed*
- b. HACC P-300 – Non-Collusion Affidavit
- c. HACC 400A – Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities
- d. HACC 400C.1 – Section 3 Requirements & Executive Order 11246
- e. HACC 400C – Section 3 Certification
- f. HACC P-500 – Statement of Assurances
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- h. HUD 5369 – Instruction to Bidders
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- j. HUD 5369-C – Certification of Representatives
- k. HACC 5370C – Conduct of Work
- l. IRS form W-9 – *completed and signed* (not included)

Other documents required from the Proposer relating to SNOW REMOVAL services:

- References: 3 professional references; statement of consent for HACC to contact.

B. GENERAL SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

All proposers must obtain a copy of the RFP package. The contractor will thoroughly examine the RFP requirements and related documents to ensure complete knowledge of the conditions and requirements for this contract offer. By submitting a proposal, the proposer acknowledges receipt and understanding of all submittal instructions, specifications, and requirements. No claim for extra compensation will be allowed for the contractor's failure to comply with this requirement.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 2022**, at 10:00 AM at 222 N. Church Street in West Chester, 11:00 AM at 125 S. Penn Street in West Chester and 2:00 PM at 300 High Street in Phoenixville.

Questions must be submitted via email clearly identified in the subject line: "QUESTIONS FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES" to: iclements@haccnet.org. All questions must be received by **DECEMBER 8th, 2022, AT 2:00 PM**. Addendums or Clarifications will be issued to each source that has obtained the RFP packet. Your written question may be used as part of the Addendum or Clarification. The Addendum or Clarification will cover all questions that have been asked.

Sealed proposals are due no later than **3:00 PM., MONDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 2022**, at HACC's administrative office located at 30 W Barnard St, Suite 2, West Chester, PA 19382. All proposals must be in writing; no fax or email proposals will be accepted. Any proposal submitted after this deadline will not be considered. HACC reserves the right to reject all proposals and to request additional information from all proposers.

All proposals shall be sealed in an envelope or mailing container and shall be clearly labeled: Proposal for SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES, ATTN: Imonie Clements.

All proposals will become part of the official files of HACC and shall remain valid for ninety days following the deadline for bid submission. HACC may waive any minor irregularities, technicalities, omissions, and/or errors in the proposals that are received. HACC may make single or multiple awards under this solicitation by location. HACC may cancel this solicitation in its entirety. HACC's reservation of rights shall in no way affect the formation of a contract upon written notice of award by HACC to the successful quote submitter(s).

The Contractor shall promptly submit a notice to HACC of observed variance of contract documents for legal requirements.

C. OTHER INFORMATION

1. TYPE & TERM OF CONTRACT

The contract form is “Indefinite-Delivery -- Quantity” contract. The contract shall be for a term of one year. HACC shall have the option to renew the contract upon mutually agreed terms, for an additional year, up to a maximum of five years.

2. INVOICES & METHOD OF PAYMENT

Invoices for service rendered must state the name and address of the Contractor; the invoice date; the date(s) of the work performed including the name of the site with the contract amount for that site and totaled. The Contractor shall submit the invoice to the Accounts Payable Site Manager, who will forward to the Finance Office.

Payments by HACC shall be made to the contractor within thirty (30) days after receipt of an approved invoice.

3. CONTRACTOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful contractor is responsible for all personnel involved in the work including those of his direct employ, his subcontractors, suppliers of materials, suppliers of equipment, and/or all laborers. He shall protect HACC from all claims for damages to all persons or property resulting from the execution of this contract. The contractor shall make good at his own expense, and all damages to HACC’s property from fault or negligence of any of his employees. All employees of the contractor shall comply with all regulations of HACC.

The Contractor will provide HACC with a list of all subcontractors, including the business or individual’s name, address, phone and federal (w-9) ID number.

The Contractor is responsible for obtaining and paying for all Permits, Government Fees, Licenses, as required.

Before being awarded a Contact, the successful bidder shall have properly licensed operators in their equipment, if other than the Contractor will operate snow removal equipment.

The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining an environment in compliance with all rules, regulations, and codes covering a Housing Authority.

The Contractor shall certify to the Housing Authority that it will provide a drug-free workplace and will comply with all State and Federal requirements pertaining to maintenance of a drug-free workplace.

4. TOBACCO FREE

The Housing Authority of Chester County is a tobacco free facility. All individuals including tenants, faculty/staff, suppliers, contractors/subcontractors, and visitors are prohibited from smoking in the buildings and on the facilities.

D. EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Proposals will be evaluated on many criteria deemed to be in HACC's best interests, including, but not limited to:

- Responsiveness to terms and conditions
- Ability to meet specifications
- Experience of employees & Company profile
- References
- Price

E. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS – SUMMARY – Small Services

Before commencing work, the Contractor shall furnish HACC with Certificates of Insurance showing the following insurance is in force and will insure all operations under the Contract prior to the commencement of any work. Policies shall be effective commencing by the first day of work and are to remain in effect during the life of the Contract. The policies shall name the Contractor as the insured and HACC as an additional insured. The insurance company must be financially sound and admitted to business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Worker’s Compensation Insurance	Statutory	
Employers Liability	Minimum of 500,000 for each type of coverage	
Commercial General Liability	General Aggregate	500,000
	Products-Comp/Op. Agg.	500,000
	Personal & Adv Injury	500,000
	Each Occurrence	500,000
	Fire Damage (any one fire)	100,000
	Med Exp. (any one person)	5,000
Auto Liability	Combined single limit for: Bodily Injury, Property Damage Liability, Personal Injury, and Contractual Liability of not less than \$25,000 per occurrence.	
Comprehensive Umbrella Liability Insurance	not less than 500,000	
Crime / Fidelity Bond (employee dishonesty)	25,000	

Payments for supplementary costs such as the cost of defending against a claim must be in addition to and not as a reduction of, the limit of liability.

Must be an Occurrence form policy that contains an extended reporting period of at least 5 years.

Cancellation. At least 30 days advance notice is to be given to the insured and any additional insured.

SECTION II – SCOPE OF WORK

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Removal of snow and/or ice from public area (walkways and parking lots)

- a. The Contractor will ensure that all sidewalks/pathways/staff parking spaces/area at tenant mailboxes/areas at dumpsters be sufficiently cleared of snow and/or ice to permit access to the facility by 7:00 am. Curbs and handicap access ramps, and walkways are to be always kept clear of snow. If snow continues after 7:00 am, the Contractor will return to re-clear and re-treat paved surfaces as needed.
- b. The Contractor will do a second re-clear of snow and re-treat of salt after 7:00 am (as listed in a); any other treatments will be at the discretion of the Public Housing staff.
- c. Any other work requested by Public Housing staff that is not listed in this scope of work must be done with a quote and a purchase order.
- d. The “Not-to-Exceed” value for one year is \$50,000.00.

b. The Contractor will provide an emergency telephone number that may be called any time, 24 hours a day, and seven days a week and will respond within 2 hours to any calls by authorized HACC personnel for snow removal or salt and/or ice melt applications.

c. The Contractor will be aware of prevailing weather conditions during the snow and ice season and be ready to provide services for snow removal areas when:

Light Snowfall: less than 1 1/2“– treat with salt.

Heavy Snowfall: greater than 1 1/2“– plowing/shoveling to be done.

Slippery Conditions/Icy Conditions: when temperatures are at the freezing point or below freezing – treat with salt.

d. The Contractor will plow snow to the down-hill side or opposite from the building whenever possible to prevent continued draining across the cleared snow removal areas.

e. The Contractor will have and maintain the necessary equipment and supplies for effective snow removal. The Contractor will supply all labor, snowplows, front end loaders, dump trucks, salt spreaders, truck and other equipment required to perform snow removal from the snow removal areas.

f. The Contractor will not interfere with the residents of HACC’s properties.

g. After each snow removal, all equipment shall be promptly removed.

SECTION III – SITE/LOCATION SELECTION & BID PRICES

BID FORM - PART ONE

LOCATION OF SITES:

Check “Yes” or “No” if you are proposing to provide services in a municipality...
MUST DO ALL SITES in a municipality.

West Chester: ALL OF THE WEST CHESTER SITES YES NO

222 N Church St.
Sidewalks & Walkways, and rear parking lot, including ramp on Patton alley.

Locust Court: (300 block of E. Barnard St. including units across Adams Street)
Sidewalks & Walkways and parking lot including Trash area.

Spruce & Maple Courts: (500 block of E. Barnard)
Sidewalks & Walkways and parking area including Trash Surround area

Phoenixville: ONE SITE YES NO

King Terrace (300 High Street & Main St.)
Sidewalks & Walkways surrounding the property, driveway and parking areas including Trash area.

