



Invitation for Bids

LOWELL HOUSING AUTHORITY

CONSTABLE SERVICES IFB 2024-11

Release Date: April 29, 2024

Questions Due Date: May 8, 2024, by 3:00 PM

Bids Due: May 14, 2024 @ 11:00 AM



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CONTRACTOR BID SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

To ensure that your bids are acceptable, and are not rejected due to mistakes, we are providing this Checklist for your convenience. It does not have to be included with your bid. If this checklist is not submitted it is an informality that will not void the bid.

Please do not submit the entire IFB document. **Only** submit the required forms, bonds, certifications and any additional submittals/data sheets, etc.

- _____ Bid Price Sheet
- _____ Section 3 Policy Form #'s 1 & 2
- _____ Non-Collusion Form
- _____ Tax Compliance Certification
- _____ Form W9
- _____ Certificate of Corporate Vote of Authorization
- _____ Representations, Certifications and Other Statements of Bidders Public and Indian Housing Programs Form HUD 5369-A

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS IFB #2024-11

The Lowell Housing Authority and the Board of Commissioners, the Awarding Authority, invite sealed bids from organizations qualified to provide **constable services** on an as needed basis for the **Lowell Housing Authority in Lowell, Massachusetts**, in accordance with the documents prepared by the Lowell Housing Authority. A one-year contract shall be awarded to the responsive and responsible bidder offering the lowest total bid price for all services.

Bids will be received until May 14, 2024, by 11:00 AM.

All Bids should be clearly labeled and sent to: Lowell Housing Authority, 350 Moody St., Lowell, MA 01854 **Attn: Dept. of Finance & Procurement**, and received no later than the date and time specified above and should remain valid for forty-five (45) days from bid opening. Electronic submission of bids will not be accepted.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available on April 29, 2024, to download from www.lhma.org/bids.

Questions must be submitted in writing before May 8, 2024, by 3:00 PM to Lowell Housing Authority, Dept. of Finance & Procurement c/o Rita V. Brousseau, Chief Procurement Officer, 350 Moody St, Lowell, MA 01854 or via rbrousseau@lhma.org.

All bids submitted in response to this Invitation for Bids will be evaluated and awarded in accordance with the provisions established under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30B. Vendors will be required to abide by the guidelines established under this statute.

The LHA reserves the right to amend or cancel this IFB, accept or reject any and all bids and waive minor informalities.

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END OF SECTION

INTRODUCTION

POLITICAL SUBDIVISION STATUS

The Lowell Housing Authority (the “LHA”) is an autonomous, public housing authority created in 1937 as a public body politic and corporate with the City of Lowell and a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Enabling legislation is Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 121B, *et seq.* The LHA is governed by a five-member appointed Board of Commissioners, which is the LHA awarding authority.

HOUSING UNITS

The LHA owns and/or manages 3,147 units of housing comprising of: (a) 1,625 units in federal family and elderly/disabled housing developments. The HUD-aided properties are managed under an Asset Management Project model (“AMP”). The LHA has four (4) AMPs and the state-aided portfolio. (b) 148 units in state housing developments, 42 units in HUD Multi-family new construction/substantial rehabilitation development and (c) 1,384 U.S. HUD Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. Images of the LHA housing units may be viewed on the website: www.LHMA.org.

STAFF

The LHA currently employs approximately 100 full and part-time employees, including its central administration/management, property managers for each of the five property development areas, and facilities/maintenance staff.

FUNDING

The LHA receives both federal and state grants that supplement its operational expenditures and support capital improvements. Annual operational spend is approximately \$44M with state and federal capital expenditures of approximately \$4M.

IFB INFORMATION AT A GLANCE:

Agency Contact Person:	Rita V. Brousseau, Chief Procurement Officer Tel: 978-364-5341 E-Mail: rbrousseau@lhma.org 350 Moody St, PO Box 60, Lowell, MA 01854 TDD/TTY: 1-800-545-1833 x178
How to Obtain IFB Documents:	www.lhma.org/bids
IFB Issue Date:	April 29, 2024
Pre-Proposal Conference (Optional):	NONE
Deadline for Written Questions:	May 8, 2024, by 3:00 PM
How to Fully Respond to this IFB:	As instructed within Section 3 of the IFB document.
Proposal Submission Date and Time:	May 14, 2024, by 11:00 AM
Anticipated LHA Board Approval:	June 12, 2024

*Regularly scheduled LHA Board Meetings are held at the Armand P. Mercier Community Center Board Room, 21 Salem St, Lowell, MA on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:00 P.M.

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 LHA RESERVATIONS OF RIGHTS

Informal or Ex parte Communications. No verbal or written information which is obtained other than through this IFB or its addenda shall be binding by the LHA. With the exception of written instructions and information from the Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) or designee, no employee of the LHA is authorized to interpret any portion of this IFB or give information as to the

requirements of the IFB in addition to that contained in or amended to this written IFB document. Applicant must not make inquiry or communicate with any other LHA staff member or official (including members of the Board of Commissioners) pertaining to this IFB. Failure to submit by this requirement may be cause for the LHA to not consider an application submittal received from any Applicant who has not submitted by this directive.

Rejection & Waivers. The LHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive technicalities and informalities in the solicitation process, or to terminate and cancel the solicitation process at any time, if deemed by the LHA to be in its best interests. The LHA reserves the right to reject and not consider any bids that does not conform to or meet the solicitation requirements in whole or in part, including but not limited to incomplete bids, non-specified items and/or non-requested services.

No Award. The LHA reserves the right not to award a purchase order agreement or contract pursuant to this solicitation.

Awards. The LHA shall make awards in its best interest and as required by applicable law, regulation or policy, and to correct any award erroneously made as a result of a clerical error on the part of the LHA.

Termination. The LHA reserves the right to terminate a contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation at any time for its convenience upon written notice to each contractor.

Performance. The LHA reserves the right to determine the days, hours and locations that the successful bidder(s) shall provide services called for in this solicitation.

Retention. The LHA reserves the right to retain all bids submitted and not permit withdrawal for a period of up to 60 days subsequent to the deadline for receiving bids without the written consent of the LHA Contracting Officer.

No Compensation. The LHA will not compensate any potential supplier or vendor for any costs incurred in responding to this solicitation.

Participation. The LHA shall reserve the right to at any time during the solicitation or contract process to prohibit any further participation by a prospective contractor or reject any bids submitted that does not conform to any of the requirements detailed herein.

Compliance. By receipt of this solicitation each prospective bidder thereby agrees to abide by all terms and conditions listed within this document and with all attachments, and further agrees that he/she will inform the Chief Procurement Officer in writing within five-days of the discovery of any item listed herein or of any item that is issued thereafter by the LHA that he/she feels needs to be addressed. Failure to abide by this time frame shall relieve the LHA, but not the prospective bidder of any responsibility pertaining to such issue.

Good Faith. By submitting its bid, the bidder’s representative certifies under penalties of perjury that this application, the bid has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word “person” shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Taxes. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 62C, §49A, the prospective contractor’s representative hereby certifies, under the penalties of perjury, that, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, he/she is in compliance with all the laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.

Indemnification. Each bidder, at its own expense and without exception, shall indemnify, defend and pay all damages, costs, expenses including attorney fees and otherwise hold harmless the LHA, and agents from any liability of any nature or kind in regard to the delivery of services.

Intellectual Property. All bids, responses, inquiries and correspondence relating to or in reference to this IFB, and all reports, concepts, data, information, charts, and other documentation submitted shall inure for use by and become the property of the LHA when received. If copyrighted material is submitted, the LHA will presume that the bidder grants limited release to the LHA in order to make scan or copy and distribute documents as necessary for official purposes and for public record requests.

No Conflicts. The bidder covenants, that (1) presently, there is no financial interest and shall not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement or which would violate M.G.L. c.268A, as amended; (2) in the performance of this Contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed by the Contractor or engaged as a subcontractor by the contractor; and (3) no partner or employee of the firm is related by blood or marriage to any Board Member or employee of the Awarding Authority. See:

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartIV/TitleI/Chapter268A>

HUD Table 5.1 Mandatory Contract Terms for Small Purchases other than Construction is incorporated in this IFB, see Attachment A and also applies to subcontractors.

Contract Terms Incorporated Into IFB. The attached Standard Goods and Services Agreement (**ATTACHMENT G**) clauses are incorporated into this IFB as part of its terms and condition requirements as well as the anticipated award and all activity there under unless otherwise amended.

1.2 PUBLIC INFORMATION, PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

1.2.1. All responses, bids, related documentation and information submitted in response to this IFB are subject to the Massachusetts Freedom of Information Law, M.G.L. c.66 §10, and to M.G.L c.4 §7(26), regarding public access to such documents. Any statement submitted by the

respondent that purport to reserve any confidentiality or privacy rights in submitted responses or that are otherwise inconsistent with these statutes will be void and disregarded.

1.2.2. By submitting its response to the LHA, the Bidder agrees that the LHA shall not be liable under any circumstances for the subsequent disclosure of any materials submitted to it by Bidder pursuant to this IFB and/or in connection with any contract entered into between Bidder and the LHA as a result of the IFB process.

1.2.3. Further, any selected Bidder must recognize that in the performance of the LHA Standards Goods and Services Agreement and any Work Orders issued thereto, it may become a holder of personal data (as defined in M.G.L. c.66A) or other information deemed confidential. Bidder shall comply with the laws and regulations relating to confidentiality and privacy, including any rules or regulations of the LHA.

