The **Illinois Department of Transportation** (“Agency” or “State”) requests proposals from responsible Offerors to meet its needs. A brief description is set forth below for the Offeror’s convenience, with detailed requirements in subsequent sections of this solicitation. If interested and able to meet these requirements, the State appreciates and welcomes an offer.

**Brief Description:**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the services of a firm/team to assist in providing financial advisory services to support IDOT’s capital expenditures and multimodal programming efforts. The Department aims to a leader in identifying, prioritizing, delivering, and reporting on capital expenditures.

The Office of Planning and Programming sets benchmarks for construction targets by district and by asset condition and ultimately manages the funding decisions that support the annual and multi-year capital program for the Department. IDOT must ensure that all planned capital expenditures provide the greatest return on investment. Therefore, it is anticipated that this effort will require an evaluation of historic programming, capital expenditures, financial assumptions, and the current policies in order to enhance future programming efforts. IDOT anticipates that this work will coincide with recent MAP-21 and FAST Act federal requirements for implementing asset management and performance-based target setting.

It is in the state's best interest to ensure the process by which transportation expenditures are made, regardless of mode, are done in a transparent manner and provide the greatest return on investment. The main objectives of this effort are to (1) enhance the State’s capital programming and expenditure process, (2) advance project and program delivery, and (3) optimize the Department’s fiscal position to make the best use of public funds. Anticipated areas of assistance needed to support these objectives include financial advisory services and policy/strategy development, program implementation, and program management support.

It is also the goal of this procurement that the selected Vendor will achieve a minimum percentage of the total contract of tweleve (12) percent participation by business owned and controlled by minorities, women and/or disabled persons.

The resulting contract with the awarded vendor shall have an initial term of 2 years. In no event will the total term of the contract, including the initial term, any renewal terms, and any extensions exceed 10 years. Subject to the maximum total term limitation, six (6) years, has the option to renew for the following terms: two (2) x twenty four month renewals

Please read the entire solicitation package and submit an offer in accordance with the instructions. All forms and signature areas contained in the solicitation package must be completed in full and submitted along with the technical response and price proposal which combined will constitute the offer. Do not submit the instructions pages with offers. Offerors should keep the Instructions and a copy of offers for future reference.

**Please adhere to Form and Content of Proposal requirements or offers may not be considered.**

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1. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING OFFERS**
   1. **HOW TO ENTER INFORMATION**: Type information in the text fields provided. Text fields are indicated by the instruction “Click here to enter text.” in red font. If the information requested does not apply to the Offeror’s situation, then enter “N/A” into the text field. Please enter the requested information or N/A into every red text field.
   2. **PUBLISHED PROCUREMENT INFORMATION:** The State publishes procurement information, including updates, on the Illinois Procurement Bulletin ([www.purchase.state.il.us](http://www.purchase.state.il.us)), Illinois Public Higher Education Procurement Bulletin ([www.procure.stateuniv.state.il.us](http://www.procure.stateuniv.state.il.us/)), Transportation Procurement Bulletin (<https://webapps.dot.illinois.gov/WCTB/LbHome>) or the Illinois Capital Development Board Bulletin ([www.cdb.state.il.us/procurement.shtml](http://www.cdb.state.il.us/procurement.shtml)) (collectively and individually referred to as “Bulletin”). Procurement information may not be available in any other form or location. Offeror is responsible for monitoring the Bulletin. The State will not be held responsible if Offeror fails to receive the optional e-mail notices.
   3. **Solicitation CONTACT:** The individual listed below shall be the single point of contact for this solicitation. Unless otherwise directed, Offerors should only communicate with the Solicitation Contact. The Agency shall not be held responsible for information provided to any other person.

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| Solicitation Contact: Tracinda Sisk | Phone: 217/557-4416 |
| Agency: Illinois Department of Transportation | Fax: 217/782-3409 |
| Street Address: 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway |  |
| City, State Zip: Springfield, IL 62764 |  |
| Email: Tracinda.Sisk@Illinois.gov |  |

Suspected errors should be immediately reported to the Solicitation Contact identified above. Do not discuss the solicitation or any offer, directly or indirectly, with any State officer or employee other than the Solicitation Contact.

* 1. **Offeror QuestioNS AND AGENCY RESPONSE:** All questions, other than those raised at any Offeror conference, that pertain to this solicitation must be submitted in written form and submitted to the Solicitation Contact no later than **September 21, 2018**. Questions received and Agency responses may be posted as an Addendum to the original solicitation on the Bulletin; only these written answers to questions shall be binding on the State. Offerors are responsible for monitoring the Bulletin.
  2. **REQUIRED MEETINGS**

Offeror Conference/Site Visit:  Yes  No

Mandatory Attendance:Yes  No

If attendance is mandatory, Offeror (current Vendor included) will be disqualified and considered non-responsive if Offeror does not attend, is not on time, leaves early or fails to sign the attendance sheet. Offeror must allow adequate time to accommodate security screenings at the site.

Date:N/A

Time: N/A

Location:N/A

* 1. **OFFER DUE DATE, TIME, AND ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFERS**: Offers will be opened at the Submit/Deliver Offers To address provided below at the Offer Due Date and Time specified below.
     1. Offer Due Date & Time

Date: October 4, 2018

Time: 3:00 p.m. CST

* + 1. Offer Firm Time**:**  The Offer must remain firm for 90 days from opening.
    2. Submit/Deliver Offers To: Label (outside of envelopes/containers):

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| --- | --- |
| Agency: **Department of Transportation** | **“Sealed Bid – Do Not Open”** |
| Attn: Traci Sisk | Project Title & Reference #: **Strategic Advisory Services for Capital Expenditures and Programming / 2019-07** |
| Address: 2300 S. Dirksen Pkwy. | Due Date & Time: **October 4, 2018 at 3:00 pm CST** |
| City, State Zip: Springfield, IL 62764 | *Offeror Name* |
|  | *Offeror City, State Zip* |

* 1. **ORGANIZATION REQUIRED**: Offers must be submitted in five packets. Packet 1 shall contain the Offeror’s response to the Specifications/Qualifications/Statement of Work provided in Section 1. Packet 2 shall include Offeror’s Pricing Offer provided in Section 2. Packet 3 shall include all other information requested, including but not limited to the Offer and applicable attachments. Packet 4 shall contain a redacted copy of the offer. Packet 5 shall contain a response to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Participation and Utilization Plan or the Veteran Small Business Enterprises (VPB) Participation Plan requirements if applicable.

Separately seal each packet.

* + 1. **OFFEROR’S RESPONSE TO SPECIFICATIONS/QUALIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK** – Packet 1
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**Offeror Supplemental Provisions -** This does not include exceptions to Agency specifications, terms and conditions, or any other part of this solicitation. This is supplemental information that supports an offeror’s position or, for example, an offeror’s licensing agreement.

* + 1. **ATTACHMENT LL - EXCEPTIONS** - Packet 3 Tab 3
       1. Exceptions must be provided on Agency’s Contract Terms and Conditions Exceptions Form or must be in a substantially similar format.
       2. Agency discourages taking exceptions. State law shall not be circumvented by the exception process. Exceptions may result in rejection of Offeror’s offer.
    2. **OFFEROR PROVIDED CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS – TRADE SECRETS OR OTHER COMPETITIVELY SENSITIVE, CONFIDENTIAL, OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION (if applicable)** - Packet 4
       1. Vendor should provide a redacted copy of the Offer, if applicable, that removes material considered to be a trade secret or competitively sensitive, confidential, or proprietary. See #9 in Attachment DD - Standard Terms and Conditions.
    3. **ATTACHMENT NN - DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE) PARTICIPATION AND UTILIZATION PLAN or VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (VBP) PARTICIPATION PLAN (if applicable) –** Packet 5
  1. **SUBMISSION OF OFFERS**:Offer must be submitted in separately sealed packets as indicated below and clearly labeled with the Request for Proposal title, the packet number, the Offeror’s name and the wording**: “Sealed Offer – Do Not Open.”** The separately sealed packets may be submitted together in one mailing/shipping box or may be submitted separately in individual/shipping boxes. Do not put the entire Offer on a single CD or USB flash drive. Pricing must be on a separate CD or USB unless otherwise instructed.

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| **Subject Matter** | **# of Originals** | **# of Hard Copies** | **# of CDs or USBs** |
| SPECIFICATIONS/QUALIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK – PACKET 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| PRICING – PACKET 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| OTHER FORMS AND CDs/USBs – PACKET 3 | 1 | 1 | **1** |
| REDACTED OFFER – PACKET 4 | 1 | 1 | **1** |
| DBE AND/OR VBP UTILIZATION PLAN – PACKET 5 | 1 | 1 | **1** |

* 1. **SECURITY:** Performance Bond: **N/A**  If a performance bond is required, Offeror must submit the Performance Bond to the solicitation contact within 10 days after award. The bond must be from a surety licensed to do business in Illinois. An irrevocable letter of credit is an acceptable substitute. The form of security must be acceptable to the State.
  2. **SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE:**  Yes  No. If “Yes” is marked, Offeror must be qualified by the Small Business Set-Aside Program at the time Offers are due. For complete requirements and to qualify Offeror’s business in the Small Business Set-Aside Program, visit (<http://www2.illinois.gov/cms/business/sell2/Pages/Registration_Certification.aspx>).
  3. **MINORITY CONTRACTOR INITIATIVE:** The State requires a fee of $15 to cover expenses related to the administration of the Minority Contractor Opportunity Initiative. Any Offeror awarded a contract under Section 20-10, 20-15, 20-25 or 20-30 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) of $1,000 or more is required to pay a fee of $15. The Comptroller shall deduct the fee from the first check issued to the Offeror under the contract and deposit the fee in the Comptroller’s Administrative Fund. 15 ILCS 405/23.9.
  4. **FEDERAL FUNDS:** The solicitation may be partially or totally funded with Federal funds. Upon notice of intent to award, the percentage of goods and/or services involved that are federally funded and the dollar amount of such federal funds will be disclosed.
  5. **EMPLOYMENT TAX CREDIT:** Offerors who hire qualified veterans and certain ex-offenders may be eligible for tax credits. 30 ILCS 500/45-67 & 45-70. Please contact the Illinois Department of Revenue (217-524-4772) for information about tax credits.
  6. **GOVERNING LAW AND FORUM**: Illinois law and rule govern this solicitation and any resulting contract. Vendor must bring any action relating to this solicitation or any resulting contract in the appropriate court in Illinois. This document contains statutory references designated with “ILCS”. Vendor may view the full text at (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp>). The Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) and the Standard Procurement Rules (44 Ill. Admin. Code Part 6) are applicable to this solicitation.
  7. **PUBLIC RECORDS AND REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT:** Offers become the property of the State and late submissions will not be returned. All Offers will be open to the public under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140) and other applicable laws and rules, unless Offeror requests in its Offer that the State treat certain information as confidential. A request for confidential treatment will not supersede the State’s legal obligations under FOIA. The State will not honor requests to keep entire Offers confidential. Offerors must show the specific grounds in FOIA or other law or rule that support confidential treatment. Regardless, the State will disclose the successful Offeror’s name, the substance of the Offer, and the price. If Offeror requests confidential treatment, Offeror must submit additional copy/copies (see Instructions for Submitting Offers in section A.7.) of the Offer with proposed confidential information redacted. This redacted copy must tell the general nature of the material removed, and shall retain as much of the Offer as possible. In a separate attachment, Offeror shall supply a listing of the provisions identified by section number for which it seeks confidential treatment and identify the statutory basis under Illinois law and include a detailed justification for exempting the information from public disclosure. Offeror will hold harmless and indemnify the State for all costs or damages associated with the State defending Offeror’s request for confidential treatment. Offeror agrees the State may copy the Offer to facilitate evaluation, or to respond to requests for public records. Offeror warrants that such copying will not violate the rights of any third party.
  8. **RESERVATIONS:** Offeror must read and understand the solicitation and tailor the Offer and all activities to ensure compliance. The State reserves the right to amend the solicitation, reject any or all Offers, award by item/services, group of items/services, or grand total, and waive minor defects. The State may request a clarification, inspect Offeror’s premises, interview staff, request a presentation, or otherwise verify the contents of the Offer, including information about subcontractors and suppliers. The State may request Best & Final Offers when appropriate. The State will make all decisions on compliance, evaluation, terms and conditions, and shall make decisions in the best interests of the State and in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code, rules and other applicable state and federal statutes and regulations. This competitive process may require that Offeror provide additional information and otherwise cooperate with the State. If an Offeror does not comply with requests for information and cooperate, the State may reject the Offer as non-responsive to the solicitation. Submitting an Offer does not entitle Offeror to an award or a contract. Posting Offeror’s name in a Bulletin notice does not entitle Offeror to a contract. The State is not responsible for and will not pay any costs associated with the preparation and submission of any Offer. Awarded Offeror(s) shall not commence, and will not be paid for any billable work prior to the date all parties execute the contract, unless approved in writing in advance by the State Purchasing Officer or the Chief Procurement Officer (or designee).
  9. **AWARD:** The State is not obligated to award a contract pursuant to this solicitation. If the State issues an award, the award will be made to the Responsive Offeror and most Responsible Offeror whose Offer best meets the specified criteria unless otherwise permitted by the Illinois Procurement Code and Administrative Code. However, if the State does not consider the Price to be fair and reasonable and negotiations fail to meet an acceptable Price, the State reserves the right to cancel the award and take appropriate action to meet the needs of the State. The State will determine whether the price is fair and reasonable by considering the Offer, including the Offeror's qualifications, the Offeror's reputation, all prices submitted, other known prices, the project budget and other relevant factors. The State will post a notice to the applicable Bulletin identifying the apparent most responsive/responsible Offeror.
  10. **REFERENCES:**  Yes  No. If “Yes” is marked, Offeror must provide references from established private firms or government agencies other than the procuring agency, who can attest to Offeror’s experience and ability to perform the contract subject of this solicitation. Offeror must provide the name, contact information and a description of the supplies or services provided using Attachment KK.

Type of References: Government / State Department of Transportation

Number of Each Reference Type: 3

* 1. **INVOICING ADDRESS:** Offeror shall invoice at the completion of the contract unless invoicing is tied in the contract to milestones, deliverables, or other invoicing requirements agreed to in the contract.

Send invoices to:

Agency Illinois Department of Transportation

Attn: Tracinda Sisk

Address: 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway

City, State Zip: Springfield, Illinois 62764

Offeror shall not bill for any taxes unless accompanied by proof the State is subject to the tax. If necessary, Offeror may request the applicable Agency’s Illinois tax exemption number and federal tax exemption information.

* 1. **PROTEST REVIEW OFFICE:**  Offeror may submit a written protest to the IDOT Chief Procurement Officer following the requirements of the Standard Procurement Rules, 44 Ill. Admin. Code 6, Subpart G. For protests related to rejection of individual proposals or awards, the protest must be received by close of business no later than 7 days after the protesting party knows or should have known of the facts giving rise to the protest. The IDOT Chief Procurement Officer’s contact information is as follows:

Bill Grunloh

Chief Procurement Officer

Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Room 200

Springfield, Illinois 62764

Phone: (217) 558-5434

* 1. **EVALUATION PROCESS:** The State determines how well Offers meet the Responsiveness requirements. The State will rank Offers, without consideration of Price, from best to least qualified using a point ranking system (unless otherwise specified) as an aid in conducting the evaluation. Offerors who fail to meet minimum requirements or who receive fewer than the minimum required points, if any, will not be considered for Price evaluation and award.