BID FORM - PART TWO

Ice/Dusting (salt only) \$ _____ (and/or return to salt)

**0 – 3” Snow/Mix \$ _____ (includes 1 salting after surface
has been cleared)**

**3” – 6” Snow/Mix \$ _____ (includes 1 salting after surface
has been cleared)**

**6” + Snow/Mix \$ _____ (includes 1 salting after surface
has been cleared)**

**Cost to remove snow from site due to high accumulation will be considered a
Change order to negotiate based on need.**

The contract shall be for a term of two years. HACC shall have the option to renew the contract upon mutually agreed terms, for an additional year, up to a maximum of five years.

In submitting this bid the proposer represents that he/she is familiar with the general, local, and site conditions.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Company Name, Address, Phone, Fax, and Email

LIST OF FORMS

Bid Form – excel spreadsheet- one page for each municipality – *signed*

HACC P-300 – Non-Collusion Affidavit

HACC 400A – Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities

HACC 400C.1 – Section 3 Requirements & Executive Order 11246 HACC 400C – Section 3 Certification

HACC P-500 – Statement of Assurances

HACC P-500.1 – Statement of Insurance Coverage

HUD 5369 – Instruction to Bidders

HUD 5369-B – Instructions to Offerors

HUD 5369-C – Certification of Representatives

HACC 5370C – Conduct of Work

IRS form W-9 – *completed and signed*

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF CHESTER - BID/RFP DOCUMENTS
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

(NOTE: This document pertains to both *bidders (IFB)* and *proposers (RFP)*)

Contract/Bid/Proposal for:

State of: _____ County of: _____

I state that I am (name and title) _____

of (name of firm) _____

and that I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of my firm, and its' owners, directors, and officers. I am the person responsible in my firm for the price(s) and the amount of this bid.

I state that:

- 1) The Price(s) and the total amount of this bid has been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication or agreement with any other contractor, bidder, or potential bidder
- 2) Neither the price(s) nor the total amount of this bid, and neither the approximate price(s) nor the approximate total amount of this bid, have been disclosed to any other firm or person who is a bidder or potential bidder, and they will not be disclosed before the bid opening or review.
- 3) No Attempt has been made or will be made to induce any firm or person to refrain from bidding on the Contract, or to submit a bid higher than this bid, or to submit any intentionally high or non complete bid or other form or complementary bid.
- 4) The bid of my firm is made in good faith and is not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with; or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other nor competitive bid.
- 5) (name of firm) _____ its' affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last four years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State or Federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract, except as follows:
- 6) I state that (name of firm) _____ understands and acknowledges that the above representations are material and important and will be relied on by the Housing Authority of the County of Chester in awarding the contract(s) for which this bid is submitted. I understand and my firm understands that any misstatements in this affidavit is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the Housing Authority of the County of Chester of the true facts relating to the submission of bids for this Contract.

I State that I am (name and title) _____

Sworn and subscribed before me in this day of _____

(Notary Public) _____ Commission expires: _____

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

1. This Non-Collusion Affidavit is material to any contract awarded pursuant to this bid. According to the Pennsylvania Anti Bid-Rigging Act 73 PA; 1611 et seq., governmental agencies may require Non-Collusion Affidavits to be submitted together with bids.
2. This Non-Collusion Affidavit must be executed by the member, officer, or employee of the bidder who makes the final decision on prices and the amount quoted on the bid.
3. Bid-Rigging and other efforts to restrain competition and the making of false sworn statements in connection with the submission of bids are unlawful and may be subject to criminal prosecution. The person who signs the Affidavit should examine it carefully before signing and assure himself or herself that each statement is true and accurate. They should make diligent inquiry, as necessary of all other persons employed by or associated with the bidder with responsibilities for the preparation, approval, or submission of the bid.
4. In the case of a bid submitted by a joint venture, each party to the venture must be identified in the bid documents, and Affidavit must be submitted separately on behalf of each party.
5. The term 'Complementary Bid' as used in the Affidavit has the meaning commonly associated with that term in the bidding process, and includes the knowledgeable submission of bids higher than the bid of another firm, any intentionally high or non-bid and any other form of bid submitted for the purpose of giving a false appearance of completion.
6. Failure to file an Affidavit in compliance with these instructions will result in disqualification of the bid.

CERTIFICATION OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES

*Applicable to Federally assisted construction contracts and related subcontracts exceeding \$10,000, which are not exempt from the **Equal Opportunity Clause**.*

The Federally-assisted construction Contractor certifies that he does not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The Federally- assisted construction Contractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in this contract. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work area, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreations or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The Federally-assisted construction Contractor agrees that (except where he has obtained identical certifications from proposed contractors for specific time periods) he will obtain identical certification from proposed Subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause, and that he will retain such certifications in his files.