1.3 INVOICING

Invoices will reference supporting back-up documentation. LHA will pay invoices, "Net thirty (30) days", after acceptance of each invoice. All invoicing is subject to the LHA Standard Goods and Services Agreement ("Agreement"); see Section 4.2 in the Agreement at **ATTACHMENT G** of this IFB.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF REQUIRED SERVICES

The intent of this Invitation for Bids is to obtain competitive pricing from qualified organizations who can provide Constable Services to the Housing Authority as needed throughout a one-year period.

2.1 SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of services to be performed by the Constable shall include the following:

- Provide personal delivery of court/legal documents, subpoenas, and complaints as needed.
- Provide eviction services and execute order of possession (ejection from the unit/lock out).
- Perform standby services, including remaining at the unit to oversee removal of tenant's personal property and ensuring the unit is secure at the conclusion of the appointment.
- Perform removal/disposal of abandoned property, service to include removal of all personal property from the unit and transfer to the curb.
- Provide timely services and be prompt in the execution of work assigned. All services are to be completed as requested within 72 hours of submission.
- Complete all assignments in accordance with Massachusetts Landlord and Tenant Laws and serve as a disinterested party in the performance of duties.

2.2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Bidder may be an individual or a business corporation, partnership, firm, joint venture or other legal entity duly organized and authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and appointed and confirmed as a Constable by the Lowell City Council and is financially sound and able to provide the services required in this IFB.

2.3 APPROVED CONSTABLES

Bids submitted by constables not confirmed by the City of Lowell at the time of the bid opening will be rejected as non-responsive.

To become a constable for the City of Lowell, you may take the following steps:

- Complete an application and provide 5 letters of recommendation (one letter MUST be from an attorney who resides in the community in which you live) There is a \$50.00 application fee.
- Complete a CORI Request form.
- If the CORI comes back satisfactory, then you must submit a \$5,000 bond.
- The application, letters of recommendation and bond will be submitted to the City Council for approval.
- Once approved you must go to the City Clerk's office to be sworn in (there is a \$250.00 fee).

If a Bidder has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity, such firm shall disclose that information in its bid, which may be sufficient ground for disqualification. If the selected firm fails to disclose such information and Lowell Housing discovers it thereafter, then the HA could terminate the contract.

Each Bidder must be in good standing with the Lowell Housing Authority, and any Federal, State or Municipality that has or has had a contracting relationship with the firm. If Bidder is not in good standing with LHA, and/or any Federal, State or Municipality this must be disclosed. If a Federal, State or Municipal entity has terminated any contract with a Bidder for deficiencies or defaults, that Bidder must disclose this information to LHA. LHA will consider such facts and circumstances during its evaluation of the Offeror's proposal. If the selected firm fails to disclose such information and LHA discovers it thereafter, then LHA could terminate the contract.

2.4 SECTION 3 POLICY

Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) that is regulated by the provisions of 24 CFR 75. LHA will, to the greatest extent feasible, ensure that employment and other economic opportunities are directed to low- and very low-income persons (Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers) and to eligible businesses (Section 3 Businesses) and requires the same of its contractors. These requirements do not supersede Government requirements for competitive procurement and Davis Bacon wages. These requirements do not supersede the requirements of Massachusetts laws regarding bidding and construction. **See Attachment H**

Bidders must complete and submit with their bid package Form #'s 1 & 2 to be considered a responsive bid. **Failure to submit these forms will result in the rejection of your bid.**

3.0 BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3.1 BID SUBMITTAL

Sealed bids shall be clearly identified on the bid envelope as "**BID # IFB 2024-11 Constable Services**" and include the bidder's name, address and contact

telephone number. If a delivery service envelope is used to deliver the bid, the bid shall be placed in a separately sealed envelope. The LHA will not be responsible for the premature opening of any bid not properly identified, and any such bid will be rejected.

A bidder may correct, modify, or withdraw a bid by written notice received by the LHA prior to the time and date set for the bid opening. Bid modifications must be submitted as described for the original bid submission, in a sealed envelope clearly labeled, "**BID #IFB 2024-11 Constable Services.**" Each modification must be numbered in sequence and must reference the original IFB.

NOTE: Packages mailed via U.S. Postal Service will be delivered to a post office box. Arrival at the LHA Executive Offices prior to the due date and time *cannot be presumed or guaranteed*. Bidders are solely responsible for timely delivery to the LHA office:

**Lowell Housing Authority
Department of Finance and Procurement
350 Moody Street
Lowell, MA 01854
"BID – IFB 2024-11 DUE: (May 14, 2024 @ 11:00 AM)"**

3.2 BID SUBMISSION

3.2.1. Bid Opening

The LHA Department of Finance and Procurement is located in the Cityview Towers on the Executive Office side of the building. Enter from 350 Moody St, Lowell, MA (the residential side of the building is at 657 Merrimack St). The bid opening is a public opening that will take place at the time and date listed on the cover page. If, at the time of the scheduled bid opening the Executive Offices are closed due to an uncontrolled event, such as fire, snow, ice, wind or building evacuation, the bid opening will be **postponed until 3:00 PM on the next normal business day**. Bids will be accepted until that date and time.

3.2.2. Bid Forms

The following forms, incorporated herein and included elsewhere in the bid documents, must be submitted with the bid:

- a. Bid Price Form
- b. Section 3 Policy Forms 1 & 2
- c. Non-Collusion
- d. Tax Compliance
- e. Form W9
- f. Certificate of Corporate Vote of Authorization
- g. HUD 5369-A

3.2.3. Submission Terms

- i. **ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:** One marked original bid is required. Please do not staple or permanently bind the original and cut sheets so that they may be copied or scanned.
- ii. **NO CHARGES:** The LHA shall not accept charges for the requested information.

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- iii. **CONTENT OF CONTRACT:** The contract shall be based on this Invitation for Bids, addenda and the contractor’s bid and purchase order content.
- iv. **SIGNED SUBMISSIONS:** The bid shall be signed by an official authorized to bind the company and shall contain a statement that the bid is firm during the acceptance period, which expires **60 calendar days** from the bid due date. A bid must be signed as follows:
 - a. If bidder is an individual, by her/him personally;
 - b. If the bidder is a partnership, by the name of the partnership, followed by the signature of each general partner; or
 - c. If the bidder is a corporation, by the authorized officer, whose signature must be attested to by the Clerk/Secretary of the Corporation and the Corporate Seal affixed.
- v. **LHA’S RIGHTS: ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, EXCEPTIONS, AMENDMENT, WAIVING INFORMALITIES, CONTRACT INCORPORATION, EXCLUSIONS, ETC.:** LHA reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, or to cancel or amend this IFB in part or its entirety. LHA also reserves its right to waive non-statutory or non-regulatory components and other informal (items required only by the LHA and/or unfairly limited competition) and minor informalities, if in the best interest of the LHA to do so. Bids or parts thereof will be incorporated into the final contract. Bids which are incomplete, conditional, not properly endorsed, or signed, or which are otherwise contrary to these instructions may be rejected. Bidders may be excluded from further consideration for failure to fully comply with the specifications of the IFB. General Conditions on **ATTACHMENT D** and are incorporated herein.
- vi. **CHANGES TO SUBMISSION:** After the bid opening, a bidder may not change any provision of the bid in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the LHA or fair competition. Minor informalities will be waived or the bidder will be allowed to correct them. If a mistake and the intended bid is clearly evident on the face of the bid documents, the mistake will be corrected to reflect the intended correct bid, and the bidder will be notified in writing; the bidder may not withdraw the bid. A bidder may withdraw a bid if a mistake is clearly evident on the face of the bid document, but the intended correct bid is not similarly evident.
- vii. **DEBARMENT AND LIMITED DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION (LDP):** LHA will reject any bid where its bidder is debarred or under a relevant (federal) Limited Denial of Participation (LDP)¹ by U.S. Government agencies including the Department of

¹ Limited Denial of Participation:

https://www5.hud.gov/Ecpcis/main/ECPCIS_List/main/ECPCIS_List.jsp

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and/or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or its political subdivisions from providing goods or services, and reserves the right to reject the bid of any bidder who has previously failed to perform any contract properly for any purchaser, or to complete on time, contracts of a similar nature, who are not in the position to perform the contract, or who has neglected the payment of bills or otherwise disregarded as obligations to clients, purchasers, subcontractors or employees.

Failure of the successful bidder to accept these and other terms will void the award. Acceptance of the bid is subject to the approval of the LHA Board of Commissioners.

3.3 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO PRICING

3.3.1. Quantities

All quantities entered by the Agency herein and within the corresponding Pricing Items are for calculating purposes only. As may be further detailed herein, the Agency does not guarantee any minimum or maximum amount of work as a result of any award ensuing from this IFB, as the ensuing contract will be a Requirements Contract, in that the Agency shall retain one contractor only and shall retain the right to order from that contractor (successful bidder), on a purchase order basis, any amount of services the Agency requires.

3.3.2. Quotes

When requested by the HA, the awarded vendor shall submit a detailed quote listing the quantity requested, description of items and pricing according to the contract terms. The HA reserves the right to request quotes from other companies during the term of the ensuing contract.

3.3.3. Price Escalation

Pertaining to the ensuing contract, there shall be no escalation of the proposed unit costs (or hourly rates) allowed at any time during the initial awarded contract period. The successful bidder guarantees, by submitting a bid, that he/she will hold all proposed costs for the period of time it takes the successful bidder to provide the detailed services. At the discretion of the HA, at the end of the first one-year contract period (and at the end of any ensuing extended period), there may be an escalation of:

- i. **Product Costs** allowed in the same amount of the nation-wide escalation that the manufacturer implemented for the specific product(s) that the HA procures from the successful bidder. Such notification shall include detailed justification information, including official notices and/or correspondence from applicable manufacturer(s) detailing the escalation and shall also show written documentation proving such escalation has occurred similarly from at least one other competitor and as well as documentation showing this increase was issued by a competitor within the past six (6) months.
- ii. **Notification Must Be Received from Contractor.** The Contractor must notify the CPO, in writing, of such desired

escalation at least 60 days prior to the end of the noted contract period.