The State evaluates three categories of information: Responsibility, Responsiveness, and Price. The State considers the information provided and the quality of that information when evaluating Offers. If the State finds a failure or deficiency, the State may reject the Offer or reflect the failure or deficiency in the evaluation.

* + 1. **RESPONSIVENESS**: A responsive offeror is one who submits an offer that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposal, and includes **all required** forms. Required forms may include and may not be limited to:
* State Board of Elections Registration: Vendor or Offeror may be prohibited from making political contributions and be required to register with the State Board of Elections. See Attachment AA - State Board of Elections Registration for more detail.
* Authorized to Do Business in Illinois: A person (other than an individual acting as a sole proprietor) must be duly constituted legal entity and authorized to do business in Illinois prior to submitting an Offer. Offeror shall complete certification #31 in Attachment GG - Standard Certifications, and provide any required documentation.
* Illinois Department of Human Rights Public Contracts Number: Offeror shall complete and return Attachment CC - Illinois Department of Human Rights Public Contracts Number.
* Subcontractor Disclosure: If Offeror’s Offer includes any subcontractors, Offeror shall complete Attachment FF - Subcontractor Disclosure.
* Standard Certifications: Offeror shall complete Attachment GG - Standard Certifications.
* Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest: Offeror shall complete Attachment HH - Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest.
* Disclosure of Business Operations: Offerors shall complete Attachment II - Disclosure of Business Operations with Iran.
* Business and Directory Information: Offeror shall complete and return Attachment JJ - Business and Directory Information.
* References: If references are required, Offeror shall complete Attachment KK - References.
* Taxpayer Identification Number: Offeror shall complete Attachment MM - Taxpayer Identification Number.
  + - 1. The State will determine whether the Offer meets the stated requirements. Minor differences or deviations that have negligible impact on the price or suitability of the supply or service to meet the State’s needs may be accepted or corrections allowed. If no offeror meets a particular requirement, the State may waive that requirement.
      2. When the specification calls for “Brand Name or Equal,” the brand name product is acceptable. Other products will be considered with proof the other product meets stated specifications and is equivalent to the brand product in terms of quality, performance and desired characteristics.
      3. The State will determine whether offeror’s offer complied with the instructions for submitting offers. Except for late submissions, and other requirements that by law must be part of the submission, the State may require that an offeror correct deficiencies as a condition of further evaluation.
    1. **RESPONSIBILITY**: A responsible offeror is one who has the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and who has the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. The State determines whether the offeror is a “Responsible” offeror; a offeror with whom the State can or should do business. For example, the State may consider the following:
       1. A “prohibited bidder” includes any person assisting an employee of the State of Illinois by reviewing, drafting, directing, or preparing any invitation for bids, a request for proposal, or request of information, or providing similar assistance unless such assistance was part of a publically issued opportunity to review drafts of all or part of these documents.  For purposes of this section, an employee of the State of Illinois means one who, by the nature of his or her duties, has the authority to participate personally and substantially in the decision to award a State contract.  No person or business shall submit specifications to a State agency unless requested to do so by an employee of the State. No person or business who contracts with a State agency to write specifications for a particular procurement need shall submit a bid or proposal or receive a contract for that procurement need.

Nothing herein is intended to prohibit a vendor from bidding or offering to supply developing technology, goods or services after providing the State with a demonstration of the developing technology, goods, or services; provided the subject of the demonstration to the State represents industry trends and innovation and is not specifically designed to meet the State's needs.  Nor is it intended to prohibit a person or business from submitting a bid or offer or entering into a contract if the person or business: (i) initiates a communication with an employee to provide general information about products, services, or industry best practices and, if applicable, that communication is documented in accordance with Section 50-39 or (ii) responds to a communication initiated by an employee of the State for the purposes of providing information to evaluate new products, trends, services, or technologies.

* + - 1. Other factors that the State may evaluate to determine Responsibility include, but are not limited to: political contributions, certifications, conflict of interest, financial disclosures, taxpayer identification number, past performance in business or industry, references (including those found outside the Offer,) compliance with applicable laws, financial responsibility, insurability, effective equal opportunity compliance, payment of prevailing wages if required by law, capacity to produce or courses of supply, and the ability to provide required maintenance service or other matters relating to the bidder’s probable ability to deliver in the quality and quantity within the time and price as specified in this solicitation.
      2. Awarded Offerors must at all times have financial resources sufficient, in the opinion of the State, to ensure performance of the contract and must provide proof upon request. The State may require a performance bond if, in the opinion of the State, it ensures performance of the contract. The State may terminate the Contract, consistent with the termination for cause provision of the Contract, if the Offeror lacks the financial resources to perform under the Contract. The State may require that a Offeror correct any deficiencies as a condition of further evaluation.
      3. The State may require that an Offeror correct any deficiencies as a condition of further evaluation.
    1. **PRICE**: The State identifies the lowest priced Offer that meets, Responsibility and Responsiveness requirements.
  1. **MINORITIES, FEMALES, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PARTICIPATION AND UTILIZATION PLAN**: This solicitation may contain a goal to include businesses owned and controlled by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities or DBEs in the State’s procurement and contracting processes. Failure to submit a Utilization Plan as instructed later in this solicitation may render the Offer non-responsive. All questions regarding the subcontracting goal must be directed to the Agency DBE Liaison prior to submission of proposals.

Does this solicitation contain a DBE goal?  Yes  No

If yes, the DBE goal is: 12%

DBE Liason: **Ronald Brown**

Phone Number: 217-524-8151

Email Address: Ronald.brown@illinois.gov

* 1. **VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION AND UTILIZATION PLAN**: This solicitation may contain a goal to include businesses owned and controlled by military veterans in the State’s procurement and contracting processes. If the solicitation contains a goal, then failure to submit a Utilization Plan as instructed later in this solicitation may render the Offer non-responsive. All questions regarding the subcontracting goal must be directed to the Department Veteran Small Business Liaison prior to submission of proposals.

Does this solicitation contain a Veteran Small Business goal?  Yes  No

If yes, then the Veteran Small Business goal is: N/A

Veteran Small Business Liaison: N/A

Phone Number: N/A

Email Address: N/A

Offerors who submit Offers for State contracts shall not be given a period after the Offer closing date to cure deficiencies in the Utilization Plan and the Letter of Intent, unless mandated by Federal law or regulation. 30 ILCS 575(4)(e). Businesses included in Utilization Plans as meeting Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) and Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) requirements as prime vendors or subcontractors must be certified by CMS as VOSB or SDVOSB vendors prior to the Offer closing date. Go to ([http://www.illinois.gov/cms/business/sell2/Pages/VeteranownedBusinesses.aspx](https://www2.illinois.gov/cms/business/sell2/Pages/VeteranownedBusinesses.aspx))for complete requirements for VOSB or SDVOSB certification.

**-END OF INSTRUCTIONS-**

1. **SELECTION OF VENDOR**
   1. The State may award to the most Responsive/Responsible Offeror whose Offer best meets the below criteria.
   2. The State determines how well Offers meet the Responsiveness requirements. The State ranks Offers, without consideration of Price, from best to least qualified using a point ranking system (unless otherwise specified) as an aid in conducting the evaluation. Offerors who receive fewer than the minimum required points will not be considered for Price evaluation and award.
   3. If the State does not consider the Price to be fair and reasonable and negotiations fail to meet an acceptable Price, the State reserves the right to cancel the award and take appropriate action to meet the needs of the State. The State determines whether the price is fair and reasonable by considering the Offer, including the Offeror's qualifications, the Offeror's reputation, all prices submitted, other known prices, the project budget and other relevant factors.
   4. The chart below shows the elements of Responsiveness that the State evaluates, their relative weights in point format and any minimum point requirements.
      1. The total maximum number of points for Responsiveness is 700.
      2. Minimum number of responsive points for consideration of proposal is 400.
      3. **RESPONSIVENESS ELEMENTS**

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| **Responsiveness to RFP** | **Maximum Points**  **700 points total** |
| Introduction         Describes the firm/team’s interest in the work described in the RFP | 50 |
| **Firm’s Qualifications, Capabilities, and Expertise**  Experience, qualification and knowledge of firm(s) and key personnel to assist state transportation agencies improve their efficiency, effectiveness, transparency of fiscal management strategies on similar projects and contracts. | (500 total in this category) |
|        Project manager’s qualifications and expertise working on projects that are similar in nature; | 100 |
|        Firm(s) experience in analyzing revenues (funding and financing) and expenditures to identify efficiencies in programming | 100 |
|        Relevant knowledge and experience related to state and federal transportation funding, finance, policies, and programs for all mode | 50 |
|        Experience evaluating state and federal policies to determine impacts on existing capital programs | 50 |
|        Experience working with other State Departments of Transportation | 50 |
|        Experience in developing policies and implementing best practices related to multimodal capital expenditures | 50 |
|        Experience developing supportive educational resources to communicate initiatives | 50 |
|        Track record of the firm(s) ability to provide satisfactory client support under a multi-year contract. | 50 |
| Firm/team organization structure         Organization structure of key personnel | 50 |
| Resumes         Resume for project manager         Resumes for key team members         Include educational background, experience, certifications and licenses (as appropriate)         Details on previous projects with similar scope and details on role the individual played on each project | 100 |

* 1. The total number of points for Price is 300. The State will determine Price points using the following formula:

Maximum Price Points X (Lowest Price/Offeror’s Price) = Total Price Points

* 1. The maximum number of points is 1,000 (Responsiveness 700 + Price 300 ).

1. Project Title / Reference # **Strategic Advisory Services for Capital Expenditures and Programming / 2019-07**

The undersigned authorized representative of the identified Offeror hereby submits this Offer to perform in full compliance with the subject solicitation. By completing and signing this Form, the Offeror makes an Offer to the State of Illinois that the State may accept.

Offeror should use this Form as a final check to ensure that all required documents are completed and included with the Offer. Offeror must mark each blank below as appropriate; mark N/A when a section is not applicable to this solicitation. Offeror understands that failure to meet all requirements is cause for disqualification.

* 1. **SOLICITATION AND CONTRACT REVIEW:** Offeror reviewed the Request for Proposal, including all referenced documents and instructions, completed all blanks, provided all required information, and demonstrated how it will meet the requirements of the State of Illinois.

Yes  No

* 1. **ADDENDA:** Offeror acknowledges receipt of any and all addendums to the solicitation and has taken those into account in making this Offer.

Yes  No N/A

* 1. **OFFEROR CONFERENCE:** If attendance was mandatory, Offeror attended the Offeror Conference.

Yes  No  N/A

* 1. **OFFER SUBMISSION:** Offeror is submitting the correct number of copies, in a properly labeled container(s), to the correct location, and by the due date and time.

Yes  No

* 1. **BOND:** If applicable, Offeror is submitting its Bid Bond or Performance Bond.

Yes  No  N/A

* 1. **SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE:** Offeror is a qualified small business in the Small Business Set-Aside Program at the time Offers are due.

Yes  No  N/A

* 1. **PACKET 1:**  Yes  No

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|  | Offeror’s Proposed Solution to Meet the State’s Requirements | Yes  No |
|  | Milestones and Deliverables | Yes  No |
|  | Offeror/Staff Specifications | Yes  No |
|  | Transportation and Delivery Terms | Yes  No N/A |
|  | Subcontracting Disclosed | Yes  No N/A |
|  | Where Services Are to Be Performed | Yes  No N/A |

* 1. **PACKET 2** – **PRICING:**

Yes  No

* 1. **PACKET 3:**  Yes  No

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|  | Offer | Yes  No |
|  | Authorized to Do Business in Illinois Documentation, if checking option C or D in certification #31 in Standard Certifications – Attachment GG | Yes  No N/A |
|  | Illinois Department of Human Rights Public Contracts Number | Yes  No |
|  | Supplemental Terms and Conditions | Yes  No |
|  | Subcontractor Disclosure | Yes  No |
|  | Standard Certifications | Yes  No |
|  | Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest | Yes  No |
|  | Disclosure of Business Operations in Iran | Yes  No |
|  | Business Directory Information | Yes  No |
|  | References | Yes  No N/A |
|  | Offeror Provided Additional Material, Confidential Documents and Exceptions | Yes  No |
|  | Taxpayer Identification Number | Yes  No |
|  | 3 Years Financial Data | Yes  No |

* 1. **PACKET 4 – REDACTED COPY OF OFFER WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION DELETED:**

Yes  No

* 1. **PACKET 5 – MINORITIES, FEMALES, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PARTICIPATION AND UTILIZATION PLAN**

Yes  No

* 1. **PREFERENCES**

The Illinois Procurement Code provides various preferences to promote business opportunities in Illinois.

Does Offeror make any claims for preferences? If so, please mark the applicable preference(s) and include a listing of the items that qualify for the preference at the end of this section and a description of why the preference applies. Agency reserves the right to determine whether the preference indicated applies to Offeror.

Resident Bidder (30 ILCS 500/45-10).

Soybean Oil-Based Ink (30 ILCS 500/45-15).

Recycled Materials (30 ILCS 500/45-20).

Recycled Paper (30 ILCS 500/45-25).

Environmentally Preferable Supplies (30 ILCS 500/45-26).

Correctional Industries (30 ILCS 500/45-30).

Sheltered Workshops for the Severely Handicapped (30 ILCS 500/45-35).

Gas Mileage (30 ILCS 500/45-40).

Small Businesses (30 ILCS 500/45-45).

Illinois Agricultural Products (30 ILCS 500/45-50).

Corn-Based Plastics (30 ILCS 500/45-55).

Disabled Veterans (30 ILCS 500/45-57).

Vehicles Powered by Agricultural Commodity-Based Fuel (30 ILCS 500/45-6)

Biobased Products (30 ILCS 500/45-75).

Historic Preference Area (30 ILCS 500/45-80).

Procurement of Domestic Products (30 ILCS 517).

Public Purchases in Other State (30 ILCS 520).

Illinois Mined Coal Act (30 ILCS 555).

Steel Products Procurement (30 ILCS 565).

Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575).

Veteran’s Preference (330 ILCS 55).

Items that Qualify and Explanation: Click here to enter text.

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Printed Name of Signatory: Click here to enter text.

Vendor Name: Click here to enter text.

Date: Click here to enter a date.

1. **SECTION 1 - SPECIFICATIONS/QUALIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK**
   1. **GOAL:**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is issuing a Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the services of a firm/team to assist in providing financial advisory services to support IDOT’s capital expenditures and multimodal programming efforts. The Department aims to a leader in identifying, prioritizing, delivering, and reporting on capital expenditures.