Signature

Date

Name and Title of Signer (Please Type pr Print)

NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in
18 U.S.C. 1001.

SECTION 3 REQUIREMENTS & EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246

Section 3 Requirements. In accordance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and the implementing regulations in 24 CFR, PHAs and their contractors and subcontractors shall make best efforts, consistent with existing Federal, State, and local laws and regulations to give low- and very low-income persons the training and employment opportunities generated by Section 3-covered assistance (as this term is defined in 24 CFR 135.3(1)) and to give Section 3 business concerns the contracting opportunities generated by section 3 covered assistance.

Compliant contractors will meet the employment, training, and contracting objective of Section 3 by providing opportunities for training and employment to "lower-income persons" (Public Housing Resident or individual whose income does not exceed 80% of the Median Income for the area) who reside within the unit of local government or the metropolitan area (or non-metropolitan County) in which the project is located.

Contracting and/or Sub Contracting with business concerns:

- That are 51% or more owned by Section 3 residents; or
- Whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30% of whom are currently Section 3 residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business concern were Section 3 residents; or
- That provide evidence or a commitment to Sub-Contract in excess of 25% of the dollar award of all Sub-Contracts to be awarded to business concerns that meet the qualifications set forth above, which are located in or owned (in a substantial part) by persons residing in the same metropolitan area (or non-metropolitan County) as the project.

A description of a HUD Wage rate Schedule can be obtained from the web. HUD may issue an addendum to the wage rate determination for Apprentice/Trainee, as appropriate. Special wage rate determinations may be granted by HUD for programs that involve employing employees such as Challenged Individuals or Disadvantaged Youth.

HUD strongly encourages the development and utilization of Resident Management Corporations (RMCs). RMCs may utilize wage rates already issued by HUD. They may also establish different work classifications for its own employees and/or use alternative work classifications if they also submit these rates and classifications to HUD (through the Housing Authority of the County of Chester) for advanced approval.

DESCRIPTIONS

WHAT IS SECTION 3:

It is a means by which HUD fosters local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency. Section 3 is the legal basis for providing jobs for residents and awarding contracts to businesses in areas receiving certain types of HUD financial assistance. Recipients of HUD financial assistance and their Contractors and Sub-Contractors are required to provide economic opportunities, to the Greatest Extent Feasible, consistent with existing Federal, State, and Local laws and regulations.

Under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, wherever HUD financial assistance is given for housing or community development, to the Greatest Extent Feasible, economic opportunities will be given to residents and businesses in that area.

Section 3 Policy:

Congress established the Section 3 policy to ensure that the employment and other economic opportunities generated by Federal Financial Assistance for Housing and Community Development programs shall, to the Greatest Extent Feasible, be directed toward low and very low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing.

Who are Section 3 Residents?

Residents of public housing and low-income persons who live in the area in which a HUD assisted project is located.

What is a Section 3 Business?

A business that is owned by Section 3 residents or employs Section 3 residents in full-time positions or Sub-Contracts with businesses which provide economic opportunities to low income persons.

How can businesses find Section 3 residents to work for them?

Businesses can recruit in the neighborhood and Public housing developments to tell residents about available training and job opportunities. Distributing flyers, posting signs, placing ads, and contacting resident organizations and local community development and employment agencies to find potential workers are effective ways to contact Section 3 businesses and residents.

Will HUD require compliance?

Yes, HUD receives annual reports from recipients of HUD financial assistance, monitors the performance of Contractors, and investigates complaints. HUD examines employment and contract records for evidence of actions taken to train and employ Section 3 residents and to award contracts to Section 3 businesses.

Executive Order 11246 (Equal Employment Opportunity).

Contracts for construction work in connection with Projects under this part are subject to Executive Order 11246 (3 CFR, 1964-65 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375 (3 CFR, 1966-70 Comp., p. 684), and to applicable implementing regulations (24 CFR part 130; 41 CFR chapter 60), rules, and orders of HUD and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs of the Department of Labor (DOL). Executive Order 11246 prohibits discrimination and requires affirmative action to ensure that employees or applicants for employment are treated without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Compliance with E.O. 11246, and related regulations, Orders, and requirements shall be to the maximum extent consistent with, but not in derogation of, compliance with section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

SECTION 3 CERTIFICATION

**TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES
FOR BUSINESSES AND LOWER INCOME PERSONS**

- A. The project assisted under this contract is subject to the requirements of *Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 USC of 1701u*. Section 3 requires that to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment be given to lower income residents of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns which are located in or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the area of the project.