3.3.4. Overtime (if applicable)

Pursuant to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, overtime shall not be less than time and one-half for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week. The Agency shall consider regular-time to be Monday-Friday (excluding holidays), 8:00am – 5:00pm. Accordingly, the Agency will pay a rate of 1.5 of the listed hourly rates for any work the Agency requires the successful bidder to perform specifically during non-regular-time hours (the Agency shall NOT be responsible to pay the successful bidder for any work that the successful bidder CHOOSES to work during non-regular-time hours, only such hours that the Agency gives prior approval for).

- i. The Agency shall NOT be responsible to pay the successful bidder for any work that the successful bidder CHOOSES to work during non-regular-time hours; meaning, if the necessity for the work “after hours” is due to, for example, the Contractor’s lack of staffing or due to other work that the Contractor may have with other clients, the Agency expects that such work will be provided during normal work hours.

3.4 QUESTIONS AND ADDENDA

Questions concerning this Invitation for Bids must be submitted in writing to LHA. Written responses will be sent to all bidders on record of having received the IFB. All questions and answers are incorporated into this IFB by reference.

If changes are made to this IFB, an addendum will be issued. A page link will be e-mailed to all bidders on record as having downloaded the IFB documents. If the LHA issues any addenda to this bid, each bidder shall acknowledge on the Bid Form the receipt of each addenda by addendum number and date. IFB documents

3.5 CONTACT WITH THE AGENCY

It is the responsibility of the bidders to address all communication and correspondence pertaining to this IFB process to the Chief Procurement Officer, Rita V. Brousseau (email: rbrousseau@lhma.org) **only**. Bidders must not make inquiry or communication with any other Agency staff member or official (including members of the Board of Commissioners) pertaining to this IFB. Failure to abide by this requirement may be cause for the Agency to not consider a bid submittal received from any bidder who has not abided by this directive.

3.6 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

LHA adopted its Equal Employment Opportunity Contracting Policy (hereinafter referred to as the Policy) to ensure non-discrimination and equal employment goals for minorities and females in accordance with Presidential Executive Order 11246 as amended.

3.7 RECAP OF ATTACHMENTS

The following is a summary of the attached documents relevant to this IFB.

ATTACHMENT A: HUD Table 5.1, Mandatory Contract Clauses for Small Purchases Other than Construction.

- ATTACHMENT B:** HUD-5369-B, Instructions to Offerors, Non-Construction
ATTACHMENT C: HUD-5369-C, Certifications and Representations of Offerors, Non-Construction Contract (**Submit with Bid**)
ATTACHMENT D: HUD-5370-C, General Condition for Non-Construction Contracts
ATTACHMENT E: Certificate of Non-Collusion & Certificate of Tax Compliance (**Submit with Bid**)
ATTACHMENT F: Form W9 (**Submit with Bid**)
ATTACHMENT G: Standard LHA Goods and Services Agreement (Sample)
ATTACHMENT H: LHA Policy Section 3 Preference (**Submit Forms 1 & 2 with Bid**)

4.0 CONTRACT AWARD

4.1 RULE FOR AWARD

A one-year contract shall be awarded to the responsive and responsible bidder offering the lowest total price for all services.

Award means the determination and selection of the bidder is responsible and responsive and whose bid represents the lowest price to be paid by the LHA including all delivery costs (FOB-Destination Prepaid). The award or awards of contemplated contracts will be made by the LHA Board of Commissioners based on a recommendation to the Executive Director. To be eligible to receive contract award, a bidder must be equipped to undertake and complete the order as specified in the IFB and contract documents.

4.2 CONTRACT CONDITIONS

The following provisions are considered mandatory conditions of any contract award made by the Agency pursuant to this IFB:

4.2.1 CONTRACT FORM

The Agency will not execute a contract on the Contractor's form- contracts will only be executed on the Agency's form (please see Sample Contract), and by submitting a bid the Contractor agrees to do so (please note that the Agency reserves the right to amend this form as the Agency deems necessary). However, the Agency will during the IFB process (prior to the submittal deadline) consider any contract clauses that the bidder wishes to include therein and submits in writing a request for the Agency to do so; but the failure of the Agency to include such clauses does not give the Contractor the right to refuse to execute the Agency's contract form. It is the responsibility of each prospective bidder to notify the Agency, in writing, prior to submitting a bid, of any clauses that he/she is not willing to include in the final executed contract and abide by. The Agency will consider and respond to such written correspondence with a decision.

i. HUD FORMS

Please note that the Agency has no legal right or ability to (and will not) at any time negotiate any clauses contained within ANY of the HUD forms included as part of this IFB. These forms are required terms and conditions.

4.2.2 UNAUTHORIZED SUB-CONTRACTING PROHIBITED

The Contractor shall not assign any right, nor delegate any duty for the work proposed pursuant to this IFB (including, but not limited to, selling or transferring the contract) without the prior written consent of the

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Contract Officer (CO). Any purported assignment of interest or delegation of duty, without the prior written consent of the CO shall be void and may result in the cancellation of the contract with the Agency, or may result in the full or partial forfeiture of funds paid to the Contractor as a result of the proposed contract; either as determined by the CO.

4.3 CONTRACT PERIOD

The Agency anticipates that it will initially award a contract for a one (1) year period.

4.4 LICENSING AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Upon notice of award, the Lowell Housing Authority shall be named as additional insured on each certificate of insurance (COI) within five (5) business days and prior to issuing any contract. The insurance coverage shall have at a minimum:

4.4.1 WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE to apply to all employees for statutory limits in compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

4.4.2 EMPLOYER’S LIABILITY INSURANCE with a minimum limit of \$100,000.00 each incident.

4.4.3 COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE shall have a minimum limit of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence combined single limit for personal injury, bodily injury, and property damage liability of \$2,000,000.00 aggregate.

4.4.4 BUSINESS AUTO POLICY OR SIMILAR shall have a minimum limit of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage liability. This shall include owned, hired and non-owned vehicles.

4.4.5 PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY AND/OR “ERRORS AND OMISSIONS” INSURANCE shall have a minimum limit of \$2,000,000.00 per claim.

4.4.6 CITY/COUNTY/STATE BUSINESS LICENSE. If applicable, a copy of the bidder’s business license allowing that entity to provide such services within the City of Lowell, Middlesex County, and/or the State of Massachusetts.

4.5 CONTRACT SERVICE STANDARDS

All work performed pursuant to this IFB must conform and comply with all applicable local, state, and federal codes, statutes, laws and regulations.

4.6 PROMPT RETURN OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Any and all documents required to complete the contract, including contract signature by the successful bidder, shall be provided to the Agency within 5 business days of notification by the Agency.

5.0 FORM FOR BID

The undersigned proposes to furnish all items for **IFB 2024-11** for the Lowell Housing Authority in Lowell Massachusetts in accordance with the Contract Documents for the contract price specified below.

Extraneous numbers, prices, comments, etc., appearing elsewhere on this bid shall be deemed to have no effect on the prices offered in the designated locations and will not be considered. Bid prices/fees are final and all inclusive. LHA will not be responsible for the reimbursement of any costs not specifically set forth in this request for quotes. No extra charges shall be billed to the Authority.

Vendor shall bid on all items. Placing a No-Bid on items may result in the rejection of your bid.

Services	Fee	Est. Qty	Total
Service of Process			
In-Hand Services Basic	\$	960	\$
Each Additional Adult Occupant	\$	50	\$
Attest	\$	960	\$
Postage and Handling	\$	12	\$
Travel	\$	50	\$
Conveyance	\$	960	\$
Copies	\$	20	\$
Enforcement			
Execution for Possession (Eviction)	\$	50	\$
Eviction/Seizure Attempt	\$	12	\$
Cancellation Fee	\$	12	\$
Special Services			
Additional Efforts Outside Normal Service	\$	15	\$
GRAND TOTAL			\$

Prompt Pay Discount _____% net _____ days.

Delivery upon receipt of an authorized PO _____ days

The undersigned bidder hereby states that by completing and submitting this Form and all other documents within this bid submittal, he/she is verifying that all information provided herein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, true and accurate, and that if the LHA discovers that any information entered herein to be false, such shall entitle the LHA to disqualify, not consider for award, or cancel any award with the undersigned party.

Further, by completing and submitting the bid submittal and by entering and submitting the bid costs provided, the undersigned bidder agrees to abide by all terms and conditions pertaining to this IFB as issued by the LHA, including an agreement to execute the Standard Goods and Services Agreement form attached herein. Pursuant to all IFB Documents, this Form for Bid, all attachments and all completed Documents submitted, the undersigned proposes to supply the Lowell Housing Authority with the services described herein for the bid prices entered.

Date _____

(Name of General Bidder)

By _____
(Name of Person Signing Bid and Title)

(Business Address)

(City and State)

_____ / _____
(Telephone) (Fax)

(Email Address)

6.0 ATTACHMENTS A-H

ATTACHMENT A

HUD Table 5.1, Mandatory Contract Clauses for Small Purchases Other than Construction.

TABLE 5.1 of HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2

MANDATORY CONTRACT CLAUSES FOR SMALL PURCHASES OTHER THAN CONSTRUCTION

The following contract clauses are required in contracts pursuant to **24 CFR 85.36(i) and Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act**. HUD is permitted to require changes, remedies, changed conditions, access and records retention, suspension of work, and other clauses approved by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy. The PHA and contractor is also subject to other Federal laws including the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, Federal regulations, and state law and regulations.