The Office of Planning and Programming sets benchmarks for construction targets by district and by asset condition and ultimately manages the funding decisions that support the annual and multi-year capital program for the Department. IDOT must ensure that all planned capital expenditures provide the greatest return on investment. Therefore, it is anticipated that this effort will require an evaluation of programming, capital expenditures, financial assumptions, and current policies to enhance future programming efforts. IDOT anticipates that this work will coincide with recent MAP-21 and FAST Act federal requirements for implementing asset management and performance-based target setting.

It is in the state's best interest to ensure the process by which transportation expenditures are made, regardless of mode, are done in a transparent manner and provide the greatest return on investment. The main objectives of this effort are to (1) enhance the State’s capital programming and expenditure process and policies, (2) advance project and program delivery across modes, and (3) optimize the Department’s fiscal position to make the best use of public funds.

It is expected that firms will work on a task order basis for this contract and a multi-step process will be undertaken to evaluate existing processes and determine the business case for making changes. After the firm(s) has a good understanding of existing business practices, additional task orders will be developed to further implement identified strategies.

* 1. **SUPPLIES AND/OR SERVICES REQUIRED:**

To accomplish this, IDOT anticipates that the firm(s) will need to have strong financial evaluation capabilities. Additionally, it is expected that the firm(s) will undertake a process to identify necessary policy changes and evaluate the impacts of a range of alternatives to ensure any recommended changes fully consider costs and benefits of varying approaches. Firm(s) should have strong experience working with state Departments of Transportation and have a keen understanding of federal and state budgetary processes related to transportation. Other anticipated expertise needed to support these objectives include policy/strategy development and evaluation and experience presenting new business practices and efficiencies to both internal and external audiences.  
  
The following list represents additional details on potential tasks associated with this RFP:

* Analyze existing revenues and current and previous expenditures of capital investment across the Department (project development, construction, operations, maintenance) to the evaluate the fiscal impact of existing programs and policies to identify efficiencies in programming for both annual expenditures and multi-year program development.
* Facilitate discussions with staff from both the central and district offices to identify, understand, and prioritize programming and expenditure enhancements.
* Develop proposed policies to assist the department in achieving capital programming goals and provide support to implement recommendations.
* Identify business processes, policies, and other recommendations that support delivery of any new and/or refined programs and strategies, develop transition plans and identify capabilities that need to be developed or procured.
* Evaluate potential future revenue proposals and expenditure policies and procedures, recommended strategies to deliver transportation infrastructure in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.
* Inform IDOT leadership of unique, innovative and strategic ideas, concepts, and industry leading practices, both nationally and internationally, to drive efficiencies and enhance the performance of the Department’s programs and assets.
* Identify best practices and assist in the implementation of data collection methods, systems, tools, or processes that measure progress and allow the Department to monitor progress in delivering a multi-year, multimodal transportation system.
* Evaluate cost benefit tradeoffs related to various programming strategies and policies to enhance delivery of its prioritization, capital programming, project delivery, project management, construction, maintenance, and operational goals.
* Provide analysis to optimize and inform technical, policy, procedures, and financial aspects for the development and implementation of strategic programs and projects.
* Any other analysis, policy evaluation, program implementation coordination, advisory services or assistance related to multimodal capital expenditures as requested.

The firm will also support the communications needs related to strategy development and program implementation services. As IDOT looks to streamline its business processes, it is anticipated that there will be a need to communicate enhancements and new business practices to both internal and external audiences (legislators and elected officials, industry and professional organizations, and the general public). The Department anticipates that these services will not be a large element of the scope of work, but may be necessary to communicate new ways of doing business.

* Communications support could include, but is not limited to, the following needs: development of education programs and training materials, facilitating meetings, presentations, reports, program and project evaluation tools, guidance documents, and other ad hoc communications needs as determined by the Department.
  + 1. **OFFEROR’S PROPOSED SOLUTION TO MEET THE STATE’S REQUIREMENTS:** Please either respond in the space below or in the following prescribed format:

The proposal should demonstrate the consultant's overall qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the scope of work and should contain the following elements:

**Section 1. Introduction** (2 page maximum)

The introduction should describe the firm’s interest in the work.

**Section 2. Firm’s Qualifications, Capabilities, and Expertise** (15 pages maximum)

The majority of the proposal should describe the firm(s) qualifications, capabilities in conducting similar work for state departments of transportation, and subject matter expertise.

Project Manager

* + The proposal should identify a single project manager with exemplary expertise in financial planning and the development, evaluation, and supporting DOTs in the execution of transportation programs and policies.
  + The Project Manager must have a minimum of 10 years of experience with transportation, policy, finance, business processes within the government sector, or in a related field working with state and federal governments.
  + It is highly desirable that the project manager be available to work on identified tasks until completion.

Project Team

* + The Project Manager will be supported by subject matter advisors, organized in such a manner that ensures efficient and comprehensive capabilities to respond to task requests.
  + Each proposed firm is required to have a single point of contact identified in the RFP who serves as a primary point of communication for coordinating the diverse skills of firm members, both internally and externally (including with IDOT staff, agencies and other consultant firms).
  + It is highly desirable that the day-to‐day contact and all key personnel continue to work on the task until completion.

Experience

The following areas of experience are required, relevant to the services proposed, and shall, at a minimum be available to the Department to meet the requirements of this RFP on an as needed basis:

* + State and federal transportation policy and programs. The team is expected to possess progressive experience evaluating, identifying and delivering transportation program and policy improvement opportunities in government agencies; must also have experience evaluating federal and local transportation policies, funding bills, and trends.
  + Multimodal transportation programs. The team is must have experience working with state Departments of Transportation and/or other government transportation agencies in developing and implementing effective programs and policies.
  + Transportation funding and finance. The team is expected to possess knowledge of the federal‐aid funding program and reimbursement systems, state funding, the ability to evaluate capital program expenditures and conduct cost benefit analysis of multimodal program expenditures, and a strong understanding of both traditional funding and financing of transportation projects, along with a keen understanding of innovative finance for transportation projects including P3 and/or other alternative delivery procurements;
  + Financial analysis. The team is expected to possess a proven track record in providing financial planning, budgeting, and evaluation tools and services for project and program development, alternative project delivery methods, cost estimating and cost modeling, operating costs, and lifecycle/rehabilitation costs, risk analysis and risk allocation strategy, and development of performance‐based evaluation processes and other technical specifications.

Firm/team organizational structure (1 page)

Resumes (no page limit)

* + The firm shall provide professional resumes for the project manager and key team members with educational background, total years of experience, name of current and past employers, certifications and licenses.
  + Resumes should include a list of previous projects, similar in size and complexity, in which the firm member has played a significant role, and a brief description of the project (scope, size, cost, etc.), the person’s specific role on the project, and the person’s employer for the project.

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* 1. **MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES:**

Upon execution of a contract, the Vendor shall be required to develop a work plan, in conjunction with the Agency. The work plan shall detail a “work order” process that shall be used by the Agency to request services to be performed by the Vendor. This shall be a service on-demand contract and the Vendor shall not perform any services without an Agency approved work order. The format of the work order shall be agreed upon by the Agency and the Vendor prior to the start of contract work. The Vendor shall be expected to complete the scope of work described in each work order, within the budget and timeframe specified on the work order. The Vendor shall not be compensated for unauthorized services or unauthorized costs. Vendors will be expected to submit a work order approval form for each.

* 1. **OFFEROR / STAFF SPECIFICATIONS:**

At a minimum, the members of the proposed team should demonstrate expertise and experience in the following:

* + - Experience, qualification and knowledge of firm(s) and key personnel to assist state transportation agencies improve their efficiency, effectiveness, transparency of fiscal management strategies on similar projects and contracts;
    - A project manager with expertise in financial planning;
    - Team members with experience in analyzing revenues (funding and financing) and expenditures to identify efficiencies in programming;
    - Relevant knowledge and experience related to state and federal transportation funding, finance, policies, and programs for all modes; experience evaluating state and federal policies to determine impacts on existing capital programs;
    - Experience working with other State Departments of Transportation;
    - Experience in developing policies and implementing best practices related to multimodal capital expenditures;
    - Experience developing supportive educational resources to communicate initiatives;
    - Track record in providing satisfactory client support under a multi-year contract.
  1. **TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY TERMS:** N/A
  2. **SUBCONTRACTING**
     1. Subcontractors are allowed. For the purposes of this section, subcontractors are those specifically hired to perform all or part of the work covered by the contract. If subcontractors are to be utilized, Offeror must identify subcontractors with an annual value of more than $50,000 and the expected amount of money each will receive under the contract in Attachment FF - Subcontractor Disclosure.
     2. The Offeror shall notify the State of any additional or substitute subcontractors hired during the term of this contract. If required, Offeror shall provide the State a copy of all such subcontracts within 15 days after execution of this contract or the subcontract, whichever occurs later.
     3. Any subcontracts entered into prior to award of the Contract are done at the Vendor’s and subcontractor’s risk.
  3. **WHERE SERVICES ARE TO BE PERFORMED**
     1. Unless otherwise disclosed in this section, all services shall be performed in the United States. This information and the economic impact on Illinois and its residents may be considered in the evaluation. If the Offeror performs the services purchased hereunder in another country in violation of this provision, such action may be deemed by the State as a breach of the contract by Offeror.
     2. Offeror shall disclose the locations where the services required shall be performed and the known or anticipated value of the services to be performed at each location. If the Offeror received additional consideration in the evaluation based on work being performed in the United States, it shall be a breach of contract if the Offeror shifts any such work outside the United States.
     3. Location where services will be performed: Click here to enter text.
     4. Percentage of contract of services performed at this location: Click here to enter text.

**Include Section 1 and any attachments in Packet 1**

1. **SECTION 2 – PRICING**
   1. **FORMAT OF PRICING:**
      * Offeror shall submit pricing in the format shown below, based on the terms and conditions set forth in section 1 of this Request for Proposal. Offeror’s price Offer shall serve as the basis for compensation terms of the resulting contract. Failure to submit pricing as shown in this section may render Offeror’s entire offer non-responsive and ineligible for award.
      * Pricing shall be submitted in the following format: Method and Rate of Compensation: Vendor must complete the following, stating fully-loaded hourly rate to be worked by staff stated below. The total cost per hour stated for each individual shall be a fully-loaded hourly rate **inclusive** of salary, benefits, insurance, overhead, travel expense, equipment expense, and other associated expenses. Assigned staff for each project and their background will be supplied to and are subject to approval by the Agency. No staff substitutions shall be made without written approval from the Agency. All labor for this contract will be billed using only these labor rates. The labor rate for each labor category will be applicable for the duration of the contract. Pricing shall be submitted in the following format below: \*\* **The estimated annual hours listed below are for evaluation purposes only and not a guarantee or requirement of hours for any particular labor category. The Vendor should not change the estimated annual hours or add or change the labor category listed. The Vendor shall complete for each labor category listed, the fully loaded hourly rate, estimated total cost and estimated total price. (Initial Term: 24 months)**

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| **LABOR CATEGORY** | **ESTIMATED ANNUAL HOURS** | **FULLY-LOADED  HOURLY RATE** | **ESTIMATED  TOTAL COST** |
| Project Manager / Director | 500 | $ | $ |
| Senior Staff | 1000 | $ | $ |
| Mid-Level Staff | 1500 | $ | $ |
| Junior Staff | 1500 | $ | $ |
| Other Specialist(s) | 500 | $ | $ |
| **ESTIMATED TOTAL PRICE (for initial 2 year term):** | | | $ |

* 1. **TYPE OF PRICING:** The Illinois Office of the Comptroller requires the State to indicate whether the contract pricing is firm or estimated at the time it is submitted for obligation. Pricing pursuant to this contract is estimated.
  2. **EXPENSES ALLOWED:** Expenses  are not allowed.
  3. **DISCOUNT:** The State may receive a Click here to enter text.% discount for payment within Click here to enter text. days of receipt of correct invoice.This discount will not be a factor in making the award.
  4. **TAXES:** Pricing shall not include any taxes unless accompanied by proof the State is subject to the tax. If necessary, Offeror may request the applicable agency’s Illinois tax exemption number and federal tax exemption information.
  5. **OFFEROR’S PRICING OFFER:** Attach additional pages if necessary or if the format of pricing specified above in Section 2.1 requires additional pages.
     + Offeror’s Price for the Initial Term: Click here to enter text.
     + Renewal Compensation: If the contract is renewed, the price shall be at the same rate as for the initial term unless a different compensation or formula for determining the renewal compensation is stated in this section.
       1. Agency Formula for Determining Renewal Compensation: Click here to enter text.
       2. Offeror’s Price for Renewal(s): Click here to enter text.

**Include Section 2 and any attachments in Packet 2**

Section 50-37 of the Illinois Procurement Code prohibits political contributions of certain vendors, bidders and offerors. Additionally, section 9-35 of the Illinois Election Code governs provisions relating to reporting and making contributions to state officeholders, declared candidates for State offices and covered political organizations that promote the candidacy of an officeholder or declared candidate for office. The State may declare any resultant contract void if these Acts are violated.

Generally, if a vendor, bidder, or offeror is an entity doing business for profit (i.e. sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or partnership, or otherwise) and has contracts with State agencies that annually total more than $50,000 or who has aggregate pending bids or proposals and current State contracts that total more than $50,000, the vendor, bidder, or offeror is prohibited from making political contributions and must register with the State Board of Elections. 30 ILCS 500/20-160.

**EVIDENCE OF REGISTRATION WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**IS THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**



A person, other than an individual acting as a sole proprietor, must be a duly constituted legal entity and authorized to do business in Illinois prior to submitting an offer. 30 ILCS 500/20-43. Offerors must review and complete certification #31 in the Standard Certifications – Attachment GG.

Certification #31 requires Vendor to check one of the four boxes representing its status. Two of the four options require that the Vendor attach to the Standard Certifications – Attachment GG a detailed explanation of the legal basis for its status claim. The State may request evidence from a vendor that certifies it is authorized to do business in Illinois proving such authorization. Failure to produce evidence in a timely manner may be considered grounds for determining Vendor non-responsive or not responsible.

For information on registering to conduct business in Illinois, please visit the Illinois Secretary of State’s Department of Business Services at their website at (<http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business_services/home.html>) or your home county clerk.

**EVIDENCE OF BEING AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IS THE SECRETARY**

**OF STATE’S CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING**



1. If Offeror employed fifteen or more full-time employees at the time of submission of their response to this solicitation or any time during the previous 365-day period leading up to submission, it must have a current IDHR Public Contract Number or have proof of having submitted a completed application for one **prior** to the contract award. 775 ILCS 5/2-101. If the Agency cannot confirm compliance, it will not be able to consider a Vendor’s bid or offer. Please complete the appropriate sections below:

Name of Company (and DBA): Click here to enter text..

(check if applicable) The number is not required as the company has not met or exceeded the number of employees that makes registration necessary under the requirements of the Human Rights Act described above.

IDHR Public Contracts Number: Click here to enter text. Expiration Date: Click here to enter text..