- B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, the Contractor shall carry out the provisions of said Section 3 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Secretary set forth in *24 CFR Part 135 (published in 38 Federal Register 29220, October 23, 1973)* and all applicable rules and orders of the Secretary issued thereunder prior to the execution of this contract. The requirements of said regulations include but are not limited to development and implementation of an affirmative action plan for utilizing business concerns located within or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the area of the project; the making of a good faith effort, as defined by the regulations, to provide training, employment and business opportunities required by Section 3; and incorporation of the *Section 3 Clause* specified by *Section 135.20 (b)* of the regulations in all contracts for work in connection with the project. The Contractor certifies and agrees that it is under no contractual or other disability which would prevent it from complying with these regulations.

- C. Compliance with the provisions of Section 3, the regulations set forth in *24 CFR Part 135*, and all applicable rules and orders of the Secretary issued thereunder prior to approval by the Government of the application for this contract shall be a condition of the Federal financial assistance provided to the project, binding upon the Contractor, its successors and assigns. Failure to fulfill these requirements shall subject the Contractor, its contractors and subcontractors, its successors, and assigns to the sanctions specified by this Contract and to such sanctions as are specified by *24 CFR 135*.

Company

BY:

Authorized Signature

TITLE:

DATE:

STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

The Undersigned hereby acknowledges that s/he has read, understands, and agrees to the terms and conditions stated in the following forms, especially HUD 5369-C & HACC P-5370-C as well as all other forms in the RFP.

The Undersigned hereby provides assurance of his/the firm's Ability and Availability to complete all work, as detailed in this RFP.

The Undersigned hereby certifies that all services performed by him/the firm shall be in compliance with all applicable laws.

Signature

Title

Printed Name

Date

Company official address

Company official address

STATEMENT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

Having carefully examined the Insurance Requirements stated in the Invitation for Bid/Request for Proposal, the undersigned hereby certifies that the required types and level of insurance are in force, and that if awarded the contract, will have the Housing Authority of the County of Chester named as an additional insured and provide such Certificate to the Authority.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

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

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

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Public and Indian Housing Programs

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1. Bid Preparation and Submission

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Explanations and Interpretations to Prospective Bidders

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

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

3. Amendments to Invitations for Bids

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

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

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

4. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

5. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Bids

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. Bid Opening

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

7. Service of Protest

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

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

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

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

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

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

8. Contract Award

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Assurance of Completion

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

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

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

(3) a 20 percent cash escrow;

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

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

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

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

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

11. Preconstruction Conference (applicable to construction contracts)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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) 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.

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.

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.

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;

(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:]

Certifications and Representations of Offerors Non-Construction Contract

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

OMB Approval No: 2577-0180 (exp. 7/30/96)

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/offerors 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Americans | <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

**General Conditions of the Non-Construction Contract
Public and Indian Housing Programs**

NOTE: This document is a part of a "Services Only" contract and as such, not all provisions are applicable.

CONDUCT OF WORK

1. Definitions

- (a) "Contract" means the contract entered into between the HACC and the consultant.
- (b) "Contracting Officer" means the person delegated the authority by the HACC to enter into, administer, and/or terminate this contract.
- (c) "Consultant" means the person or other entity entering into the contract with the HACC to perform all of the services required under the contract.
- (d) "HUD" means the United States of America acting through the Department of Housing and Urban Development including the Secretary, or any other person designated to act on its behalf. HUD has agreed, subject to the provisions of an *Annual Contributions Contract* (ACC) to provide financial assistance to the HACC, which includes assistance in financing the work to be performed under this contract.
- (e) "HACC" means the Housing Authority of the County of Chester organized under applicable Pennsylvania state law as the Housing Authority of the County of Chester, and a party to this contract.
- (f) "Work" means services provided workmanship and fabrication of components, if any.

2. Consultant's Responsibility for Work

- (a) The Consultant shall furnish all necessary labor, tools, service-required equipment, and transportation necessary for performance of the work.
- (b) At all times during performance of this contract and until the work is completed and accepted, the Consultant shall oversee the work.
- (c) The Consultant shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property that occur as a result of the Consultant's fault or negligence, and shall take proper safety and health precautions to protect the work, the workers, the public, and the property of others. The Consultant shall hold and save the HACC, its officers and agents, free and harmless from liability of any nature occasioned by the Consultant's performance. The Consultant shall also be responsible for all services it or its subcontractor performed until completion and acceptance of the entire work, except for any completed unit of work that may have been accepted under the contract.
- (d) The Consultant shall confine all operations (including storage of materials) on HACC premises to areas authorized or approved by the Contracting Officer.