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

Right in Data and Patent Rights (Ownership and Proprietary Interest). The PHA shall have exclusive ownership of, all proprietary interest in, and the right to full and exclusive possession of all information, materials, and documents discovered or produced by Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Contract, including, but not limited to, reports, memoranda or letters concerning the research and reporting tasks of the Contract.

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

Procurement of Recovered Materials

(a) In accordance with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Contractor shall procure items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition. The Contractor shall procure items designated in the EPA guidelines that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable unless the Contractor determines that such items: (1) are not reasonably available in a reasonable period of time; (2) fail to meet reasonable performance standards, which shall be determined on the basis of the guidelines of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, if applicable to the item; or (3) are only available at an unreasonable price.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this clause shall apply to items purchased under this contract where: (1) the Contractor purchases in excess of \$10,000 of the item under this contract; or (2) during the preceding Federal fiscal year, the Contractor: (i) purchased any amount of the items for use under a contract that was funded with Federal appropriations and was with a Federal agency or a State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State; and (ii) purchased a total of in excess of \$10,000 of the item both under and outside that contract.

Termination for Cause and for Convenience (contracts of \$10,000 or more).

(a) The PHA may terminate this contract in whole, or from time to time in part, for the PHA's convenience or the failure of the Contractor to fulfill the contract obligations (cause/default). The PHA shall terminate by delivering to the Contractor a written Notice of Termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of the notice, the Contractor shall: (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the PHA all information, reports, papers, and other materials accumulated or generated in performing the contract, whether completed or in process.

(b) If the termination is for the convenience of the PHA, the PHA shall be liable only for payment for services rendered before the effective date of the termination.

(c) If the termination is due to the failure of the Contractor to fulfill its obligations under the contract (cause/default), the PHA may (1) require the Contractor to deliver to it, in the manner and to the extent directed by the PHA, any work described in the Notice of Termination; (2) take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by contract or otherwise, and the Contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the PHA; and (3) withhold any payments to the Contractor, for the purpose of set-off or partial payment, as the case may be, of amounts owned by the PHA by the Contractor. In the event of termination for cause/default, the PHA shall be liable to the Contractor for reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor before the effective date of the termination. Any dispute shall be decided by the Contracting Officer.

ATTACHMENT B

HUD-5369-B, Instructions to Offerors, Non-Construction

Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

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



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1. Preparation of Offers

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

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

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

2. Submission of Offers

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

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

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

3. Amendments to Solicitations

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

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

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

4. Explanation to Prospective Offerors

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

5. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

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

6. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Offers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Contract Award

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

(b) The HA may

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

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

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

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

8. Service of Protest

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

9. Offer Submission

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

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

[Describe bid or proposal preparation instructions here:]

ATTACHMENT C

HUD-5369-C, Certifications and Representations of Offerors, Non-Construction Contract
(Submit with Bid)

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

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

Instructions to Bidders for Contracts

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 —

Lowell Housing Authority
Office of Finance & Procurement
Attn: Rita V. Brousseau, CPO
350 Moody Street
Lowell, MA 01854

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

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

8. Contract Award

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Assurance of Completion

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

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

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

[] (3) a 20 percent cash escrow;

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

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

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

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

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

11. Preconstruction Conference (applicable to construction contracts)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(k) The IHA [] does [X] 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.

ATTACHMENT D

HUD-5370-C, Section I, General Condition for Non-Construction Contracts

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section I – (With or without Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

Office of Labor Relations

OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (exp. 11/30/2023)

Public Reporting Burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one hour 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. HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and an applicant is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

- 1) **Non-construction contracts** (*without* maintenance) **greater than \$150,000 - use Section I;**
- 2) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance as defined at 24 CFR 905.100) **greater than \$2,000 but not more than \$150,000 - use Section II;** and
- 3) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance), **greater than \$150,000 – use Sections I and II.**

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

1. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this contract:

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

2. Changes

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

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

3. Termination for Convenience and Default

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

4. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

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

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

5. Rights in Data (Ownership and Proprietary Interest)

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

6. Energy Efficiency

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

7. Disputes

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

8. Contract Termination; Debarment

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

9. Assignment of Contract

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

10. Certificate and Release

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

11. Organizational Conflicts of Interest

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

12. Inspection and Acceptance

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

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

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

13. Interest of Members of Congress

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

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

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

15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Prohibition.

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

(ii) The prohibition does not apply as follows:

(1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Professional and technical services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) Selling activities by independent sales representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16. Equal Employment Opportunity

During the performance of this contract, the

Contractor/Seller agrees as follows:

(a) The [contractor/seller] will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or national origin. The

[contractor/seller] will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The [contractor/seller] agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(b) The [contractor/seller] will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the [contractor/seller], state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or national origin.

(c) The [contractor/seller] will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the [contractor/seller]'s legal duty to furnish information.

(d) The [contractor/seller] will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the [contractor/seller]'s commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(e) The [contractor/seller] will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

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

(g) In the event of the [contractor/seller]'s non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the [contractor/seller] may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(g) In the event of the [contractor/seller]'s non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the [contractor/seller] may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(h) The [contractor/seller] will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each sub[contractor/seller] or vendor. The [contractor/seller] will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the [contractor/seller] becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the [contractor/seller] may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

17. Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities

1. The [contractor/seller] will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental disability in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The [contractor/seller] agrees to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals with disabilities, and to treat qualified individuals without discrimination on the basis of their physical or mental disability in all employment practices, including the following:

- i. Recruitment, advertising, and job application procedures;
- ii. Hiring, upgrading, promotion, award of tenure, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, right of return from layoff and rehiring;
- iii. Rates of pay or any other form of compensation and changes in compensation;
- iv. Job assignments, job classifications, organizational structures, position descriptions, lines of progression, and seniority lists;
- v. Leaves of absence, sick leave, or any other leave;
- vi. Fringe benefits available by virtue of employment, whether or not administered by the [contractor/seller];
- vii. Selection and financial support for training, including apprenticeship, professional meetings, conferences, and other related activities, and selection for leaves of absence to pursue training;
- viii. Activities sponsored by the [contractor/seller] including social or recreational programs; and
- ix. Any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.

2. The [contractor/seller] agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the act.

3. In the event of the [contractor/seller] noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the act.

4. The [contractor/seller] agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the rights of applicants and employees as well as the [contractor/seller]'s obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified employees and applicants with disabilities.

The [contractor/seller] must ensure that applicants or employees with disabilities are provided the notice in a form that is accessible and understandable to the individual applicant or employee (e.g., providing Braille or large print versions of the notice, or posting a copy of the notice at a lower height for easy viewing by a person using a wheelchair). With respect to employees who do not work at a physical location of the [contractor/seller], a [contractor/seller] will satisfy its posting obligations by posting such notices in an electronic format, provided that the [contractor/seller] provides computers, or access to computers, that can access the electronic posting to such employees, or the [contractor/seller] has actual knowledge that such employees otherwise are able to access the electronically posted notices. Electronic notices for employees must be posted in a conspicuous location and format on the company's intranet or sent by electronic mail to employees. An electronic posting must be used by the [contractor/seller] to notify job applicants of their rights if the [contractor/seller] utilizes an electronic application process. Such electronic applicant notice must be conspicuously stored with, or as part of, the electronic application.

5. The [contractor/seller] will notify each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the [contractor/seller] is bound by the terms of section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment, and shall not discriminate against, individuals with physical or mental disabilities.

6. The [contractor/seller] will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of \$ 10,000, unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to section 503 of the act, as amended, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

7. The [contractor/seller] must, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the [contractor/seller], state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against on the basis of disability.

18. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information

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

19. Contractor's Status

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

20. Other Contractors

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

21. Liens

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

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

- (a) The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
- (b) The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the Part 135 regulations.
- (c) The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.
- (d) The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.
- (e) Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts
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22. Procurement of Recovered Materials

- (a) In accordance with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Contractor shall procure items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of

recovered materials practicable consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition. The Contractor shall procure items designated in the EPA guidelines that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable unless the Contractor determines that such items: (1) are not reasonably available in a reasonable period of time; (2) fail to meet reasonable performance standards, which shall be determined on the basis of the guidelines of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, if applicable to the item; or (3) are only available at an unreasonable price.

- (b) Paragraph (a) of this clause shall apply to items purchased under this contract where: (1) the Contractor purchases in excess of \$10,000 of the item under this contract; or (2) during the preceding Federal fiscal year, the Contractor: (i) purchased any amount of the items for use under a contract that was funded with Federal appropriations and was with a Federal agency or a State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State; and (ii) purchased a total of in excess of \$10,000 of the item both under and outside that contract

ATTACHMENT E

Certificate of Non-Collusion & Certificate of Tax Compliance (Submit with Bid)

REQUIRED FORMS

CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30B, §10, the undersigned hereby certifies, under penalties of perjury, that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without fraud or collusion with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Signature of person submitting contract/bid

Date

Name of Business

CERTIFICATE OF TAX COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 62C, §49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and belief that I, or the company for which I am completing this bid, is in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.

Federal Identification Number or
SS #

Signature of Individual or Corporate Name

Corporate Officer Signature
*(If a corporation, attach a certificate of corporate vote
authorizing the signatory to execute this document.)*

ATTACHMENT F
Form W9 (Submit with Bid)

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), ABLE 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)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	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*
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.