1. If number has not yet been issued, provide the date a completed application for the number was submitted to IDHR: Click here to enter text..
2. Upon expiration and until their Contractor Identification Number is renewed, companies will not be eligible to be awarded contracts by the State of Illinois or other jurisdictions that require a current IDHR number as a condition of contract eligibility. 44 Ill. Admin. Code 750.210(a).
3. Numbers issued by the Department of Human Rights (or its predecessor agency, the Illinois Fair Employment Practices Commission) prior to July 1, 1998 are no longer valid. This affects numbers below 89999-00-0. Valid numbers begin with 900000-00-0.
4. If Offeror’s organization holds an expired number, it must re-register with the Department of Human Rights.
5. Offeror may obtain an application form by:
   1. Telephone:Call the IDHR Public Contracts Unit at (312) 814-2431 between Monday and Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, CST. (TDD (312) 263-1579).
   2. Internet: You may download the form from the Department of Human Rights’ website at (<http://www2.illinois.gov/dhr/PublicContracts/Pages/default.aspx>).
   3. Mail: Write to the Department of Human Rights, Public Contracts Unit, 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 10-100, Chicago, IL 60601**.**
6. **TERM AND TERMINATION:**
   1. **TERM OF THIS CONTRACT**: This contract has an initial term of ***24 months****.* If a start date is not identified, then the term shall commence upon the last dated signature of the Parties.
      1. In no event will the total term of the contract, including the initial term, any renewal terms and any extensions, exceed ten (10) years.
      2. Vendor shall not commence billable work in furtherance of the contract prior to final execution of the contract.
   2. **RENEWAL**: Subject to the maximum total term identified above, the State has the option to renew for the following term(s): ***Two (2) x 24 month renewals, upon written agreement of both parties. Such renewal must be executed prior to the expiration of the current contract term.***
      1. Pricing for the renewal term(s), or the formula for determining price, is shown in the pricing section of this contract.
      2. Any renewal is subject to the same terms and conditions as the original contract unless otherwise provided in the pricing section. The State may renew this contract for any or all of the option periods specified, may exercise any of the renewal options early, and may exercise more than one option at a time based on continuing need and favorable market conditions, when in the best interest of the State. The contract may neither renew automatically nor renew solely at the Vendor’s option.
   3. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**: The State may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, immediately upon notice to the Vendor if: (a) the State determines that the actions or inactions of the Vendor, its agents, employees or subcontractors have caused, or reasonably could cause, jeopardy to health, safety, or property, or (b) the Vendor has notified the State that it is unable or unwilling to perform the contract.
      1. If Vendor fails to perform to the State’s satisfaction any material requirement of this contract, is in violation of a material provision of this contract, or the State determines that the Vendor lacks the financial resources to perform the contract, the State shall provide written notice to the Vendor to cure the problem identified within a specified period of time. If not cured by the specified date, the State may either: (a) immediately terminate the contract without additional written notice or (b) enforce the terms and conditions of the contract.
      2. For termination due to any of the causes contained in this section, the State retains its right to seek any available legal or equitable remedies and damages.
   4. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**:
      1. This contract is contingent upon and subject to the availability of funds. The State, at its sole option, may terminate or suspend this contract, in whole or in part, without penalty or further payment being required, if the Illinois General Assembly or the federal funding source fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such obligation, or if funds needed are insufficient for any reason. 30 ILCS 500/20-60.
      2. The State may, for its convenience and with 30 days of prior written notice to Vendor, terminate this contract in whole or in part and without payment of any penalty or incurring any further obligation to the Vendor. The Vendor shall be entitled to compensation upon submission of invoices and proof of claim for supplies and services provided in compliance with this contract up to and including the date of termination.
7. **PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**
   1. **LATE PAYMENT**:Payments, including late payment charges, will be paid in accordance with the State Prompt Payment Act and rules when applicable. 30 ILCS 540; 74 Ill. Adm. Code 900. This shall be Vendor’s sole remedy for late payments by the State. Payment terms contained on Vendor’s invoices shall have no force and effect.
   2. **MINORITY CONTRACTOR INITIATIVE**: Any Vendor awarded a contract under Section 20-10, 20-15, 20-25 or 20-30 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) of $1,000 or more is required to pay a fee of $15. The Comptroller shall deduct the fee from the first check issued to the Vendor under the contract and deposit the fee in the Comptroller’s Administrative Fund. 15 ILCS 405/23.9.
   3. **EXPENSES**: The State will not pay for supplies provided or services rendered, including related expenses, incurred prior to the execution of this contract by the Parties even if the effective date of the contract is prior to execution.
   4. **PREVAILING WAGE**: As a condition of receiving payment Vendor must (i) be in compliance with the contract, (ii) pay its employees prevailing wages when required by law, (iii) pay its suppliers and subcontractors according to the terms of their respective contracts, and (iv) provide lien waivers to the State upon request. Examples of prevailing wage categories include public works, printing, janitorial, window washing, building and grounds services, site technician services, natural resource services, security guard and food services. The prevailing wages are revised by the Department of Labor and are available on the Department’s official website, which shall be deemed proper notification of any rate changes under this subsection. Vendor is responsible for contacting the Illinois Department of Labor to ensure understanding of prevailing wage requirements at 217-782-6206 or <http://www.state.il.us/agency/idol/index.htm>).
   5. **FEDERAL FUNDING**: This contract may be partially or totally funded with Federal funds. If federal funds are expected to be used, then the percentage of the good/service paid using Federal funds and the total Federal funds expected to be used will be provided to the awarded Vendor in the notice of intent to award.
   6. **INVOICING**: By submitting an invoice, Vendor certifies that the supplies or services provided meet all requirements of the contract, and the amount billed and expenses incurred are as allowed in the contract. Invoices for supplies purchased, services performed and expenses incurred through June 30 of any year must be submitted to the State no later than July 31 of that year; otherwise Vendor may be required to seek payment through the Illinois Court of Claims. 30 ILCS 105/25. All invoices are subject to statutory offset. 30 ILCS 210.
      1. Vendor shall not bill for any taxes unless accompanied by proof that the State is subject to the tax. If necessary, Vendor may request the applicable agency’s Illinois tax exemption number and federal tax exemption information.
      2. Vendor shall invoice at the completion of the contract unless invoicing is tied in the contract to milestones, deliverables, or other invoicing requirements agreed to in the contract.

Send invoices to:  **See Section A.19**

1. **ASSIGNMENT:** This contract may not be assigned or transferred in whole or in part by Vendor without the prior written consent of the State.
2. **SUBCONTRACTING**: For purposes of this section, subcontractors are those specifically hired to perform all or part of the work covered by the contract. Vendor must receive prior written approval before use of any subcontractors in the performance of this contract. Vendor shall describe, in an attachment if not already provided, the names and addresses of all authorized subcontractors to be utilized by Vendor in the performance of this contract, together with a description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor and the anticipated amount of money that each subcontractor is expected to receive pursuant to this contract. If required, Vendor shall provide a copy of any subcontracts within 15 days after execution of this contract. All subcontracts must include the same certifications that Vendor must make as a condition of this contract. Vendor shall include in each subcontract the subcontractor certifications as shown on the Standard Subcontractor Certification form available from the State. If at any time during the term of the Contract, Vendor adds or changes any subcontractors, then Vendor must promptly notify, by written amendment to the Contract, the State Purchasing Officer or the Chief Procurement Officer of the names and addresses and the expected amount of money that each new or replaced subcontractor will receive pursuant to the Contract.
3. **AUDIT/RETENTION OF RECORDS**: Vendor and its subcontractors shall maintain books and records relating to the performance of the contract or subcontract and necessary to support amounts charged to the State pursuant the contract or subcontract. Books and records, including information stored in databases or other computer systems, shall be maintained by the Vendor for a period of three years from the later of the date of final payment under the contract or completion of the contract, and by the subcontractor for a period of three years from the later of final payment under the term or completion of the subcontract. If federal funds are used to pay contract costs, the Vendor and its subcontractors must retain its records for five years. Books and records required to be maintained under this section shall be available for review or audit by representatives of: the procuring Agency, the Auditor General, the Executive Inspector General, the Chief Procurement Officer, State of Illinois internal auditors or other governmental entities with monitoring authority, upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours. Vendor and its subcontractors shall cooperate fully with any such audit and with any investigation conducted by any of these entities. Failure to maintain books and records required by this section shall establish a presumption in favor of the State for the recovery of any funds paid by the State under the contract for which adequate books and records are not available to support the purported disbursement. The Vendor or subcontractors shall not impose a charge for audit or examination of the Vendor’s books and records. 30 ILCS 500/20-65.
4. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE**: Time is of the essence with respect to Vendor’s performance of this contract. Vendor shall continue to perform its obligations while any dispute concerning the contract is being resolved unless otherwise directed by the State.
5. **NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS**: Except as specifically waived in writing, failure by a Party to exercise or enforce a right does not waive that Party’s right to exercise or enforce that or other rights in the future.
6. **FORCE MAJEURE**: Failure by either Party to perform its duties and obligations will be excused by unforeseeable circumstances beyond its reasonable control and not due to its negligence including acts of nature, acts of terrorism, riots, labor disputes, fire, flood, explosion, and governmental prohibition. The non-declaring Party may cancel the contract without penalty if performance does not resume within 30 days after the declaration.
7. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**: Each Party, including its agents and subcontractors, to this contract may have or gain access to confidential data or information owned or maintained by the other Party in the course of carrying out its responsibilities under this contract. Vendor shall presume all information received from the State or to which it gains access pursuant to this contract is confidential. Vendor information, unless clearly marked as confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, shall be considered public. No confidential data collected, maintained, or used in the course of performance of the contract shall be disseminated except as authorized by law and with the written consent of the disclosing Party, either during the period of the contract or thereafter. The receiving Party must return any and all data collected, maintained, created or used in the course of the performance of the contract, in whatever form it is maintained, promptly at the end of the contract, or earlier at the request of the disclosing Party, or notify the disclosing Party in writing of its destruction. The foregoing obligations shall not apply to confidential data or information lawfully in the receiving Party’s possession prior to its acquisition from the disclosing Party that were received in good faith from a third-party not subject to any confidentiality obligation to the disclosing Party; that is now or later becomes publicly known through no breach of confidentiality obligation by the receiving Party; or is independently developed by the receiving Party without the use or benefit of the disclosing Party’s confidential information.
8. **USE AND OWNERSHIP**: All work performed or supplies created by Vendor under this contract, whether written documents or data, goods or deliverables of any kind, shall be deemed work-for-hire under copyright law and all intellectual property and other laws, and the State of Illinois is granted sole and exclusive ownership to all such work, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Vendor hereby assigns to the State all right, title, and interest in and to such work including any related intellectual property rights, and waives any and all claims that Vendor may have to such work including any so-called "moral rights" in connection with the work. Vendor acknowledges the State may use the work product for any purpose. Confidential data or information contained in such work shall be subject to confidentiality provisions of this contract.
9. **INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY**: The Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Illinois, its agencies, officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all costs, demands, expenses, losses, claims, damages, liabilities, settlements and judgments, including in-house and contracted attorneys’ fees and expenses, arising out of: (a) any breach or violation by Vendor of any of its certifications, representations, warranties, covenants or agreements; (b) any actual or alleged death or injury to any person, damage to any property or any other damage or loss claimed to result in whole or in part from Vendor’s negligent performance; or (c) any act, activity or omission of Vendor or any of its employees, representatives, subcontractors or agents. Neither Party shall be liable for incidental, special, consequential or punitive damages.
10. **INSURANCE**: Vendor shall, at all times during the term and any renewals, maintain and provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the State as additionally insured for all required bonds and insurance. Certificates may not be modified or canceled until at least 30 days notice has been provided to the State. Vendor shall provide: (a) General Commercial Liability-occurrence form in amount of $1,000,000 per occurrence (Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage) and $2,000,000 Annual Aggregate; (b) Auto Liability, including Hired Auto and Non-owned Auto, (Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage) in amount of $1,000,000 per occurrence; and (c) Worker’s Compensation Insurance in amount required by law. Insurance shall not limit Vendor’s obligation to indemnify, defend, or settle any claims.
11. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**: Vendor shall act as an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of, or joint venturer with the State. All payments by the State shall be made on the basis of Vendor being an independent contractor of or joint venturer with the State.
12. **SOLICITATION AND EMPLOYMENT**: Vendor shall not employ any person employed by the State during the term of this contract to perform any work under this contract. Vendor shall give notice immediately to the Agency’s director if Vendor solicits or intends to solicit State employees to perform any work under this contract.
13. **COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW**: The Vendor, its employees, agents, and subcontractors shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, orders, federal circulars and all license and permit requirements in the performance of this contract. Vendor shall be in compliance with applicable tax requirements and shall be current in payment of such taxes. Vendor shall obtain at its own expense, all licenses and permissions necessary for the performance of this contract.
14. **BACKGROUND CHECK**: Whenever the State deems it reasonably necessary for security reasons, the State may conduct, at its expense, criminal and driver history background checks of Vendor’s and subcontractor’s officers, employees or agents. Vendor or subcontractor shall reassign immediately any such individual who, in the opinion of the State, does not pass the background checks.
15. **APPLICABLE LAW**: This contract shall be construed in accordance with and is subject to the laws and rules of the State of Illinois. The Department of Human Rights’ Equal Opportunity requirements are incorporated by reference. 44 Ill. Admin. Code 750. Any claim against the State arising out of this contract must be filed exclusively with the Illinois Court of Claims. 705 ILCS 505/1. The State shall not enter into binding arbitration to resolve any contract dispute. The State of Illinois does not waive sovereign immunity by entering into this contract. The official text of cited statutes is incorporated by reference. An unofficial version can be viewed at ([www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp)).
16. **ANTI-TRUST ASSIGNMENT**: If Vendor does not pursue any claim or cause of action it has arising under federal or state antitrust laws relating to the subject matter of the contract, then upon request of the Illinois Attorney General, Vendor shall assign to the State rights, title and interest in and to the claim or cause of action.
17. **CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY**: The Agency that signs for the State of Illinois shall be the only State entity responsible for performance and payment under the contract. When the Chief Procurement Officer or authorized designee or State Purchasing Officer signs in addition to an Agency, he/she does so as approving officer and shall have no liability to Vendor. When the Chief Procurement Officer or authorized designee or State Purchasing Officer signs a master contract on behalf of State agencies, only the Agency that places an order with the Vendor shall have any liability to Vendor for that order.
18. **NOTICES**: Notices and other communications provided for herein shall be given in writing by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, by receipted hand delivery, by courier (UPS, Federal Express or other similar and reliable carrier), by e-mail, or by fax showing the date and time of successful receipt. Notices shall be sent to the individuals who signed the contract using the contact information following the signatures. Each such notice shall be deemed to have been provided at the time it is actually received. By giving notice, either Party may change the contact information.
19. **MODIFICATIONS AND SURVIVAL**: Amendments, modifications and waivers must be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the Parties. Any provision of this contract officially declared void, unenforceable, or against public policy, shall be ignored and the remaining provisions shall be interpreted, to the extent possible, to give effect to the Parties’ intent. All provisions that by their nature would be expected to survive, shall survive termination. In the event of a conflict between the State’s and the Vendor’s terms, conditions and attachments, the State’s terms, conditions and attachments shall prevail.
20. **PERFORMANCE RECORD/SUSPENSION**: Upon request of the State, Vendor shall meet to discuss performance or provide contract performance updates to help ensure proper performance of the contract. The State may consider Vendor’s performance under this contract and compliance with law and rule to determine whether to continue the contract, whether to suspend Vendor from doing future business with the State for a specified period of time, or to determine whether Vendor can be considered responsible on specific future contract opportunities.
21. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**: This contract and all related public records maintained by, provided to, or required to be provided to the State are subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act notwithstanding any provision to the contrary that may be found in this contract. 5 ILCS 140.
22. **SCHEDULE OF WORK**: Any work performed on State premises shall be done during the hours designated by the State and performed in a manner that does not interfere with the State and its personnel.
23. **WARRANTIES FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES**
    1. Vendor warrants that the supplies furnished under this contract will: (a) conform to the standards, specifications, drawings, samples or descriptions furnished by the State or furnished by the Vendor and agreed to by the State, including but not limited to all specifications attached as exhibits hereto; (b) be merchantable, of good quality and workmanship, and free from defects for a period of twelve months or longer if so specified in writing, and fit and sufficient for the intended use; (c) comply with all federal and state laws, regulations, and ordinances pertaining to the manufacturing, packing, labeling, sale, and delivery of the supplies; (d) be of good title and be free and clear of all liens and encumbrances and; (e) not infringe any patent, copyright or other intellectual property rights of any third party. Vendor agrees to reimburse the State for any losses, costs, damages or expenses, including without limitation, reasonable attorney’s fees and expenses arising from failure of the supplies to meet such warranties.
    2. Vendor shall insure that all manufacturers’ warranties are transferred to the State and shall provide a copy of the warranty. These warranties shall be in addition to all other warranties, express, implied, or statutory, and shall survive the State’s payment, acceptance, inspection, or failure to inspect the supplies.
    3. Vendor warrants that all services will be performed to meet the requirements of the contract in an efficient and effective manner by trained and competent personnel. Vendor shall monitor performances of each individual and shall reassign immediately any individual who does not perform in accordance with the contract, who is disruptive or not respectful of others in the workplace, or who in any way violates the contract or State policies.
24. **REPORTING, STATUS AND MONITORING SPECIFICATIONS:**
    1. Vendor shall immediately notify the State of any event that may have a material impact on Vendor’s ability to perform the contract.
    2. By August 31 of each year, Vendor shall report to the Agency the number of qualified veterans and certain ex-offenders hired during Vendor’s last completed fiscal year. For the purposes of this section, qualified veteran is defined in 30 ILCS 500/45-67 and ex-offender is defined in 30 ILCS 500/45-70.
25. **EMPLOYMENT TAX CREDIT**: Vendors who hire qualified veterans and certain ex-offenders may be eligible for tax credits. 35 ILCS 5/216, 5/217. Please contact the Illinois Department of Revenue (telephone #: 217-524-4772) for information about tax credits.
26. **Agency Supplemental Provisions:**