3. Inspection and Acceptance

If the consultant fails to perform promptly the required work or to take the necessary action to ensure future performance of the contract in conformity with contract requirements, the HACC may, by contract or otherwise, perform the work itself and charge the consultant any cost incurred that is directly related to the performance of the work or terminate the contract for default.

Administrative Requirements

8. Contract Period

The consultant shall complete all work required under this contract within the time schedule established in the notice to proceed issued by the Contracting Officer.

10. Payments. See Contract

11. Cost Limitations

- a. The parties estimated that performance of this contract will not cost the HA more than the estimated cost stated elsewhere in this contract.

12. Contract Modifications

- (a) Only the Contracting Officer has authority to modify any term or condition of this contract. Any contract modification shall be authorized in writing.

15. Disputes

- (a) All disputes arising under or relating to this contract, including any claims for damages for the alleged breach thereof that are not disposed of by agreement, shall be resolved under this clause.
- (b) All claims by the Consultant shall be made in writing and submitted to the Contracting Officer. A claim by the HACC against the Consultant shall be subject to a written decision by the Contracting Officer.
- (c) The Contracting Officer shall, with reasonable promptness, but in no event in no more than ten (10) days, render a decision concerning any claim hereunder. Unless the Consultant, within 30 days after receipt of the Contracting Officer's decision, shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing that it takes exception to such decision, the decision shall be final and conclusive.
- (d) Provided the Consultant has (1) given the notice within the time stated in paragraph (c) above, and (2) excepted its claim relating to such decision from the final release, and (3) brought suit against the HACC 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 Consultant has had a reasonable time to respond to a written request by the HACC that it submit a final voucher and release, whichever is earlier, then the Contracting Officer'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 Consultant 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 Contracting Officer.
- (f) The Consultant is prohibited from placing a lien on the HACC's property. This prohibition shall apply to all sub consultants.

16. Default

- (a) If the Consultant refuses or fails to prosecute the work, or any separable part thereof, with the diligence that will insure its completion within the time specified in this contract, or any extension thereof, or fails to complete said work within this time, the Contracting Officer may, by written notice to the Consultant, terminate the right to proceed with the work (or separable part of the work) that has been delayed. In this event, the HACC may take over the work and complete it, by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, equipment, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The Consultant and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the HACC resulting from the Consultant's refusal or failure to complete the work within the specified time, whether or not the Consultant's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the HACC in completing the work.
- (b) The Consultant's right to proceed shall not be terminated or the Consultant charged with damages under this clause if-
 - (1) The delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Consultant. Examples of such causes include (i) acts of God, or of the public enemy, (ii) acts of the HACC or other governmental entity in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, (iii) acts of another consultant in the performance of a contract with the HACC, (iv) fires, (v) floods, (vi) epidemics, (vii) quarantine restrictions, (viii) strikes, (x) freight embargoes, (x) unusually severe weather, or (x) delays of sub consultants or suppliers at any time arising from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of both the Consultant and the sub consultants or suppliers; and
 - (2) The Consultant, within ten (10) days from the beginning of such delay (unless extended by the Contracting Officer) notifies the Contracting Officer in writing of the causes of delay. The Contracting Officer shall ascertain the facts and the extent of the delay. If, in the judgment of the Contracting

Officer, the findings of fact warrant such action, time for completing the work shall be extended by written modification to the contract. The findings of the Contracting Officer shall be reduced to a written decision that shall be subject to the provisions of clause *15. Disputes* herein.

- (c) If, after termination of the Consultant's right to proceed, it is determined that the Consultant was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if the termination had been for the convenience of the HACC.

17. Liquidated Damages – not applicable for this contract. If the consultant fails to perform the scope of services as stated in the contract, the contract can be terminated.