ATTACHMENT G

Standard LHA Goods and Services Agreement (Sample)

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE LOWELL HOUSING AUTHORITY
AND**

THIS AGREEMENT made effective _____, 201 , by and between the **LOWELL HOUSING AUTHORITY**, a public housing authority, acting by and through its Board of Commissioners and Executive Director, with offices at 350 Moody Street, Lowell, Massachusetts 01854 (hereinafter called the "LHA"), and _ whose principal office address and state of incorporation are as set forth on Exhibit A (hereinafter called the "CONTRACTOR").

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the LHA desires to retain the CONTRACTOR to provide certain services for the LHA, as described below, and the CONTRACTOR is willing to accept such engagement, all on the terms hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - ENGAGEMENT OF THE CONTRACTOR

- 1.1 The LHA hereby engages the CONTRACTOR, and the CONTRACTOR hereby accepts the engagement to perform certain services for the LHA, as described in Article 2.
- 1.2. In the performance of any service under this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR acts at all times as an independent contractor. There is no relationship of employment or agency between the LHA, on the one hand, and the CONTRACTOR, on the other, and the LHA shall not have or exercise any control or direction over the method by which the CONTRACTOR performs its work or functions aside from such control or directions which are consistent with the independent contractor relationship contemplated in the Agreement.

independent contractors) will be qualified and duly licensed (if necessary) to perform the services required by this Agreement and further agrees to perform its services in a professional manner, and in accordance with the reasonable standard of care implied by law and all applicable local, state or federal ordinances, laws, rules and regulations, all of which are incorporated herein by reference. The CONTRACTOR will obtain and pay for any and all permits, bonds and other items required for the proper and legal performance of the Work.

- 2.5 The CONTRACTOR represents and warrants to the LHA that it is not a party to any agreement contract or understanding which would in any way restricts or prohibits it from undertaking or performing its obligations hereunder in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 - SERVICES OF THE CONTRACTOR

- 2.1 The CONTRACTOR will perform the services described in the Scope of Services set forth on Exhibit A (the "Work").
- 2.2 The CONTRACTOR shall report, and be responsible, to the LHA and its designee (if any) as set forth on Exhibit A.
- 2.3 There shall be no amendment to the Scope of Services or Work provided for in this Agreement without the written approval of the LHA. The LHA shall be under no obligation to pay for any services performed by the CONTRACTOR which are not explicitly agreed to by the LHA in writing.
- 2.4 The CONTRACTOR represents and warrants to the LHA that the CONTRACTOR (including all of its personnel, whether employees, agents or

- 2.6 All written materials and any other documents (whether in the form of "hard" copies, graphics, magnetic media or otherwise) which are received and produced by the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be "work for hire" and shall be and become the property of the LHA upon the receipt and production of such items by the CONTRACTOR. The LHA acknowledges that such materials are being prepared with respect to the specific project contemplated hereby and that any reuse of such materials by the LHA in connection with any other project shall be at the LHA's sole risk, unless otherwise agreed to by the CONTRACTOR in writing.

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- 2.7 The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the professional and technical accuracy, and for the coordination, of all designs, drawings, specifications, estimates and other work or services furnished by CONTRACTOR or its consultants and subcontractors. The CONTRACTOR shall perform its work under this Agreement in such a competent and professional manner that detail checking and reviewing by the LHA shall not be necessary. The CONTRACTOR shall supervise and direct the Work, using its best skills and attention, which shall not be less than such state of skill and attention generally rendered by the design and engineering profession for projects similar to the subject project in scope, difficulty and location.
- 2.8 The CONTRACTOR shall not use any subcontractors or sub-consultants (not identified herein) for any work required under this Agreement unless such use has been approved in advance in writing by the LHA.
- 2.9 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of its obligations under this Agreement by the LHA's performance, or failure to perform, any of the LHA's administrative duties under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the LHA's review and/or approval of plans, estimates, programs, documents, materials, work and services furnished by CONTRACTOR.

ARTICLE 3 - PERIOD OF SERVICES

- 3.1 Unless otherwise provided on Exhibit A, the term of this Agreement shall commence on the date hereof and continue until the Work is completed to the LHA's reasonable satisfaction.
- 3.2 The CONTRACTOR shall proceed with the Work promptly after receiving Notice to Proceed and will diligently and faithfully prosecute the Work to completion in accordance with the provisions hereof. In any event, the Work shall be completed no later than the date set forth on Exhibit A. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that time is of the essence of this Agreement.
- 3.3 If the CONTRACTOR is delayed in the performance of any of its obligations under this Agreement by the occurrence of an unforeseen event beyond its control such as fire or other casualty, abnormal adverse weather conditions, acts of God (collectively, "Unavoidable Events") which materially and adversely affect its ability

to perform the Work, then the time for the CONTRACTOR to perform the Work shall be extended for such time as the LHA shall reasonably determine is necessary to permit the CONTRACTOR to perform in light of the effects of the Unavoidable Event. If an Unavoidable Event occurs which, in the LHA's reasonable determination, makes the performance of the Agreement impossible without the expenditure of additional LHA funds, the LHA may, at its option, elect to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice.

ARTICLE 4 - PAYMENTS TO THE CONTRACTOR

- 4.1 The compensation due to the CONTRACTOR shall be paid in the amounts, and in the manner, set forth on Exhibit B, attached hereto. Unless otherwise provided in Exhibit B, net payments are made by the LHA within 30 days of an invoice submitted by the Contractor that is accepted by the LHA.
- 4.2 The CONTRACTOR will bill the LHA at the completion of the work unless otherwise provided on Exhibit B, with one or more invoices broken down to show the quantity of work performed and the percentage of the entire project completed, categories and amount of reimbursable expenses (if any), and provide such supporting data on the invoice required by the LHA, including without limitation:
 - 4.2.1 A unique invoice number;
 - 4.2.2 Contractor's name, address and telephone number;
 - 4.2.3 Date of invoice and/or billing period;
 - 4.2.4 Applicable contract number;
 - 4.2.5 Applicable purchase order number;
 - 4.2.6 Description of goods/services rendered;
 - 4.2.7 Service time period, total hours billed per-service, per-site, the approved rate and product delivery date(s);
 - 4.2.8 Work order approved by LHA designee;
 - 4.2.9 Total U.S. (\$) dollar amount billed; and
 - 4.2.10 Weekly applicable certified payroll, [Federal Form WH-347](#) or [MA Prev. Wage Forms](#) .
- 4.3 The LHA will pay the CONTRACTOR upon review and approval of such invoices by the LHA or its designee.

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- 4.4 This engagement may be subject to budgetary restrictions which may limit the total amount of funds available for the Work. Accordingly, unless otherwise stated on Exhibit B, the LHA will not be obligated to pay any amount in excess of the maximum project amount without the express written approval of the LHA.
- 4.5 The CONTRACTOR and its sub-contractors shall not be compensated for any services involved in preparing changes that are required for additional work that should have been anticipated by the CONTRACTOR in the preparation of the documents, as reasonably determined by the LHA.

ARTICLE 5 - TERMINATION

- 5.1 This Agreement may be terminated, with cause, by either the LHA or CONTRACTOR, upon written notice given by the non-defaulting party. For the purposes of this provision, "cause" shall include the failure of a party to fulfill its material duties hereunder in a timely and proper manner.
- 5.2 The LHA shall have the right to terminate this Agreement for its convenience and without cause upon ten (10) days written notice.
- 5.3 Following termination of this Agreement, the parties shall be relieved of all further obligations hereunder:
- (a) Unless the LHA terminates for cause under paragraph 5.1, in which event the LHA shall be under no obligation to make any payments to CONTRACTOR except for those services satisfactorily provided, the LHA shall remain responsible for payments for the services satisfactorily performed and, unless this Agreement is for a lump-sum, expenses of CONTRACTOR reasonably accrued prior to the effective date of the notice of termination in compliance with this Agreement (less the value of any claims of the LHA), all as determined by the LHA in its sole discretion, but for no other amounts, including, without limitation, claims for lost profits on Work not performed; and

- (b) The CONTRACTOR shall remain liable for any damages, expenses or liabilities arising under this Agreement (including its indemnity obligations) with respect to WORK performed pursuant to the Agreement.

ARTICLE 6 - INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 6.1 The CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and save the LHA harmless from any and all manner of suits, claims, or demands arising out of any errors, omissions or negligence by CONTRACTOR (including all its employees, agents and independent contractors) in performing the Work, or any breach of the terms of this Agreement by such CONTRACTOR and shall reimburse the LHA for any and all costs, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, which the LHA pays or becomes obligated to pay, by reason of such activities, or breach. The provisions of this Section 6.1 shall be in addition to, and shall not be construed as a limitation on, any other legal rights of the LHA with respect to the CONTRACTOR, in connection with this Agreement, and shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 6.2 Before commencing work the CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain at its expense and from insurance companies of a Best Rating of A or better, which are licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, insurance as set forth below. If the CONTRACTOR is permitted to sub-contract a material portion of the Work, or is otherwise identifying a third party to perform services for the LHA, the CONTRACTOR shall assure that such sub-contractor or other third party also has such insurance. Commercial or Comprehensive General Liability Insurance, Professional Liability Insurance (for a period extending two years past the date of completion of construction), and other insurance as are required by law, all in minimum amounts as set forth below
- (a) Workers' Compensation, covering the obligations of the CONTRACTOR in

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accordance with applicable Workers' Compensation or Benefits laws.