Agency Definitions

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Required Federal Clauses, Certifications and Assurances

See Agency Specific Terms and Conditions

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Requirements

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Public Works Requirements (construction and maintenance of a public work) 820 ILCS 130/4.

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Prevailing Wage (janitorial cleaning, window cleaning, building and grounds, site technician, natural resources, food services, and security services, if valued at more than $200 per month or $2,000 per year or printing) 30 ILCS 500/25-60.

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Agency Specific Terms and Conditions

1. AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES**:**

Vendor shall be responsible for the negligent acts and omissions of its agents, employees and subcontractors in their performance of Vendor’s duties under this Contract. Vendor represents that it shall utilize the services of individuals skilled in the profession for which they will be used in performing services hereunder. In the event that the Agency/Buyer determines that any individual performing services for Vendor hereunder is not providing such skilled services, it shall promptly so notify Vendor and Vendor shall replace that individual.

* 1. PUBLICITY:

Vendor shall not, in any advertisement or any other type of solicitation for business, state, indicate or otherwise imply that it is under contract to the Agency/Buyer nor shall the Agency/Buyer’s name be used in any such advertisement or solicitation without prior written approval except as required by law.

* 1. CONSULTATION:

Vendor shall keep the Agency/Buyer fully informed as to the progress of matters covered by this Contract. Where time permits and Vendor is not otherwise prohibited from so doing, Vendor shall offer the Agency/Buyer the opportunity to review relevant documents prior to filing with any public body or adversarial party.

**1.4** ACCOUNTING:

The Vendor shall be responsible for utilizing the appropriate provisions contained in Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, subpart 31, as amended (Contract Cost Principles and Procedures) with respect to all costs associated with supplies and/or services the Vendor provides to the Agency/Buyer pursuant to the terms of this contract. The Vendor shall also maintain a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or Agency/Buyer directives. Information regarding the cost principles in Title 48, Code or Federal Regulations, subpart 31 (Contract Cost Principles and Procedures) may be viewed at the following website:

<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=cbb7305b43e022815d30aeaf7b642744&node=pt48.1.31&rgn=div5>

**1.5** THIRD\_PARTY BENEFICIARIES**:**

There are no third party beneficiaries to this Contract. This Contract is intended only to benefit the State, the Agency/Buyer and the Vendor.

**1.6** SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST**:**

All the terms, provisions, and conditions of the Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors, assigns and legal representatives.

**1.7** VENDOR’S TERMINIATION DUTIES**:**

The Vendor, upon receipt of notice of termination or upon request of the Agency/Buyer, shall:

**1.7.1** Cease work under this Contract and take all necessary or appropriate steps to limit disbursements and minimize costs, and furnish a report within thirty (30) days of the date of notice of termination, describing the status of all work under the Contract, including, without limitation, results accomplished, conclusions resulting therefrom, any other matters the Agency/Buyer may require;

**1.7.2** Immediately cease using and return to the Agency/Buyer any personal property or materials, whether tangible or intangible, provided by the Agency/Buyer to the Vendor;

**1.7.3** Comply with the Agency/Buyer’s instructions for the timely transfer of any active files and work product produced by the Vendor under this Contract;

**1.7.4** Cooperate in good faith with the Agency/Buyer, its employees, agents and contractors during the transition period between the notification of termination and the substitution of any replacement contractor; and

**1.7.5** Immediately return to the Agency/Buyer any payments made by the Agency/Buyer for services that were not rendered by the Vendor.

**1.8** OVERTIME:

Any overtime costs shall be incurred by the vendor.

**1.9** USE OF WORK PRODUCT**:**

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the following applies regarding work product created or produced under this Contract:

**1.9.1** Work product produced under this Contract, including, but not limited to, documents, reports, information, documentation of any sort and ideas, whether preliminary or final, shall become and remain the property of the State and/or Agency/Buyer, including any patent, copyright or other intellectual property rights;

**1.9.2** With the exception of ideas, all such work products shall be considered works made for hire within the meaning of 17 U.S.C. § 101;

**1.9.3** To the extent that any portion of such work product is not a work made for hire, Vendor completely and without reservation assigns to the Agency/Buyer all right, title and interest in and to such portion of the work product, as well as all related intellectual property rights, including patent and copyright;

**1.9.4** Agency/Buyer shall exercise all rights of ownership in all such work product without restriction or limitation, without further compensation to Vendor.

**1.9.5** Vendor shall not acquire or have any right to use, disclose or reproduce the work product or any equipment, documents, information, media, software, or know-how obtained from the State except to perform this Contract. Nothing herein shall be construed as precluding the use of any information independently acquired by Vendor without such limitation;

**1.9.6** The ideas, methodologies, processes, inventions and tools (including computer hardware and software where applicable) that Vendor previously developed and brings to the Agency/Buyer in furtherance of performance of the Contract shall remain the property of the Vendor; and

**1.9.7** Vendor grants to the Agency/Buyer a nonexclusive license to use and employ such software, ideas, concepts, methodologies, processes, inventions and tools solely within its enterprise.

**1.10** EXPATRIATED ENTITIES:

Except in limited circumstances, no business or member of a unitary business group, as defined in the Illinois Income Tax Act, shall submit a bid for or enter into a contract with a State agency if that business or any member of the unitary business group is an expatriated entity.

**1.11** EMPLOYMENT SECURITY:

Section 20 ILCS 1005/1005-47 of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois states that the Department of Employment Security maintains the IllinoisJobLink.com web site which allows job seekers to search online for employment opportunities that match the skills of the person seeking employment. Any entity that is a party to a contract with an executive branch State agency is required to post employment vacancies on the IllinoisJobLink.com web site or provide an online link to its employment vacancies so that it is accessible through the IllinoisJobLink.com web site. Bidders that are a party to a contract with a bona fide labor organization are exempt from this requirement.

The bidder assures that, for the duration of this contract it will post its employment vacancies in Illinois and border states on the Department of Employment Security’s IllinoisJobLink.com website; or will provide an online link to these employment vacancies so that this link is accessible through the IllinoisJobLink.com website; or is exempt from 20 ILCS 1005/1005-47 because bidder is a party to a contract with a bona fide labor organization.

**1.12** AMENDMENTS**:**

This Contract may be amended in writing from time to time by mutual consent of the parties. All amendments to this Contract shall be in writing and fully executed by the parties.

**1.13** PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE ASSURANCE:

Vendor shall not purchase equipment with funds received under this Contract without having obtained the Agency/Buyer's prior approval. For purposes of this Article, “equipment” shall include any product, tangible and non-tangible, used solely in Vendor’s performance under this Contract and having a useful life of two years or more and an acquisition cost of at least $100. Vendor acknowledges that the Agency/Buyer is under no obligation to give consent and that the Agency/Buyer may, if it gives consent, subject that consent to such additional terms and conditions as the Agency/Buyer may require. Vendor acknowledges that any equipment purchased under this provision is and shall remain the property of the Agency/Buyer.

The Agency/Buyer reserves the right to maintain any equipment purchased under this Contract using Agency/Buyer personnel or third party maintainers. In such case, Vendor shall provide the Agency/Buyer or its maintenance provider with such services, documentation, materials and parts under reasonable terms and conditions and at reasonable costs. The Agency/Buyer reserves the right to return to Vendor's maintenance following written certification by Vendor that the equipment is eligible for Vendor's maintenance. Vendor's standard charges for the certification inspection, plus any applicable charges required to bring the equipment into eligibility for Vendor's maintenance shall apply. Exercise of these rights by the Agency/Buyer shall be without penalty or sanction by Vendor.

If Vendor discontinues service or maintenance of equipment or software provided under this Contract, Vendor shall provide to the Agency/Buyer at no cost adequate documentation and access to specialized or proprietary tools to allow the Agency/Buyer or a subcontractor to maintain the equipment or software. This provision shall not apply if Vendor arranges for continued service and maintenance through another Vendor and at a price acceptable to the Agency/Buyer.

**1.14**  USE OF THIRD PARTIES:

The Agency/Buyer acknowledges that the Vendor may contract with third parties for the performance of any of the Vendor’s obligations under this Contract. However, all subcontracts shall be subject to prior approval by the Agency/Buyer, so the Vendor shall obtain the Agency/Buyer's prior written consent before allowing any Third Party to perform any of the Vendor’s obligations under this Contract.

A Vendor who obtains the Agency/Buyer’s prior written consent and subsequently enters into a contract with a Third Party for performance of any of the Vendor’s obligations under this Contract remains responsible for all services performed under this Contract. All restrictions, obligations and responsibilities of the Vendor under this Contract shall also apply fully and completely to subcontractors. This includes requiring all subcontractors to submit certifications and disclosures to Agency/Buyer for review and approval upon request. The Agency/Buyer shall have the right to request the removal of a subcontractor from the Contract for good cause.

**1.15** FEDERAL FUNDING**:**

**1.15.1** Certifications and Assurances Required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (SF‑424B and SF‑424D)

As required by OMB, the Vendor certifies that it:

(a) Has the legal authority and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project.

(b) Will give the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, the Comptroller General of the United States, and, if appropriate, the state, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives;

(c) Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest or personal gain;

(d) Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable project time periods;

(e) Will comply with all applicable Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination including, but not limited to:

* Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin;
* Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681 through 1683, and 1685 through 1687, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 49 CFR Part 25, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex;
* Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap;
* The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 through 6107, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;
* The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, Pub. L. 92-255, March 21, 1972, and amendments thereto, 21 U.S.C. 1174 *et seq*. relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse;
* The Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention Act of 1970, Pub. L. 91‑616, Dec. 31, 1970, and amendments thereto, 42 U.S.C. 4581 *et seq*. relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism;
* The Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 290dd-3 and 290ee-3, related to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records;
* Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq*., relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing;
* Any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statutes under which Federal assistance for the project may be provided including, but not limited, to 49 U.S.C. 5332, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity, and Section 1101(b) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, 23 U.S.C. 101 note, which provides for participation of disadvantaged business enterprises in FTA programs; and
* Any other nondiscrimination statute(s) that may apply to the project.

**1.15.2** CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING:

As required by the United States Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) regulations, “New Restrictions on Lobbying,” at 49 CFR 20.110, the Vendor’s authorized representative certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that for each contract for federal assistance exceeding $100,000:

(a) No federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid by or on behalf of the Vendor to any person to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress regarding the award of federal assistance, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal assistance agreement; and

(b) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid to any person to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any application for federal assistance, the Vendor assures that it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," including information required by the instructions accompanying the form, which form may be amended to omit such information as authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1352.

(c) The language of this certification shall be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements).

The Vendor understands that this certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed and that submission of this certification is a prerequisite for providing federal assistance for a transaction covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. The Vendor also understands that any person who fails to file a required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

**1.15.3** CONTROL OF PROPERTY:

Vendor certifies that the control, utilization and disposition of property or equipment acquired using federal funds is maintained according to the provisions of A‑102 Common Rule.

**1.15.4** COST PRINCIPLES:

The cost principles of this Contract are governed by the cost principles found in Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 31, as amended; and all costs included in this Contract are allowable under Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 31, as amended.

**1.15.5** DAVIS-BACON ACT:

To the extent applicable, Vendor will comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3141 *et seq.*, the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act, as amended, 18 U.S.C. 874, and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.,* regarding labor standards for federally assisted sub agreements.

**1.15.6** DEBARMENT:

Vendor shall comply with Debarment provisions as contained in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 29, including Appendices A and B as amended. Vendor certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief, Vendor and Vendor’s principals:

a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal Agency/Buyer or agency;

b) within a three-year period preceding this Contract have not been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state anti-trust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property;

c) are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subsection (b), above;

d) have not within a three-year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

The inability of a prospective Vendor to certify to the certification in this section will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this Contract. The prospective Vendor shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification in this section. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the Agency/Buyer determined whether to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that Vendor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the Agency/Buyer may terminate this Contract for cause. The Vendor shall provide immediate written notice to the Agency/Buyer if at any time the Vendor learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. The terms “covered transaction,” “debarred,” “suspended,” “ineligible,” “lower tier covered transaction,” “participant,” “person,” “primary covered transaction,” “principal,” “proposal,” and “voluntarily excluded,” as used in this Section shall have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549.