18. Termination For Convenience

- (a) The Contracting Officer may terminate this contract in whole, or in part, whenever the Contracting Officer determines that such termination is in the best interest of the HACC. Any such termination shall be effected by delivery to the Consultant of a Notice of Termination specifying the extent to which the performance of the work under the contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.
- (b) If the performance of the work is terminated, either in whole or in part, the HACC shall be liable to the Consultant for reasonable and proper costs resulting from such termination which costs shall be paid to the Consultant within 90 days of receipt by the HACC of a properly presented claim setting out in detail: (1) the total cost of the work performed to date of termination less the total amount of contract payments made to the consultant; (2) the cost (including reasonable profit) of settling and paying claims under subcontracts and material orders for work performed and materials and supplies delivered to the site, payment for which has not been made by the HACC to the Consultant or by the Consultant to the sub consultant or supplier; (3) the cost of preserving and protecting the work already performed until the HACC or assignee takes possession thereof or assumes responsibility therefore; (4) the actual or estimated cost of legal and accounting services reasonably necessary to prepare and present the termination claim to the HACC; and (5) an amount constituting a reasonable profit on the value of the work performed by the Consultant.
- (c) Any disputes with regard to this clause are expressly made subject to the provisions of clause *15. Disputes* herein.

19. Assignment of Contract

The Consultant shall not assign or transfer any interest in this contract, except that claims for monies due or to become due from the HACC under the contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution. Such assignments of claims shall only be made with the written concurrence of the Contracting Officer. If the Consultant is a partnership, this contract shall inure to the benefit of the surviving or remaining member(s) of such partnership as approved by the Contracting Officer.

20. Subcontracts

- (a) The Consultant shall not enter into any subcontract with any sub consultant who has been temporarily denied participation in a HUD program or who has been suspended or debarred from participating in contracting programs by any agency of the United States Government or of the State in which the work under this contract is to be performed.
- (b) The Consultant shall be as fully responsible for the acts or omissions of its sub consultants, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them as for the acts or omissions of persons directly employed by the Consultant.
- (c) The Consultant shall insert appropriate clauses in all subcontracts to bind sub consultants to the terms and conditions of this contract insofar as they are applicable to the work of sub consultants.
- (d) Nothing contained in this contract shall create any contractual relationship between any sub consultant and the HACC, or between the sub consultant and HUD.

21. Subcontracting with Small and Minority Firms, Women's Business Enterprise, and Labor Surplus Area Firms

The Consultant shall take the following steps to assure that, whenever possible, subcontracts are awarded to minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor area firms:

- (a) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- (b) Assuring that small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- (c) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
- (d) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirements of the contract permit, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises; and
- (e) Using the services and assistance of the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Minority Business Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and state and local governmental small business agencies.

22. Equal Employment Opportunity

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

- (a) The Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (b) The Consultant 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 Consultant 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 Consultant shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Consultant; state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (e) The Consultant 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 Consultant's commitments under this clause, and post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (f) The Consultant shall comply with Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (g) The Consultant 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 Consultant 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 Consultant 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 Consultant 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 Consultant 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 Consultant 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 sub consultant or vendor. The Consultant shall take such action with respect to

any subcontract 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 Consultant becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a sub consultant vendor as a result of such direction, the Consultant may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

- (j) Compliance with the requirements of this clause shall be to the maximum extent consistent with, but not in derogation of, compliance with section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and clause 36, INDIAN PREFERENCE herein.

**23. Equal Opportunity for Businesses and Unemployed and Underemployed Persons
(HUD Act of 1968, Section 3)**

- (a) In accordance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u, the Consultant shall, to the maximum extent practicable:
 - (1) Providing training and employment opportunities to the unemployed and underemployed residents of the unit of local government or the metropolitan area (or non-metropolitan county) in which the project is located; and
 - (2) Award contracts for work in connection with the project to business concerns that are located in or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the same metropolitan area or non-metropolitan county as the project.
- (b) The Consultant shall insert or cause to be inserted this same provision in each construction subcontract.

24. Interest of Members of Congress

No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States of America shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise therefrom.

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

No member, officer, or employee of the HACC, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the project is situated, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the HACC 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.

26. Limitations on Payments Made to Influence Certain Federal Financial Transactions

- (a) The Consultant agrees to comply with Section 1352 of title 31, United States Code which prohibits the use of Federal appropriated funds to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and 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, or the modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (b) The consultant further agrees to comply with the requirement of the Act to furnish a disclosure (OMB Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities) if any funds other than Federal appropriated funds (including profit or fee received under a covered Federal transaction) have been paid, or will be paid, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (c) Indian tribes (except those chartered by States) and Indian organizations as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450B) are exempt from the requirements of this clause.