- (b) Commercial General Liability Insurance on an occurrence basis with a combined single limit of not less than \$1 million. Coverage is to include premises and operations, coverage for liability of subcontractors. The policy shall contain an endorsement stating that the aggregate limits will apply separately to the work being performed under this Agreement.
- (c) Automobile Liability Insurance of not less than \$1 million combined single limit covering owned, hired and non-hired vehicle use.
- (d) Errors and Omissions Insurance of not less than \$2 million per claim. The coverage shall be in force from the date of execution of the Agreement to the date when all design and construction work is completed and accepted by the LHA, unless, however, the policy is a "claims made policy," in which event the policy shall remain effective and in full force for a period of six (6) years after completion of all design and construction work relating to the engagement.
- (e) Such additional insurance as may be required to be carried by the CONTRACTOR by law.
- (f) Such additional insurance as the LHA may reasonably require, as set forth on Exhibit A.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain such insurance during the term of Agreement and give the LHA twenty (20) days written notice of any change or cancellation of coverage. Each insurer providing policies hereunder shall waive its rights to subrogate claims against the LHA. The LHA will be added as an additional named insured with respect to each such policy and such endorsement shall be reflected on a Certificate of Insurance to be delivered to the LHA upon the execution of this Agreement and at such times thereafter as the LHA may reasonably request.

ARTICLE 7 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 7.1 Upon the expiration or the termination of this Agreement for any reason, all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries and other work product which have been accumulated, developed or prepared by the CONTRACTOR (whether completed or in process) shall become the property of the LHA upon payment for such to the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR shall immediately deliver or otherwise make available all such material to the LHA.
- 7.2 Neither party may assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of this Agreement or any of its rights hereunder or otherwise delegate any of its duties hereunder without the prior written consent of the other party, and any such attempted assignment or other disposition without such consent shall be null and void and of no force and effect.
- 7.3 Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, any decision or action made by the LHA relating to this Agreement, its operation, amendment or termination, shall be made by the Board of Commissions through its Executive Director of the LHA specified in the initial paragraph of this Agreement, unless specifically authorized or delegated by a lawful vote of such body.
- 7.4 This Agreement, together with Exhibit A (Contractor, Scope of Work, Term), Exhibit B (Payments), Exhibit C (Tax Compliance Certificate), Exhibit D (HUD Table 5.1, HUD-5370-C1, General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts), the Contractor's bid or proposal, and any additional exhibits referred to therein, constitute the entire agreement of LHA and CONTRACTOR with respect to the matters set forth therein and may not be changed, amended, modified or terms waived except by a writing signed by the LHA and CONTRACTOR. If there is any conflict among the terms set forth in the body of this Agreement and the terms or provisions set forth in Exhibit A or Exhibit B, or in any other attachment hereto, or

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in any other document or law incorporated by reference herein, such conflict shall be resolved by giving precedence to the party's address above by certified mail, return receipt requested Terms or provisions contained in the following documents in accordance with the following hierarchy, with the topmost document of the highest priority:

- A. Applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations,
- B. Amendments to this Agreement, if any.
- C. Exhibits A and B.
- D. This Agreement.
- E. Any other attachments to this Agreement.

To the extent the conflict is not resolved by applying the above hierarchy, the conflict shall be resolved in a manner that results in the highest quantity and best quality of goods and services to the LHA.

7.5 This Agreement is governed by the law of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall be construed in accordance therewith. The parties agree that exclusive jurisdiction for any action arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall lie with the state and federal courts having jurisdiction over the county and state in which the LHA is located and the parties hereby irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection which they may now or hereafter have to the venue of any proceeding brought in such location and further irrevocably waive any claims that any such proceeding has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

7.6 Any notices required or allowed shall be to the person's address above by certified mail, return receipt requested.

7.7 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, this Agreement is subject to the appropriation and availability of funds.

7.8 The Contractor covenants, that (1) presently, there is no financial interest and shall not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the

performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement or which would violate M.G.L. c.268A, as amended; (2) in the performance of this Contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed by the Contractor or engaged as a subcontractor by the contractor; and (3) no partner or employee of the firm is related by blood or marriage to any Board Member or employee of the Awarding Authority.

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartIV/Title/Chapter268A>

7.9 Organizational Conflicts of Interest: (a) The Contractor warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, it does not have any organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work under this contract and a contractor's organizational, financial, contractual or other interests are such that:

- (i) Award of the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage; or
- (ii) The Contractor's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired.

(a) The Contractor agrees that if after award it discovers an organizational conflict of interest with respect to this contract or any task/delivery order under the contract, he or she shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer which shall include a description of the action which the Contractor has taken or intends to take to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. The LHA may, however, terminate the contract or task/delivery order for the convenience of the LHA if it would be in the best interest of the LHA.

(b) In the event the Contractor was aware of an organizational conflict of interest before the award of this contract and intentionally did not disclose the conflict to the Contracting Officer, the LHA may terminate the contract for default.

(c) The terms of this clause and clause 7.8 shall be included in all subcontracts and consulting agreements wherein the work

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to be performed is similar to the service provided by the prime Contractor. The Contractor shall include in such subcontracts and consulting agreements

any necessary provisions to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest, (per Form HUD-5370-C, Section I, clause 11).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first written above:

<p>LOWELL HOUSING AUTHORITY Middlesex County Lowell, Massachusetts</p> <p>By: _____ Tha Chhan, Executive Director</p>	<p>CONTRACTOR:</p> <p>By: _____</p>
<p>ATTEST: _____ Certified LHA Board Vote for signatory authority attached.</p>	<p>Witness: _____ Corporations: A notarized Certificate of Corporate Vote authorizing signatory is required with this Contract.</p>
<p>Fund: Certified as to available funds:</p> <p>_____ Sherry L. Giblin, Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>MA Tax Exempt # <u>046-003-186</u></p>	<p>FEIN:</p>

(Continued to Exhibits)

CONTRACT EXHIBIT A

CONTRACTOR, SCOPE OF WORK, TERM

1. **Name of Contractor:**
2. **State of Incorporation:**
3. **Principal Office Address:**
4. **Description of Goods and/or Services:**
5. **Person, Department, or Committee, if any, to whom CONTRACTOR reports (§ 2.2):**
6. **Term of Agreement (§3.1):**
7. **Start and Completion Date (§3.2):**
8. **Additional Insurance Coverage (§6.2(e)): _____**

AGREEMENT EXHIBIT B

PAYMENTS

Pursuant to Article 4 of this Agreement, all payments to the Contractor are net 30 days upon an accepted invoice by the LHA unless otherwise provided in this Exhibit.

APPLICABLE NET PAYMENT (if):

A Net Payment Discount of __% will be taken when payment is made within 10 days.

1. Lump Sum Method

- a. **Maximum Project Amount:** Base contract amount: \$
See Attachment (copy of solicitation document, etc.): _____
- b. **Invoicing and Payments:** CONTRACTOR shall itemize the invoice by facility.
- c. **Certified Payrolls:** If weekly or project certified payrolls are required by this Contract or extraordinary repair and maintenance/work order there under, each such certified payroll shall be submitted as required by law.
- d. **Reimbursable Expenses** (if any): N/A.

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**EXHIBIT C
TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 62C, §49A, I hereby certify, under the penalties of perjury, that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, compliance with all the laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support subject to the conditions stated in the statute referenced herein.

By:
Print name & title of authorized officer Dated: _____

COMPANY FEIN

Contract for:

CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE AUTHORITY

1. I hereby certify that I am the Clerk/Secretary of _____
2. (Insert full name of Corporation)

3. A Corporation, and that _____
4. (Insert the name of officer who signed the **contract and bonds**)

5. is the duly elected _____
6. (insert the title of the officer in line 2)

7. of said corporation, and that on _____
8. (Insert a date that is **ON OR BEFORE** the date the officer signed the **contract and bonds**.)

9. at a duly authorized meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation, at which all the directors were present or waived notice, it was voted that:

10. _____ the _____
11. (insert **name** from line 3) (insert **title** from line 5)

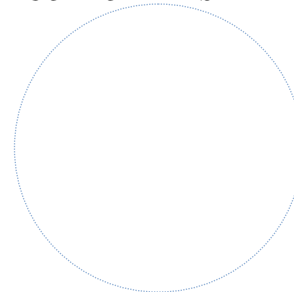
12. of this corporation be and hereby is authorized to execute contracts and bonds in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and affix its Corporate Seal thereto, and such execution of any contract of obligation in this corporation's name and on its behalf, with or without the Corporate Seal, shall be valid and binding upon this corporation; and that the above vote has not been amended or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as of the date set forth below:

13. **ATTEST:** _____
14. (Signature of Clerk or Secretary)*

15. Name: _____
16. (Please print or type name in line 13)*

17. Date: _____
18. (insert a date that is **ON OR AFTER** the date the officer signed the **contract and bonds**.)

AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE:



**The signature and name inserted in lines 13 & 15 must be that of the Clerk or Secretary of the corporation.*

**If the attesting corporate clerk or secretary is the same person as the individual executing this bid or contract, the clerk/secretary's signature requires notarization:

THE ABOVE NAMED _____, PERSONALLY APPEARED AND PROVED TO ME, THROUGH SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF IDENTIFICATION, WHICH WAS: _____, OR OF MY OWN PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE, THAT S/HE IS THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS SIGNED ON THE FOREGOING DOCUMENTS, AND ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME THAT S/HE SIGNED IT VOLUNTARILY FOR ITS STATED PURPOSE AND THAT IT WAS HER/HIS FREE ACT AND DEED. SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20 _____ :

(TYPE/PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE)

NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____

Contract for:

CONTACT INFORMATION

COMPANY/FIRM NAME:

COMPANY MAILING ADDRESS:

CONTACT TEL. NUMBER:

COMPANY WEBSITE:

STATE OF CORPORATION:

NAME OF SIGNATORY & TITLE:

SIGNATORY E-MAIL:

ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT TEL. NUMBER: _____

(Insert as required HUD Table 5.1, Form HUD-5370-C, Sections I, II.)