The Vendor agrees that it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized, in writing, by the Agency/Buyer. The Vendor agrees that it will include the clause titled “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction,” provided by the Agency/Buyer, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. The Vendor may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless Vendor knows the certification is erroneous. Vendor may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each Vendor may, but is not required to, check the Non-procurement List. If a Vendor knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the Agency/Buyer may terminate this Contract for cause or default.

Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this section. The knowledge and information of a Vendor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

**1.15.7** DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ASSURANCE:

In accordance with 49 CFR 26.13(a), as amended, the Vendor assures that it shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the implementation of the project and in the award and performance of any third party contract, or subagreement supported with Federal assistance derived from the U.S. DOT or in the administration of its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program or the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, as amended. The Vendor assures that it shall take all necessary and reasonable steps set forth in 49 CFR Part 26, as amended, to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of all third party contracts and sub agreements supported with Federal assistance derived from the U.S. DOT. The Vendor’s DBE program, as required by 49 CFR Part 26, as amended, will be incorporated by reference and made a Part of this Contract for any Federal assistance awarded by FTA or U.S. DOT. Implementation of this DBE program is a legal obligation of the Vendor, and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of the Contract. Upon notification by the Federal Government or the Agency/Buyer to the Vendor of its failure to implement its approved DBE program, the U.S. DOT may impose sanctions as provided for under 49 CFR Part 26, as amended, and may in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. 1001, as amended, and/or the Program Fraud Remedies Act, 31 U.S.C. 3801 et seq., as amended.

**1.15.8** DRUG FREE WORKPLACE:

The Vendor certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the federal Drug Free Workplace Act, 41 U.S.C. 702 as amended, and 49 C.F.R. 32.

**1.15.9** INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS PROGRAM:

As used in this assurance, the term Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project is defined to include any project that in whole or in part finances the acquisition of technologies or systems of technologies that provide or significantly contribute to the provision of one or more ITS user services as defined in the “National ITS Architecture.”

(a) In accordance with Section 5206(e) of TEA-21, 23 U.S.C. 502 note, the Vendor assures it will comply with all applicable requirements of Section V (Regional ITS Architecture and Section VI (Project Implementation) of FTA Notice, “FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects,” at 66 *Fed. Reg.* 1455 *et seq*., January 8, 2001, and other FTA requirements that may be issued in connection with any ITS project it undertakes financed with Highway Trust Funds (including funds from the mass transit account) or funds made available for the Intelligent Transportation Systems Program authorized by TEA-21, title V, subtitle C, 23 U.S.C. 502 note.

(b) With respect to any ITS project financed with Federal assistance derived from a source other than Highway Trust Funds (including funds from the Mass Transit Account) or TEA-21, title V, subtitle C, 23 U.S.C. 502 note, the Vendor assures that is will use its best efforts to ensure that any ITS project it undertakes will not preclude interface with other intelligent transportation systems in the Region.

**1.15.10** NONDISCRIMINATION ASSURANCE**:**

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5332 (which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation--Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act," 49 CFR Part 21 at 21.7, the Vendor assures that it will comply with all requirements of 49 CFR Part 21; FTA Circular 4702.1, "Title VI Program Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," and other applicable directives, so that no person in the United States, on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, or age will be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity (particularly in the level and quality of transportation services and transportation-related benefits) for which the Vendor receives federal assistance.

Specifically, during the period in which federal assistance is extended to the project, or project property is used for a purpose for which the federal assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, or as long as the Vendor retains ownership or possession of the project property, whichever is longer, the Vendor assures that:

(a) Each project will be conducted, property acquisitions will be undertaken, and project facilities will be operated in accordance with all applicable requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5332 and 49 CFR Part 21, and understands that this assurance extends to its entire facility and to facilities operated in connection with the project. (b) It will promptly take the necessary actions to effectuate this assurance, including notifying the public that complaints of discrimination in the provision of transportation-related services or benefits may be filed with U.S. DOT or FTA. Upon request by U.S. DOT or FTA, the Vendor assures that it will submit the required information pertaining to its compliance with these requirements. (c) It will include in each sub agreement, property transfer agreement, third party contract, third party subcontract, or participation agreement adequate provisions to extend the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5332 and 49 CFR Part 21 to other parties involved therein including any sub recipient, transferee, third party contractor, third party subcontractor at any level, successor in interest, or any other participant in the project. (d) Should it transfer real property, structures, or improvements financed with federal assistance to another party, any deeds and instruments recording the transfer of that property shall contain a covenant running with the land assuring nondiscrimination for the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the federal assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. (e) The United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Act, regulations, and this assurance. (f) It will make any changes in its 49 U.S.C. 5332 and Title VI implementing procedures as U.S. DOT or FTA may request.

**1.15.11** NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY:

As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," at 49 CFR 27.9, the Vendor assures that, as a condition to the approval or extension of any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to construct any facility, obtain any rolling stock or other equipment, undertake studies, conduct research, or to participate in or obtain any benefit from any program administered by FTA, no otherwise qualified person with a disability shall be, solely by reason of that disability, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination in any program or activity receiving or benefiting from Federal assistance administered by the FTA or any entity within U.S. DOT. The Vendor assures that project implementation and operations so assisted will comply with all applicable requirements of U.S. DOT regulations implementing the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, *et* *seq*., and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq*., and implementing U.S. DOT regulations at 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38, and any applicable regulations and directives issued by other Federal Agency/Buyers or agencies.

**1.15.12** PROCUREMENT COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION:

The Vendor certifies that its procurements and procurement system will comply with all applicable third party procurement requirements of Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and FTA directives, and requirements, as amended and revised, as well as other requirements FTA may issue including FTA Circular 4220.1E, “Third Party Contracting Guidelines,” and any revisions thereto, to the extent those requirements are applicable. The Vendor certifies that it will include in its contracts financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance all clauses required by Federal laws, executive orders, or regulations, and will ensure that each sub recipient and each contractor will also include in its sub agreements and its contracts financed in whole or in part with FTA assistance all applicable clauses required by Federal laws, executive orders, or regulations.

**1.15.13** STANDARD ASSURANCES:

The Vendor assures that it will comply with all applicable federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) circulars, and other federal requirements in carrying out any project supported by federal funds. The federal statutes include, but are not limited to:

• Title II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, which provides for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced whose property is acquired as a result of federal or federally-assisted programs;

• The Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. 1501-1508 and 7324-7328, which limits the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with federal funds;

• The Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, which requires the purchase of flood insurance in certain instances;

• Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470;

• Executive Order 11593, which relates to identification and protection of historic properties;

• The Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, 16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.;

• The Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq., which relates to the care, handling, and treatment of warm-blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by a federal award of assistance;

• The Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, 42 U.S.C. 4801 et seq., which relates to prohibiting the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures;

• The Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations”; and

• Use of parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites pursuant to 23 C.F.R. Part 774 (Section 4(f) requirements).

• Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327- 333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction sub-agreements.

• Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

**1.15.14** ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS:

Vendor will comply with all federal environmental standards applicable to the project, including but not limited to:

• Institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Executive Order 11514;

• Notification of violating facilities pursuant to Executive Order 11738;

• Protection of wetlands pursuant to Executive Order 11990;

• Evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with Executive Order 11988;

• Assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, 16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.;

• Conformity of federal Actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.;

• Protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended;

• Protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended;

• The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, 16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq., which relates to protecting components or potential components of the national wild scenic rivers system; and

• Environmental impact and related procedures pursuant to 23 C.F.R. Part 771.

* The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 6321 et seq., which requires, to the extent applicable, compliance with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency that are contained in applicable state energy conservation plans.

**1.15.15** BUY AMERICA

As set forth in 49 U.S.C 5323(j) and 49 C.F.R. Part 661, only steel, iron and manufactured products produced in the United States may be purchased with Federal funds unless the Secretary of Transportation determines that such domestic purchases would be inconsistent with the public interest; that such materials are not reasonably available and of satisfactory quality; or that inclusion of domestic materials will increase the cost of overall project contract by more than 25 percent. Clear justification for the purchase of non-domestic items must be in the form of a waiver request submitted to and approved by the Secretary of Transportation.

All of the requirements listed in this section apply to the federally funded project. The Vendor agrees to include these requirements in each contract and subcontract financed in whole or in part with federal assistance.

Other (describe)

Click here to enter text.

1. **Offeror Supplemental Provisions:**

Click here to enter text.

1. Will subcontractors be utilized?  Yes  No
2. Please identify below the names and addresses of all subcontractors that will be utilized in the performance of this Contract with a total value of $50,000 or more, together with a description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor and the anticipated amount of money to the extent the information is known that each subcontractor is expected to receive pursuant to the Contract.

Subcontractor Name: Click here to enter text.

Anticipated/Estimated Amount to Be Paid: Click here to enter text.

Address: Click here to enter text.

Description of work: Click here to enter text.

Subcontractor Name: Click here to enter text.

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**If additional space is necessary to provide subcontractor information, please attach an additional page. All subcontracts must include the Standard Certifications and the Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest, completed and signed by the subcontractor.**

1. All subcontracts over $50,000 must include the same certifications that Vendor must make as a condition of the contract. Vendor shall include in each subcontract the subcontractor certifications as shown on the Standard Certification form available from the State.

Vendor acknowledges and agrees that compliance with this subsection in its entirety for the term of the contract and any renewals is a material requirement and condition of this contract. By executing this contract Vendor certifies compliance with this subsection in its entirety, and is under a continuing obligation to remain in compliance and report any non-compliance.

This subsection, in its entirety, applies to subcontractors used on this contract. Vendor shall include these Standard Certifications in any subcontract used in the performance of the contract using the Standard Subcontractor Certification form provided by the State.

If this contract extends over multiple fiscal years, including the initial term and all renewals, Vendor and its subcontractors shall confirm compliance with this section in the manner and format determined by the State by the date specified by the State and in no event later than January 1 of each year that this contract remains in effect.

If the Parties determine that any certification in this section is not applicable to this contract it may be stricken without affecting the remaining subsections.

1. As part of each certification, Vendor acknowledges and agrees that should Vendor or its subcontractors provide false information, or fail to be or remain in compliance with the Standard Certification requirements, one or more of the following sanctions will apply:

* the contract may be void by operation of law,
* the State may void the contract, and
* the Vendor and it subcontractors may be subject to one or more of the following: suspension, debarment, denial of payment, civil fine, or criminal penalty.

Identifying a sanction or failing to identify a sanction in relation to any of the specific certifications does not waive imposition of other sanctions or preclude application of sanctions not specifically identified.

1. Vendor certifies it and its employees will comply with applicable provisions of the United States Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and applicable rules in performance of this contract.
2. Vendor, if an individual, sole proprietor, partner or an individual as member of a LLC, certifies he/she is not in default on an educational loan. 5 ILCS 385/3.
3. Vendor, if an individual, sole proprietor, partner or an individual as member of a LLC, certifies it he/she has not received (i) an early retirement incentive prior to 1993 under Section 14-108.3 or 16-133.3 of the Illinois Pension Code or (ii) an early retirement incentive on or after 2002 under Section 14-108.3 or 16-133.3 of the Illinois Pension Code. 30 ILCS 105/15a; 40 ILCS 5/14-108.3; 40 ILCS 5/16-133.
4. Vendor certifies that it is a legal entity authorized to do business in Illinois prior to submission of a bid, offer, or proposal. 30 ILCS 500/1.15.8, 20-43.
5. To the extent there was a current Vendor providing the services covered by this contract and the employees of that Vendor who provided those services are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, Vendor certifies (i) that it will offer to assume the collective bargaining obligations of the prior employer, including any existing collective bargaining agreement with the bargaining representative of any existing collective bargaining unit or units performing substantially similar work to the services covered by the contract subject to its bid or offer; and (ii) that it shall offer employment to all employees currently employed in any existing bargaining unit who perform substantially similar work to the work that will be performed pursuant to this contract. This does not apply to heating, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical service contracts. 30 ILCS 500/25-80.
6. Vendor certifies it has neither been convicted of bribing or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois or any other State, nor made an admission of guilt of such conduct that is a matter of record. 30 ILCS 500/50-5.
7. If Vendor has been convicted of a felony, Vendor certifies at least five years have passed after the date of completion of the sentence for such felony, unless no person held responsible by a prosecutor’s office for the facts upon which the conviction was based continues to have any involvement with the business. 30 ILCS 500/50-10.
8. If Vendor or any officer, director, partner, or other managerial agent of Vendor has been convicted of a felony under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or a Class 3 or Class 2 felony under the Illinois Securities Law of 1953, Vendor certifies at least five years have passed since the date of the conviction. Vendor further certifies that it is not barred from being awarded a contract and acknowledges that the State shall declare the contract void if this certification is false. 30 ILCS 500/50-10.5.
9. Vendor certifies it is not barred from having a contract with the State based upon violating the prohibitions related to either submitting/writing specifications or providing assistance to an employee of the State of Illinois by reviewing, drafting, directing, or preparing any invitation for bids, a request for proposal, or request of information, or similar assistance (except as part of a public request for such information).  30 ILCS 500/50-10.5(e), *amended* by Pub. Act No. 97-0895 (August 3, 2012).
10. Vendor certifies that it and its affiliates are not delinquent in the payment of any debt to the State (or if delinquent has entered into a deferred payment plan to pay the debt), and Vendor and its affiliates acknowledge the State may declare the contract void if this certification is false or if Vendor or an affiliate later becomes delinquent and has not entered into a deferred payment plan to pay off the debt. 30 ILCS 500/50-11, 50-60.
11. Vendor certifies that it and all affiliates shall collect and remit Illinois Use Tax on all sales of tangible personal property into the State of Illinois in accordance with provisions of the Illinois Use Tax Act and acknowledges that failure to comply may result in the contract being declared void. 30 ILCS 500/50-12.
12. Vendor certifies that it has not been found by a court or the Pollution Control Board to have committed a willful or knowing violation of the Environmental Protection Act within the last five years, and is therefore not barred from being awarded a contract. 30 ILCS 500/50-14.
13. Vendor certifies it has neither paid any money or valuable thing to induce any person to refrain from bidding on a State contract, nor accepted any money or other valuable thing, or acted upon the promise of same, for not bidding on a State contract. 30 ILCS 500/50-25.
14. Vendor certifies it is not in violation of the “Revolving Door” provisions of the Illinois Procurement Code. 30 ILCS 500/50-30.
15. Vendor certifies that it has not retained a person or entity to attempt to influence the outcome of a procurement decision for compensation contingent in whole or in part upon the decision or procurement, and that if Vendor has retained such a person or entity, that Vendor has complied, or will comply prior to execution of this agreement, with the statutory requirement to: (i) disclose all costs, fees, compensation, reimbursements, and other remunerations paid or to be paid to the lobbyist related to the contract, (ii) not bill or otherwise cause the State of Illinois to pay for any of the lobbyist's costs, fees, compensation, reimbursements, or other remuneration, and (iii) sign a verification certifying that none of the lobbyist's costs, fees, compensation, reimbursements, or other remuneration were billed to the State. This information, along with all supporting documents, shall be filed with the agency awarding the contract and with the Secretary of State. 30 ILCS 500/50-38.Vendor certifies it will report to the Illinois Attorney General and the Chief Procurement Officer any suspected collusion or other anti-competitive practice among any bidders, offerors, contractors, proposers, or employees of the State. 30 ILCS 500/50-40, 50-45, 50-50.
16. Vendor certifies steel products used or supplied in the performance of a contract for public works shall be manufactured or produced in the United States, unless the executive head of the procuring Agency grants an exception. 30 ILCS 565.
17. Drug Free Workplace
    1. If Vendor employs 25 or more employees and this contract is worth more than $5,000, Vendor certifies it will provide a drug free workplace pursuant to the Drug Free Workplace Act.
    2. If Vendor is an individual and this contract is worth more than $5000, Vendor certifies it shall not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance during the performance of the contract. 30 ILCS 580.
18. Vendor certifies that neither Vendor nor any substantially owned affiliate is participating or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979 or the applicable regulations of the United States. Department of Commerce. 30 ILCS 582.
19. Vendor certifies it has not been convicted of the offense of bid rigging or bid rotating or any similar offense of any state or of the United States. 720 ILCS 5/33 E-3, E-4.
20. Vendor certifies it complies with the Illinois Department of Human Rights Act and rules applicable to public contracts, which include providing equal employment opportunity, refraining from unlawful discrimination, and having written sexual harassment policies. 775 ILCS 5/2-105.
21. Vendor certifies it does not pay dues to or reimburse or subsidize payments by its employees for any dues or fees to any “discriminatory club.” 775 ILCS 25/2.
22. Vendor certifies that no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State under the contract have been or will be produced in whole or in part by forced labor or indentured labor under penal sanction. 30 ILCS 583.
23. Vendor certifies that no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State under the contract have been produced in whole or in part by the labor of any child under the age of 12. 30 ILCS 584.
24. Vendor certifies that any violation of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act, as it applies to owners of residential buildings, has been mitigated. 410 ILCS 45.
25. Vendor warrants and certifies that it and, to the best of its knowledge, its subcontractors have and will comply with Executive Order No. 1 (2007). The Order generally prohibits Vendors and subcontractors from hiring the then-serving Governor’s family members to lobby procurement activities of the State, or any other unit of government in Illinois including local governments if that procurement may result in a contract valued at over $25,000. This prohibition also applies to hiring for that same purpose any former State employee who had procurement authority at any time during the one-year period preceding the procurement lobbying activity.
26. Vendor certifies that information technology, including electronic information, software, systems and equipment, developed or provided under this contract comply with the applicable requirements of the Illinois Information Technology Accessibility Act Standards as published at ([www.dhs.state.il.us/iitaa](http://www.dhs.state.il.us/iitaa)) 30 ILCS 587.
27. Vendor certifies that it has read, understands, and is in compliance with the registration requirements of the Elections Code (10 ILCS 5/9-35) and the restrictions on making political contributions and related requirements of the Illinois Procurement Code. 30 ILCS 500/20-160 and 50-37. Vendor will not make a political contribution that will violate these requirements.