27. Royalties and Patents

The Consultant shall pay all royalties and license fees. It shall defend all suits or claims for infringement of any patent rights and shall save the HACC harmless from loss on account thereof; except that the HACC shall be responsible for all such loss when a particular design, process or the product of a particular manufacturer or manufacturers is specified and the Consultant has no reason to believe that the specified design, process, or product is an infringement. If, however, the Consultant has reason to believe that any design, process or product specified is an infringement of a patent, the Consultant shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer. Failure to give such notice shall make the Consultant responsible for resultant loss.

28. Rights in Data and Copyrights

Except as provided elsewhere in this clause, the HACC shall have unlimited rights in data first produced in the performance of this contract; form, fit, and function data delivered under this contract; data delivered under this contract (except for restricted computer software) that constitute manuals or instructional and training material for installation, operation, or routine maintenance and repair of items, components, or processes delivered or furnished for use under this contract; and all other data delivered under this contract unless provided otherwise for limited rights data or restricted computer software.

The consultant shall have the right to: use, release to others, reproduce, distribute, or publish any data first produced or specifically used by the consultant in the performance of this contract, unless provided otherwise in this clause; protect from unauthorized disclosure and use those data which are limited rights data or restricted computer software to the extent provided in this clause; substantiate use of, add or correct limited rights, restricted rights, or copyright notices and to take other appropriate action in accordance with this clause; and establish claim to copyright subsisting in data first produced in the performance of this contract to the extent provided below.

For data first produced in the performance of this contract, the consultant may establish, without prior approval of the Contracting Officer, claim to copyright subsisting in scientific or technical articles based on or containing data first produced in the performance of this contract. The consultant grants the HACC and others acting on its behalf a paid-up, non-exclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license in such copyrighted data to reproduce, prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform or display publicly by or on behalf of the HACC.

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

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

The consultant is responsible for obtaining from its sub consultants all data and rights necessary to fulfill the consultant's obligations under this contract.

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

The restricted computer software delivered under this contract may not be used, reproduced, or disclosed by the HACC except as provided below or as expressly stated otherwise in this contract. The restricted computer software may be: used or copied for use in or with the computer(s) for which it was acquired, including use at any HACC location to which such computer(s) may be transferred; used or copied for use in or with backup computer if any computer for which it was acquired is inoperative; reproduced for safekeeping (archives) or backup purposes; modified, adapted, or combined with other computer software, provided that the modified, combined, or adapted portions of the derivative software incorporating any of the delivered, restricted computer software shall be subject to the same restrictions set forth in this contract; and used or copies for use in or transferred to a replacement computer.

29. Examination and Retention of Consultant's Records

- (a) The HACC, 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 Consultant's directly pertinent books, documents, papers, or other records involving transactions related to this contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.
 - (b) The Consultant 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.
- (b) The periods of access and examination in paragraphs (a) and (b) above for records relating to (1) appeals under the clause above titled *16. Disputes*, (2) litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, or (3) costs and expenses of this contract to which the HACC, 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.

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____
4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.
6 City, state, and ZIP code
7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number											
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or

Employer identification number										
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person ▶

Date ▶

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
 - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
 - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
 - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
 - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
 - Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
 - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
 - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.
- If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What Is Backup Withholding, later.*

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

Note: If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. Individual. Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note: ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. Sole proprietor or single-member LLC. Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation. Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. Other entities. Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. Disregarded entity. For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
• Partnership	Partnership
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)

2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities

5—A corporation

6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession

7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

8—A real estate investment trust

9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)

11—A financial institution

12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian

13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note: You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note: See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/Businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note: Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out Item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out Item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLÉ accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ⁴
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

*Note: The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note: If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF CHESTER- RFP FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES AUGUST 2022
 EVALUATION CRITERIA – SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

A. DESCRIPTION

Company Name _____

ITEM	MAX VALUE	RATING
1. Listed the company's prior experience providing snow removal services of the nature required to multi-unit residential properties.	25	_____
2. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of required duties outlined in Section II- Scope of Work.	20	_____
3. Services/fees are priced and affordable.	20	_____
4. Listed and described the adequacy of the company's technical and human resources.	20	_____
5. Provided evidence and assurance of the company's ability to perform responsively and promptly.	15	_____
6. Demonstrated clear understanding of project approach.	15	_____
SUB-TOTAL	115	_____
Section 3 Bonus	5	_____
TOTAL	120	_____

Ranked by: _____ Date: _____, 2022

B. OTHER CRITERIA

1. References

Provide a minimum of three, including name, address, email address, and telephone number.

2. Insurances

Will be required upon award of contract