ATTACHMENT H

Certification for Business Concerns Seeking Section 3 Preference

Lowell Housing Authority

Section 3 Program

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Overview of Section 3 Requirements

Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) that is regulated by the provisions of 24 CFR 75. Section 3 regulations ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, State and local laws and regulations, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.

Purpose of This Document

This plan outlines how the Lowell Housing Authority (LHA) and its subrecipients, contractors and subcontractors will comply with HUD's Section 3 requirements in implementing Lowell Housing Authority's public housing program. LHA will, to the greatest extent feasible, ensure that employment and other economic opportunities are directed to low- and very low-income persons (Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers) and to eligible businesses (Section 3 Businesses) and requires the same of its contractors. These requirements do not supersede Government requirements for competitive procurement and Davis Bacon wages. These requirements do not supersede the requirements of Massachusetts laws regarding bidding and construction.

LHA may amend its Section 3 Policies and Procedures document as necessary to ensure continued compliance with HUD's requirements and/or to reflect updated Section 3 guidance and outreach strategies.

Section 3 Coordinator

LHA's Section 3 Coordinator serves as the central point of contact for Section 3 compliance for LHA and its subrecipients, contractors and subcontractors supporting the program. Subrecipients, contractors, subcontractors and others are encouraged to reach out to LHA's Section 3 Coordinator with questions regarding Section 3 compliance:

Sherry Giblin
Chief Financial Officer
sgiblin@lhma.org

Employment, Training and Contracting Goals

A. Safe Harbor Compliance

LHA will be considered to have complied with the Section 3 requirements and met safe harbor, if they certify that they followed the required prioritization of effort and met or exceeded the Section 3 benchmarks, absent evidence of the contrary.

Prior to the beginning of work, contractors and subcontractors will be required to certify that they will follow the required prioritization of effort for Section 3 workers, Targeted Section 3 workers, and Section 3 business concerns as outlined below in section C. After completion of the project, on the Section 3 Cumulative Report, contractors and subcontractors will be required to certify that they followed the prioritization of effort requirements.

B. Safe Harbor Benchmarks

LHA has established employment and training goals that subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors should meet in order to comply with Section 3 requirements outlined in 24 CFR Part 75.9. The safe harbor benchmark goals are as follows:

- 1) Twenty-five (25) percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers employed with public housing financial assistance in the PHA's fiscal year are Section 3 workers.

Section 3 Labor Hours/Total Labor Hours = 25%

And

- 2) Five (5) percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers employed with public housing financial assistance in the PHA's fiscal year are Targeted Section 3 workers, as defined at CFR 24 Part 75.11.

Targeted Section 3 Labor Hours/Total Labor Hours = 5%

At the time of bid, the contractor will be required to present a list of the projected number of available positions expected to be needed to complete the project. In an effort to assist contractors with meeting or exceeding the Section 3 goals, LHA will do the following:

- 1) Share Section 3 Plan with contractors and subcontractors and explain policies and procedures.
- 2) Require contractor to sign Certification of Intent to Comply with Section 3
- 3) Review Section 3 benchmarks and prioritization of effort with contractors and subcontractors to ensure goals are understood.
- 4) Inform contractors about the HUD Section 3 Opportunity Portal
<https://hudapps.hud.gov/OpportunityPortal/>
- 5) Require contractors to notify LHA of their interests regarding employment of Section 3 workers prior to hiring.
- 6) Encourage local businesses to register on the HUD Business Registry and direct contractors to the HUD Section 3 Business registry
<https://www.hud.gov/section3businessregistry>
- 7) Leverage LHA's communication outlets (Website, digital signage, Facebook) to effectively communicate employment and contracting opportunities that arise.
- 8) Require contractors to submit a list of core employees (including administrative, clerical, planning and other positions pertinent to the construction trades) at the time of contract award.

It is not intended for contractors and subcontractors to terminate existing employees, but to make every effort feasible to meet Section 3 benchmark goals by utilizing existing qualified workforce and by considering qualified eligible Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers (per the prioritization of effort outlined in Section #3) before any other person, when hiring additional employees is needed to complete proposed work to be performed with HUD funding.

HUD establishes and updates Section 3 benchmarks for Section 3 workers and/or Targeted Section 3 workers through a document published in the Federal Register, not less frequently than once every 3 years. Given that the Section 3 benchmarks are subject to change every three years or sooner, LHA will review and update the Section 3 Plan every 3 years/months, as needed.

It is the responsibility of contractors to implement efforts to achieve Section 3 compliance. Any contractor that does not meet the Section 3 benchmarks must demonstrate why meeting the benchmarks was not feasible. All contractors submitting bids or proposals to the LHA are required to certify that they will comply with the requirements of Section 3.

C. CERTIFICATION OF PRIORITIZATION OF EFFORT FOR EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND CONTRACTING

Under the LHA Section 3 Program, contractors and subcontractors should make best efforts to provide employment and training opportunities to Section 3 workers in the priority order listed below:

- 1) To residents of the public housing projects for which the public housing financial assistance is expended.
- 2) To residents of other public housing projects managed by the PHA that is providing assistance or for residents of Section 8-assisted housing managed by the PHA.
- 3) To participants in Youth Build programs; and
- 4) To low- and very low-income persons residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the assistance is expended.

Contractors and subcontractors will be required to certify that they will and have made best efforts to follow the prioritization of effort requirements prior to the beginning work and after work is completed.

Contracting

Under the LHA's Section 3 Program, contractors and subcontractors must make their best efforts to award contracts and subcontracts to business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers in the following order or priority:

- 1) Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities for residents of public housing projects for which the assistance is provided.
- 2) Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities for residents of other public housing projects or Section-8 assisted housing managed by the PHA that is providing assistance.
- 3) Youth Build programs; and

- 4) Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the assistance is provided.

Section 3 Eligibility and Certifications

To qualify as a Section 3 worker, Targeted Section 3 worker, or a Section 3 business concern, each must self-certify that they meet the applicable criteria.

Businesses who misrepresent themselves as Section 3 business concerns and report false information to LHA may have their contracts terminated as default and be barred from ongoing and future considerations for contracting opportunities.

A. Contractor Section 3 Worker and Targeted Section 3 Worker Certification

A Section 3 worker seeking certification shall submit self-certification documentation to the recipient contractor or subcontractor, that the person is a Section 3 worker or Targeted Section 3 worker as defined in 24 CFR Part 75. For the purposes of Section 3 worker eligibility, LHA will use individual income rather than family/household income to determine eligibility. The income limits will be determined annually using the guidelines published <https://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html>.

Persons seeking the Section 3 worker preference shall demonstrate they meet one or more of the following criteria currently or when hired within the past five years, as documented:

- 1) A low or very low-income resident (the worker's income for the previous or annualized calendar year is below the income limit established by HUD); or
- 2) Employed by a Section 3 business concern; or
- 3) A Youth Build participant.

Persons seeking the Targeted Section 3 worker preference shall demonstrate that it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- 1) Employed by a Section 3 business concern or
- 2) Currently meets or when hired met at least one of the following categories as documented within the past five years:
 - a) A resident of public housing; or
 - b) A resident of other public housing projects or Section 8-assisted housing; or
 - c) A YouthBuild participant.

B. Section 3 Worker and Targeted Section 3 Worker Certification

All residents of LHA's Federal and State Public Housing Developments, the HCVP program, and other state assisted housing programs administered by the LHA qualify as Section 3 residents and are considered to be Sec 3 eligible. All residents of Lowell whose incomes are 80% or less of the medium family income for the Lowell HUD MFI table can also qualify for Section 3 status. The

LHA will require that all applicants who are identified as Section 3 eligible provide a Section 3 Resident Application with the appropriate supporting documentation to the LHA Section 3 Officer.

C. Section 3 Business Concern Certification

LHA encourages contractors and subcontractors to make their best efforts to award contracts and subcontracts to Section 3 business concerns.

Businesses that believe they meet the Section 3 Business requirements can self-register in the HUD Business registry, here: <http://www.hud.gov/Sec3Biz>. Businesses may seek Section 3 Business Concern preference by demonstrating that it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- 1) At least 51 percent of the business is owned and controlled by low- or very low-income persons; or
- 2) At least 51 percent of the business is owned and controlled by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing; or
- 3) Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three-month period are performed by Section 3 workers.

Businesses that seek Section 3 preference shall certify, or demonstrate to LHA, contractors, or subcontractors, that they meet the definitions provided in the above. Businesses may demonstrate eligibility by submitting the Section 3 Business Concern Certification Form. Section 3 Business Concern Certification Forms must be submitted at the time of bid/proposal.

Section 3 Contracting Policy and Procedures

The Authority shall, to the greatest extent feasible and consistent with Commonwealth of Massachusetts bid laws, direct its efforts to ensuring that contracts are awarded to Section 3 Business Concerns in the following order of priority, as more fully defined in the applicable federal regulations, presently codified as 24 CFR § 135.36:

1. Businesses that are 51% or more owned and controlled by residents of LHA development for which Section 3 covered assistance is expended or whose full-time permanent workforce includes 30% of these persons as employees.
2. Businesses that are 51% or more owned and controlled by any LHA residents whose full-time permanent workforce includes 30% of any LHA residents.
3. HUD Youth-Build programs being carried out in Lowell.
4. Businesses that are 51% or more owned and controlled by Section 3 residents of Lowell whose full-time permanent workforce includes 30% of Section 3 residents of Lowell, or subcontract more than 25% of the total amount of subcontracts to Section 3 businesses.
5. LHA will include standard Section 3 language in all of its contracts to ensure compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 75. LHA will take appropriate actions upon finding that a contractor is in violation of 24 CFR Part 75 and does not knowingly

contract with any contractor that has been found in violation of the Section 3 regulations.