In accordance with section 20-160 of the Illinois Procurement Code, Vendor certifies as applicable:

Vendor is not required to register as a business entity with the State Board of Elections.

or

Vendor has registered with the State Board of Elections. As a registered business entity, Vendor acknowledges a continuing duty to update the registration as required by the Act.

1. Vendor certifies that if it is awarded a contract through the use of the preference required by the Procurement of Domestic Products Act, then it shall provide products pursuant to the contract or a subcontract that are manufactured in the United States. 30 ILCS 517.
2. A person (other than an individual acting as a sole proprietor) must be a duly constituted legal entity and authorized to do business in Illinois prior to submitting a bid or offer.  30 ILCS 500/20-43.  If you do not meet these criteria, then your bid or offer will be disqualified.

Vendor must make one of the following four certifications by checking the appropriate box. If C or D is checked, then Vendor must attach to this form the requested documentation.

1. Vendor certifies it is an individual acting as a sole proprietor and is therefore not subject to the requirements of section 20-43 of the Procurement Code.

1. Vendor certifies that it is a legal entity, and was authorized to do business in Illinois as of the date for submitting this bid or offer. The State may require Vendor to provide evidence of compliance before award.

1. Vendor certifies it is a legal entity, and is a foreign corporation performing activities that do not constitute transacting business in Illinois as defined by Illinois Business Corporations Act (805 ILCS 5/13.75).  A vendor claiming exemption under the Act must include a detailed explanation of the legal basis for the claim with its bid or offer and must provide additional detail upon request. If Vendor fails to provide the mandatory documentation with the bid or offer, or does not provide additional detail upon request within the timeframe specified in said request, then the State may deem the Vendor as being non-responsive or not responsible and may disqualify the Vendor.

1. Vendor certifies it is a legal entity, and is an entity otherwise recognized under Illinois law as eligible for a specific form of exemption similar to those found in the Illinois Business Corporation Act (805 ILCS 5/13.75). A vendor claiming exemption under a specific law must provide a detailed explanation of the legal basis for the claim with its bid or offer and must provide additional detail upon request. If Vendor fails to provide the mandatory documentation with the bid or offer, or does not provide additional detail upon request within the timeframe specified in said request, then the State may deem the Vendor as being non-responsive or not responsible and may disqualify the Vendor.

The Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest form (“form”) must be accurately completed and submitted by the vendor, parent entity(ies), and subcontractors. There are **nine** steps to this form and each must be completed as instructed in the step heading and within the step. A bid, offer, or proposal that does not include this form shall be considered non-responsive. The Agency will consider this form when evaluating the bid, offer, or proposal or awarding the contract.

The requirement of disclosure of financial interests and conflicts of interest is a continuing obligation. If circumstances change and the disclosure is no longer accurate, then disclosing entities must provide an updated form.

Separate forms are required for the vendor, parent entity(ies), and subcontractors.

**This disclosure is submitted for:**

Vendor

Vendor’s Parent Entity(ies) (100% ownership)

Subcontractor(s) >$50,000

Subcontractor’s Parent Entity(ies) (100% ownership) > $50,000

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| Doing Business As (DBA) | Click here to enter text. |
| Disclosing Entity | Click here to enter text. |
| Disclosing Entity’s Parent Entity | Click here to enter text. |
| Subcontractor | Click here to enter text. |
| Instrument of Ownership or Beneficial Interest | Choose an item.  If you selected Other, please describe: Click here to enter text. |

**EP 1**

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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTAL**

(All vendors complete regardless of annual bid, offer, or contract value)

(Subcontractors with subcontract annual value of more than $50,000 must complete)

You must select one of the six options below and select the documentation you are submitting. You must provide the documentation the applicable section requires with this form.

Option 1 – Publicly Traded Entities

1.A.  Complete Step 2, Option A for each qualifying individual or entity holding any ownership or distributive income share in excess of 5% or an amount greater than 60% ($106,447.20) of the annual salary of the Governor.

OR

1.B.  Attach a copy of the Federal 10-K, and skip to Step 3.

Option 2 – Privately Held Entities with more than 200 Shareholders

2.A.  Complete Step 2, Option A for each qualifying individual or entity holding any ownership or distributive income share in excess of 5% or an amount greater than 60% ($106,447.20) of the annual salary of the Governor.

OR

2.B.  Complete Step 2, Option A for each qualifying individual or entity holding any ownership share in excess of 5% and attach the information Federal 10-K reporting companies are required to report under 17 CFR 229.401.

Option 3 – All other Privately Held Entities, not including Sole Proprietorships

3.A.  Complete Step 2, Option A for each qualifying individual or entity holding any ownership or distributive income share in excess of 5% or an amount greater than 60% ($106,447.20) of the annual salary of the Governor.

Option 4 – Foreign Entities

4.A.  Complete Step 2, Option A for each qualifying individual or entity holding any ownership or distributive income share in excess of 5% or an amount greater than 60% ($106,447.20) of the annual salary of the Governor.

OR

4.B.  Attach a copy of the Securities Exchange Commission Form 20-F or 40-F and skip to Step 3.

Option 5 – Not-for-Profit Entities

Complete Step 2, Option B.

Option 6 – Sole Proprietorships

Skip to Step 3.

**STEP 2**

**DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

(All vendors, except sole proprietorships, must complete regardless of annual bid, offer, or contract value)

(Subcontractors with subcontract annual value of more than $50,000 must complete)

Complete **either** Option A (for all entities other than not-for-profits) or Option B (for not-for-profits). Additional rows may be inserted into the tables or an attachment may be provided if needed.

**OPTION A – Ownership Share and Distributive Income**

**Ownership Share –** If you selected Option 1.A., 2.A., 2.B., 3.A., or 4.A. in Step 1, provide the name and address of each individual or entity and their percentage of ownership if said percentage exceeds 5%, or the dollar value of their ownership if said dollar value exceeds $106,447.20.

Check here if including an attachment with requested information in a format substantially similar to the format below.

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**Distributive Income –** If you selected Option 1.A., 2.A., 3.A., or 4.A. in Step 1, provide the name and address of each individual or entity and their percentage of the disclosing vendor’s total distributive income if said percentage exceeds 5% of the total distributive income of the disclosing entity, or the dollar value of their distributive income if said dollar value exceeds $106,447.20.

Check here if including an attachment with requested information in a format substantially similar to the format below.

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Please certify that the following statements are true.

I have disclosed all individuals or entities that hold an ownership interest of greater than 5% or greater than $106,447.20.

Yes  No

I have disclosed all individuals or entities that were entitled to receive distributive income in an amount greater than $106,447.20 or greater than 5% of the total distributive income of the disclosing entity.

Yes  No

**OPTION B – Disclosure of Board of Directors (Not-for-Profits)**

If you selected Option 5 in Step 1, list members of your board of directors. Please include an attachment if necessary.

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**STEP 3**

**DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST OR AGENT**

(Complete only if bid, offer, or contract has an annual value over $25,000)

(Subcontractors with subcontract annual value of more than $50,000 must complete)

Yes  No. Is your company represented by or do you employ a lobbyist required to register under the Lobbyist Registration Act (lobbyist must be registered pursuant to the Act with the Secretary of State) or other agent who is not identified through Step 2, Option A above and who has communicated, is communicating, or may communicate with any State officer or employee concerning the bid or offer? If yes, please identify each lobbyist and agent, including the name and address below.

If you have a lobbyist that does not meet the criteria, then you do not have to disclose the lobbyist’s information.

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| **Name** | **Address** | **Relationship to Disclosing Entity** |
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Describe all costs/fees/compensation/reimbursements related to the assistance provided by each representative lobbyist or other agent to obtain this Agency contract: Click here to enter text.

**STEP 4**

**PROHIBITED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

(All vendors must complete regardless of annual bid, offer, or contract value)

(Subcontractors with subcontract annual value of more than $50,000 must complete)

Step 4 must be completed for each person disclosed in Step 2, Option A and for sole proprietors identified in Step 1, Option 6 above. Please provide the name of the person for which responses are provided: Click here to enter text.

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| 1. Do you hold or are you the spouse or minor child who holds an elective office in the State of Illinois or hold a seat in the General Assembly? | Yes  No |
| 1. Have you, your spouse, or minor child been appointed to or employed in any offices or agencies of State government and receive compensation for such employment in excess of 60% ($106,447.20) of the salary of the Governor? | Yes  No |
| 1. Are you or are you the spouse or minor child of an officer or employee of the Capital Development Board or the Illinois Toll Highway Authority? | Yes  No |
| 1. Have you, your spouse, or an immediate family member who lives in your residence currently or who lived in your residence within the last 12 months been appointed as a member of a board, commission, authority, or task force authorized or created by State law or by executive order of the Governor? | Yes  No |
| 1. If you answered yes to any question in 1-4 above, please answer the following: Do you, your spouse, or minor child receive from the vendor more than 7.5% of the vendor’s total distributable income or an amount of distributable income in excess of the salary of the Governor ($177,412.00)? | Yes  No |
| 1. If you answered yes to any question in 1-4 above, please answer the following: Is there a combined interest of self with spouse or minor child more than 15% ($354,824.00) in the aggregate of the vendor’s distributable income or an amount of distributable income in excess of two times the salary of the Governor? | Yes  No |

**STEP 5**

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST RELATING TO PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS**

(Complete only if bid, offer, or contract has an annual value over $25,000)

(Subcontractors with subcontract annual value of more than $50,000 must complete)

Step 5 must be completed for each person disclosed in Step 2, Option A and for sole proprietors identified in Step 1, Option 6 above.

Please provide the name of the person for which responses are provided: Click here to enter text.

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| 1. Do you currently have, or in the previous 3 years have you had State employment, including contractual employment of services? | Yes  No |
| 1. Has your spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter, had State employment, including contractual employment for services, in the previous 2 years? | Yes  No |
| 1. Do you hold currently or have you held in the previous 3 years elective office of the State of Illinois, the government of the United States, or any unit of local government authorized by the Constitution of the State of Illinois or the statutes of the State of Illinois? | Yes  No |
| 1. Do you have a relationship to anyone (spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter) holding elective office currently or in the previous 2 years? | Yes  No |
| 1. Do you hold or have you held in the previous 3 years any appointive government office of the State of Illinois, the United States of America, or any unit of local government authorized by the Constitution of the State of Illinois or the statutes of the State of Illinois, which office entitles the holder to compensation in excess of expenses incurred in the discharge of that? | Yes  No |
| 1. Do you have a relationship to anyone (spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter) holding appointive office currently or in the previous 2 years? | Yes  No |
| 1. Do you currently have or in the previous 3 years had employment as or by any registered lobbyist of the State government? | Yes  No |
| 1. Do you currently have or in the previous 2 years had a relationship to anyone (spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter) that is or was a registered lobbyist? | Yes  No |
| 1. Do you currently have or in the previous 3 years had compensated employment by any registered election or re-election committee registered with the Secretary of State or any county clerk in the State of Illinois, or any political action committee registered with either the Secretary of State or the Federal Board of Elections? | Yes  No |
| 1. Do you currently have or in the previous 2 years had a relationship to anyone (spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter) who is or was a compensated employee of any registered election or reelection committee registered with the Secretary of State or any county clerk in the State of Illinois, or any political action committee registered with either the Secretary of State or the Federal Board of Elections? | Yes  No |

**STEP 6**

**EXPLANATION OF AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES**

(All vendors must complete regardless of annual bid, offer, or contract value)

(Subcontractors with subcontract annual value of more than $50,000 must complete)

If you answered “Yes” in Step 4 or Step 5, please provide on an additional page a detailed explanation that includes, but is not limited to the name, salary, State agency and position title of each individual.

**STEP 7**

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**RELATING TO DEBARMENT & LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

(Complete only if bid, offer, or contract has an annual value over $25,000)

(Subcontractors with subcontract annual value of more than $50,000 must complete)

This step must be completed for each person disclosed in Step 2, Option A, Step 3, and for each entity and sole proprietor disclosed in Step 1.

Please provide the name of the person or entity for which responses are provided: Click here to enter text.