In addition, contractors and subrecipients are required to include language in all Section 3 covered contracts or agreements for subcontractors to meet the requirements of 24 CFR Part 75.9.

For businesses, noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

Reporting Requirements

A. Monthly Reporting

Contractors are required to submit monthly activity reports to LHA's Section 3 Coordinator by the 10th of each month.

B. Final Reporting

- 1) Once a project is completed, contractors must submit a final Section 3 cumulative report.
- 2) Upon completion of a project, LHA's Section 3 project coordinator will conduct a final review of the project's overall performance and compliance.
- 3) LHA's Section 3 coordinator will submit the Section 3 data into HUD's reporting system.

Section 3 Complaint Procedure

In an effort to resolve complaints due to non-compliance through an internal process, the LHA encourages submittal of such complaints to the Section 3 Officer as follows:

1. Complaints of non-compliance should be filed in writing and must contain the names of the complainant and a brief description of the alleged violation of 24 CFR 135.
2. Complaints must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation.
3. An investigation will be conducted if the complaint is found to be valid.
4. The LHA will review the findings for accuracy and completeness before it is released to complainants.

If complainants wish to have their concerns considered outside of the LHA, a complaint may be filed with:

The HUD program office is responsible for the public housing financial assistance or the Section 3 project, or to the local HUD field office. These offices can be found through the HUD website, www.hud.gov/.

Complainants may be eligible to bring complaints under other federal laws. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is responsible for enforcing federal laws that make it illegal to discriminate against a job applicant or an employee because of the person's race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic

information (medical history or predisposition to disease). For more information about complainant rights, please contact EEOC at: www.EEOC.gov.

The Department of Labor Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) enforces, for the benefit of job seekers and wage earners, the contractual promise of affirmative action and equal employment opportunity required of those who do business with the Federal government. More information about the services they provide can be obtained at: <http://www.dol.gov/ofccp/>.

SECTION 3 SUBMISSION FORMS

Form 1	Certification of Intention to Comply with Section 3	Submit with Bid/Proposal
Form 2	Section 3 Hiring, Training, and Subcontracting Opportunities	Submit with Bid/Proposal
Form 3	Monthly Section 3 Report	Submit Monthly and at Completion of Project
Form 4	Section 3 Worker Affidavit Certification of Section 3 Worker And Targeted Section 3 Worker	Submit with Form 3
Form 5	Section 3 Business Certification Certification for Business Concerns Seeking Section 3 Preference in Contracting	Submit with Form 3



FORM 1

Certification of Intent to Comply with Section 3

This form is to be submitted by proposers with their bid/ proposal. Failure to submit this form will result in the rejection of your bid/proposal.

I hereby certify that:

1. I am the _____ [Insert Title] of _____ [Insert Name of Proposer] (the "Company");
2. I am duly authorized by the Company to submit a proposal on its behalf to the Lowell Housing Authority for _____ [Insert Project Name and Number] and to execute any and all documents required to be filed as a condition of such proposal;
3. I have read and understood the Section 3 Provision, which applies Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, and the Section 3 regulations found at 24 CFR 135.
4. The Company will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR 135 and the Section 3 Provision. This includes ensuring that, to the greatest extent feasible, at least twenty-five **(25) percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all Workers on a Section 3 project are Section 3 Workers; and Five (5) percent or more are Targeted Section 3 Workers.**
5. The Company is responsible for the compliance of its subcontractors and will ensure that its subcontractors comply with the requirements set out in 24 CFR 135 and the Section 3 Provision.
6. Any vacant positions filled after the contract award notification but before contract execution will not be filled to circumvent the Company's Section 3 obligations.

Signed under the penalties of perjury

Company

Date

Signature
Duly Authorized



FORM 2

Section 3 Hiring, Training, and Contracting Opportunities

This form is to be completed by the proposer on behalf of itself and all projected subcontractors, if any. Provide estimates of hiring and contracting needs on the project.

HIRING OPPORTUNITIES

Job Category	Number of positions needed to complete project	Number of positions filled by current employees*	Number of positions to be filled by Section 3 Workers	Anticipated dates of work
<i>Example: Tenant Coord</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>10/1/21- 12/31/21</i>
1) Technicians				
2) Office/Clerical				
3) Trade				
4) Trade				
5) Trade				
6) Tenant Coordinator				
7) Other:				
Totals				

SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

Sub-trade and Company (if known)	Filed Sub-trade? (Y/N)	Section 3 Business Concern? (YIN)	Specification Reference	Amount of Contract
<i>Example: HVAC Inc.</i>		<i>y</i>	<i>06200</i>	<i>8,000</i>
1)				
2)				
3)				-

The above tables represent an accurate estimate of workforce and subcontracting needs for this project and also represent the number of Section 3 Workers, Targeted Section 3 Workers, and business concerns that the company proposes to employ and/or contract with.

Signed under the penalties of perjury.

Company: _____

Date: _____

By: _____



FORM 3

Monthly Section 3 Report

This form or a certified substitute document containing the information requested below is to be completed by the consultant and all subcontractors, if any, and submitted upon request. Attach verifications (e.g. • Section 3 Workers Affidavit and copy of photo identification) as necessary.

LHA Project _____

Month Ending _____

SECTION 3 WORKER LABOR HOURS

Employee Name	Job Title	Targeted/Section 3 Worker? (Y/N)	Address	Date Hired	Labor Hours this month	Labor Hours to date
<i>Example: Gladys Jones</i>	<i>Project Assistant</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>Franklin Field, 100 Ames St. Dorchester, MA 02124</i>	<i>10/15/2021</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>200</i>
1)						
2)						
3)						
4)						
5)						

SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERNS

Section 3 Business Concern	Address	Dates of Work	Contract Price	Paid to Date	Amount Remaining to be paid
<i>Example: ABC Security Co.</i>	<i>123 Main St., Boston MA 02111</i>	<i>11/1/20-5/30/21</i>	<i>15,000</i>	<i>2,500</i>	<i>12,500</i>
1)					
2)					
3)					
4)					

Company: _____

e _____

Signature: _____

Print Name & Title _____

FORM 4

Section 3 Worker Self-Certification Form- Public Housing	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Field Policy and Management	HUD FORM 4736D OMB Approval Number 2501-0041 (Exp. 04/30/2025)
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(In compliance with Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 75)

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering, and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Section 3), and 12 U.S.C. § 1701u ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by Federal financial assistance for housing and community development programs are, to the greatest extent feasible, directed toward low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who receive government assistance for housing. The regulations are found at 24 CFR Part 75. This collection of information is required in order to ensure that a worker can be certified as an eligible Section 3 worker as outlined in 24 C.F.R. § 75.31. The information will be used by the Department to ensure compliance with Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 employer certification requirements listed in 24 CFR § 75.31, to assess the results of the Department's efforts to meet the statutory objectives of Section 3, to prepare reports to Congress, and by recipients to ensure they are complying with their recordkeeping requirements found in the regulation, and as a self-monitoring tool.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions to reduce this burden, to Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000. When providing comments, please refer to OMB Approval No. XXXX-XXXX. HUD may not conduct and sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number. No assurances of confidentiality are provided for this information collection.

The purpose of this form is to comply with Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 self-certification requirements. To qualify as a Section 3 worker, the United States legal resident's annual income must not exceed the HUD income limits for the year before the worker was hired, or, the individual's current income annualized on a full-time basis for the year must be below the HUD income limit. Additionally, an individual can qualify as a Section 3 worker if they are a YouthBuild participant or employee of a Section 3 Business concern.

Printed Name: _____

Street Address (Not a PO Box) Apt# City State Zip

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

To qualify as a Section 3 Worker, you must self-certify that you meet **one** of the following requirements **OR** have your employer certify that you are employed by a Section 3 Business concern:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income for the previous calendar year is below the income limit*• A participant in a means-tested program such as public housing or Section 8-assisted housing• A YouthBuild Participant*	Income limit \$XX,XXX
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*Currently or at the time of hire if hired within the past 5 years

I meet at least one of the requirements in the box above and therefore qualify to be counted as a Section 3 Worker under 24 CFR § 75.

If applicable, please indicate which requirement listed below you meet to be considered a Targeted Section 3 worker in the box below. If you do not meet any of these requirements or do not know if you meet any of the requirements listed below, you may leave this section blank.

<p>___ A participant in a means-tested program such as public housing or Section 8-assisted housing</p> <p>___ A YouthBuild participant*</p>
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*Currently or at the time of hire if hired within the past 5 years

In addition to qualifying as a Section 3 Worker, I meet at least **one** of the requirements in the box above and therefore qualify to be counted as a Targeted Section 3 Worker under 75 CFR § 75.

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct and certifies that the worker identified above meets the definition of a Section 3 worker. **WARNING:** Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802)

Signature

Date

FORM 5

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

Name of Business _____

Address of Business _____

Type of Business: Corporation Partnership
 Sole Proprietorship Joint Venture

Attached is the following documentation as evidence of status:

For Business claiming status as a Section 3 resident-owned enterprise:

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

For business entity as applicable:

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

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

- List of subcontracted Section 3 business(es) and subcontract amount

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

- List of all current full-time employees
- List of employees claiming Section 3 status
- PHA/IHA Residential lease less than 3 years from day of employment
- Other evidence of Section 3 status less than 3 years from date of employment

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

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

Authorizing Name and Signature

(Corporate Seal)

Attested by: _____