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| 1. Within the previous ten years, have you had debarment from contracting with any governmental entity? | Yes  No |
| 1. Within the previous ten years, have you had any professional licensure discipline? | Yes  No |
| 1. Within the previous ten years, have you had any bankruptcies? | Yes  No |
| 1. Within the previous ten years, have you had any adverse civil judgments and administrative findings? | Yes  No |
| 1. Within the previous ten years, have you had any criminal felony convictions? | Yes  No |

If you answered “Yes”, please provide a detailed explanation that includes, but is not limited to the name, State agency and position title of each individual. Click here to enter text. **ST**STEP 8

**STEP 8**

**DISCLOSURE OF CURRENT AND PENDING CONTRACTS**

(Complete only if bid, offer, or contract has an annual value over $25,000)

(Subcontractors with subcontract annual value of more than $50,000 must complete)

If you selected Option 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6 in Step 1, do you have any contracts, pending contracts, bids, proposals, subcontracts, leases or other ongoing procurement relationships with units of State of Illinois government?

Yes  No.

If “Yes”, please specify below. Attach an additional page in the same format as provided below, if desired.

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| **Agency** | **Project Title** | **Status** | **Value** | **Contract Reference/P.O.** |
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Please explain the procurement relationship: Click here to enter text.

**STEP 9**

**SIGN THE DISCLOSURE**

(All vendors must complete regardless of annual bid, offer, or contract value)

(Subcontractors with subcontract annual value of more than $50,000 must complete)

This disclosure is signed, and made under penalty of perjury for all for-profit entities, by an authorized officer or employee on behalf of the bidder or offeror pursuant to Sections 50-13 and 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code. This disclosure information is submitted on behalf of:

Name of Disclosing Entity: Click here to enter text.

Signature: Date: Click here to enter text.

Printed Name: Click here to enter text.

Title: Click here to enter text.

Phone Number: Click here to enter text.

Email Address: Click here to enter text.

In accordance with 30 ILCS 500/50-36, each bid, offer, or proposal submitted for a State contract, other than a small purchase defined in Section 20-20 of the Illinois Procurement Code, shall include a disclosure of whether or not the bidder, offeror, or proposing entity, or any of its corporate parents or subsidiaries, within the 24 months before submission of the bid, offer, or proposal had business operations that involved contracts with or provision of supplies or services to the Government of Iran, companies in which the Government of Iran has any direct or indirect equity share, consortiums or projects commissioned by the Government of Iran and:

* more than 10% of the company’s revenues produced in or assets located in Iran involve oil-related activities or mineral-extraction activities; less than 75% of the company’s revenues produced in or assets located in Iran involve contracts with or provision of oil-related or mineral – extraction products or services to the Government of Iran or a project or consortium created exclusively by that Government; and the company has failed to take substantial action; or
* the company has, on or after August 5, 1996, made an investment of $20 million or more, or any combination of investments of at least $10 million each that in the aggregate equals or exceeds $20 million in any 12- month period that directly or significantly contributes to the enhancement of Iran’s ability to develop petroleum resources of Iran.

A bid, offer, or proposal that does not include this disclosure shall not be considered responsive. We may consider this disclosure when evaluating the bid, offer, or proposal or awarding the contract.

There are no business operations that must be disclosed to comply with the above cited law.

The following business operations are disclosed to comply with the above cited law:

Click here to enter text.

1. Name of Business (official name and DBA)

Click here to enter text.

1. Business Headquarters (address, phone and fax)

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1. If a Division or Subsidiary of another organization provide the name and address of the parent

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1. Billing Address

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1. Name of Chief Executive Officer

Click here to enter text.

1. Offeror Contact (name, title, address, phone, toll-free number, fax, and e-mail)

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1. Company Web Site Address

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1. Type of Organization (sole proprietor, corporation, etc.--should be same as on Taxpayer ID form below

Click here to enter text.

1. Length of time in business

Click here to enter text.

1. Annual Sales for Offeror’s most recently completed fiscal year

Click here to enter text.

1. Show number of full-time employees, on average, during the most recent fiscal year

Click here to enter text.

1. Is your company at least 51% owned and controlled by individuals in one of the following categories?  If “Yes,” please check the category that applies:
   * 1. Minority (30 ILCS 575/2(A)(1) & (3))  Yes
     2. Female (30 ILCS 575/2(A)(2) & (4))  Yes
     3. Person with Disability (30 ILCS 575/2(A)(2.05) & (2.1))  Yes
     4. Disadvantaged (49 CFR 26)  Yes
     5. Veteran (30 ILCS 500/45-57)  Yes
     6. Small Business (30 ILCS 500/45-45)  Yes

Provide references from established firms or government agencies (Click here to enter text.) other than the procuring agency that can attest to Offeror’s experience and ability to perform the contract that is the subject of this solicitation.

1. Firm/Government Agency (name): Click here to enter text.

Contact Person (name, email address, address, and phone): Click here to enter text.

Date of Supplies/Services Provided: Click here to enter text.

Type of Supplies/Services Provided: Click here to enter text.

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Type of Supplies/Services Provided: Click here to enter text.

Offeror Name: Click here to enter text.

Return Mailing Address: Click here to enter text.

Click here to enter text. agrees with the terms and conditions set forth in the State of Illinois Request for Proposal (Reference Number: Click here to enter text.), including the standard terms and conditions, Agency supplemental provisions, certifications, and disclosures, with the following exceptions:

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|  | Excluding certifications required by statute to be made by the Offeror, both Parties agree that all of the duties and obligations that the Offeror owes to Agency for the work performed shall be pursuant to the solicitation, resulting contract, and Offeror’s exceptions accepted by the State thereto as set forth below. |
|  | **STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS** |
| **Section/ Subsection #** | State the exception such as “add,” “replace,” and/or “delete.” |
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|  | **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS** |
| **New Provision(s), # et. seq.** | **Section/Subsection New Number, Title of New Subsection**: State the new additional term or condition. |
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By: Click here to enter text.

Signed:

Position: Click here to enter text.

Date: Click here to enter text.

I certify that:

The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and

I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and

I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

* If you are an individual, enter your name and SSN as it appears on your Social Security Card.
* If you are a sole proprietor, enter the owner’s name on the name line followed by the name of the business and the owner’s SSN or EIN.
* If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner’s name on the name line and the D/B/A on the business name line and enter the owner’s SSN or EIN.
* If the LLC is a corporation or partnership, enter the entity’s business name and EIN and for corporations, attach IRS acceptance letter (CP261 or CP277).
* For all other entities, enter the name of the entity as used to apply for the entity’s EIN and the EIN.

Name: Click here to enter text.

Business Name: Click here to enter text.

Taxpayer Identification Number:

Social Security Number: Click here to enter text.

or

Employer Identification Number: Click here to enter text.

Legal Status (check one):

Individual  Governmental

Sole Proprietor  Nonresident alien

Partnership  Estate or trust

Legal Services Corporation  Pharmacy (Non-Corp.)

Tax-exempt  Pharmacy/Funeral Home/Cemetery (Corp.)

Corporation providing or billing  Limited Liability Company

medical and/or health care services (select applicable tax classification)

Corporation NOT providing or billing  D = disregarded entity

medical and/or health care services  C = corporation

P = partnership

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date: Click here to enter a date.

For more information on IDOT’s DBE program, contact: Office of Business & Workforce Diversity, Bureau of Small Business Enterprises at 217-782-5490.

**Contract Goal to be achieved by the Vendor:** This solicitation includes a specific DBEutilization goal of **12%** based on the availability of certified vendors to perform or provide the anticipated services and/or supplies required by this solicitation. In addition to the other award criteria established for this solicitation, the Department will award this contract to a Vendor that meets the goal or makes good faith efforts to meet the goal. This goal is also applicable to change orders and allowances within the scope of work provided by the certified vendor.

Following are guidelines for the Vendor’s response to the Utilization Plan. A format for the Utilization Plan is included in this section. Vendor should include any additional information that will add clarity to the Vendor’s proposed utilization of DBEs to meet the contract goal. The Utilization Plan must demonstrate that the Vendor will either:   
(1) met the entire contract goal; (2) made good faith efforts towards meeting the entire goal; or (3) made good faith efforts towards meeting a portion of the goal.

1. At the time of proposal submission, the DBE must meet the eligibility requirements and be fully certified as a DBE in Illinois. Visit [http://www.idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/certifications/disadvantaged-business- enterprise-certification/il-ucp-directory/index](http://www.idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/certifications/disadvantaged-business-enterprise-certification/il-ucp-directory/index) for the Illinois Unified Certification Program (IL-UCP) Directory and to apply for certification as a DBE from any of the participating IL-UCP certifying agencies. The Vendor shall submit a Utilization Plan on completed Department forms.  **The final Utilization Plan must be submitted prior to final selection. Failure to complete a Utilization Plan and/or provide Good Faith Effort Documentation may render the bid or offer non-responsive.**

2. If applicable, the Utilization Plan should include an executed Joint Venture agreement specifying the terms and conditions of the relationship between the partners and their relationship and responsibilities to the contract. The joint venture agreement must clearly evidence that the DBE will be responsible for a clearly defined portion of the work and that its responsibilities, risks, profits and contributions of capital and personnel are proportionate to its ownership percentage. It must include specific details related to the parties’ contributions of capital, personnel and equipment and share of the costs of insurance and other items; the scopes to be performed by the DBE’s own forces and under its supervision; and the commitment of management, supervisory personnel and operative personnel employed by the DBE to be dedicated to the performance of the contract. Each joint venture partner must execute the proposal to the Department.

3. An agreement between a Vendor and a DBE in which the DBE promises not to provide subcontracting quotations to other vendors is prohibited. The Department may request additional information to demonstrate compliance. The Vendor agrees to cooperate promptly with the Department in submitting to interviews, allowing entry to places of business, providing further documentation, or soliciting the cooperation of a proposed DBE. Failure to cooperate may render the proposal non-responsive. The contract will not be finally awarded until the Vendor’s Utilization Plan is approved.

4. **Vendor Assurance:** The Vendor makes the following assurance and this assurance must be included in each subcontract that the Vendor signs with a subcontractor or supplier. The Vendor, sub-recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The Vendor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of contracts funded in whole or in part with federal or state funds. Failure by the Vendor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as the Department deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

(a) Withholding payments;

(b) Assessing sanctions;

(c) Liquidated damages; and/or

(d) Disqualifying the Vendor from future contracting as non-responsible.

5. **Calculating DBE Participation:** The Utilization Plan documents represent work anticipated to be performed by all DBEs and paid for upon satisfactory completion. The Department is only able to count the value of payments made for the work actually performed by DBE companies toward the achievement of the overall goal and the contract goal.

5.1. The value of the work actually performed by the DBE’s forces shall be counted towards the goal. The entire amount of that portion of the contract that is performed by the DBE’s forces, including supplies purchased or equipment leased by the DBE shall be counted, except supplies purchased and equipment rented from the Vendor.

5.1. Count the entire amount of fees or commissions charged by a DBE firm for providing a bona fide service, such as professional, technical, consultant, or managerial services, or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of a DOT-assisted contract, toward DBE goals, provided IDOT determines the fee to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.

5.2. A joint venture shall count the portion of the total dollar value of the contract equal to the distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract that the DBE performs with its forces toward the goal. A joint venture shall also count the dollar value of work subcontracted to other DBEs. Work performed by the forces of a non-DBE joint venture partner shall not be counted toward the goal.

5.3. When a DBE subcontracts part of the work of its contract to another firm, the value of the subcontracted work shall be counted toward the contract goal only if the DBE’s subcontractor is a DBE. Work that a DBE subcontracts to a non-DBE will not count towards the goal.

5.4. A Vendor shall count towards the goal 60 percent of its expenditures for materials and supplies required under the contract and obtained from a DBE manufacturer, regular dealer or supplier.

5.5. A Vendor shall count towards the goal only expenditures to DBEs that perform a commercially useful function in the work of the contract as defined in 49 CFR 26.55(c).

* + 1. A DBE performs a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the DBE must also be responsible, with respect to materials or supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the materials or supplies, and installing the materials (where applicable) and paying for the material or supplies. To determine whether a firm is performing a commercially useful function, the Department shall evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the credit claimed for its performance of the work, industry practices, and other relevant factors.
    2. A DBE does not perform a commercially useful function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed to obtain the appearance of DBE participation. In determining whether a DBE is such an extra participant, the Department shall examine similar transactions, particularly those in which DBEs do not participate.

5.6. A Vendor shall not count towards the goal expenditures that are not direct, necessary and proximately related to the work of the contract. Only the amount of services or goods that are directly attributable to the performance of the contract shall be counted. Ineligible expenditures include general office overhead or other Vendor support activities.

6. **Good Faith Effort Procedures**: If the Vendor cannot meet the goal, the Vendor must document in the Utilization Plan its good faith efforts that could reasonably have been expected to meet the goal. Vendors must submit utilization forms that meet or exceed the published goal or submit utilization forms that describe a percentage participation that is less than the goal and submit documentation regarding good faith efforts at the time of proposal submission. The Department will consider the quality, quantity, and intensity of the Vendor’s efforts. Mere *pro forma* efforts, in other words, efforts done as a matter of form, are not good faith efforts; rather, the Vendor is expected to have taken genuine efforts that would be reasonably expected of a Vendor actively and aggressively trying to obtain DBE participation sufficient to meet the contract goal.

6.1. The following is a list of types of action that the Department will consider as evidence of the Vendor's good faith efforts to meet the goal. These listed factors are not intended to be a mandatory checklist and are not intended to be exhaustive. Other factors or efforts brought to the attention of the Department may be relevant in appropriate cases, and will be considered by the Department

6.1.1. Soliciting through all reasonable and available means (e.g., attendance at pre-bid meetings, advertising and/or written notices) the interest of all certified vendors that have the capability to perform the work of the contract. The Vendor must solicit this interest within sufficient time to allow the certified vendors to respond to the solicitation. The Vendor must determine with certainty if the DBEs are interested by taking appropriate steps to follow up initial solicitations and encourage them to bid or submit offers. The Vendor must provide interested certified vendors with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding promptly to the solicitation.

6.1.2. Selecting portions of the work to be performed by certified vendors in order to increase the likelihood that the DBE goal will be achieved. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate certified vendor participation, even when the Vendor might otherwise prefer to perform these work items with its own forces.

6.1.3. Making a portion of the work available to DBEs and selecting those portions of the work or material needs consistent with their availability, so as to facilitate DBE participation.

6.1.4. Negotiating in good faith with interested DBEs. It is the Vendor’s responsibility to make a portion of the work available to DBE subcontractors and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available DBE subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate DBE participation. Evidence of such negotiation includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of DBEs that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans, specifications, and requirements for the work selected for subcontracting and evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for DBEs to perform the work. A Vendor using good business judgment will consider a number of factors in negotiating with DBEs and will take a firm’s price and capabilities as well as contract goals into consideration. The fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using DBEs is not in itself sufficient reason for a Vendor’s failure to meet the DBE goal, as long as such costs are reasonable. Also the ability or desire of a Vendor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the vendor of the responsibility to make good faith efforts. Vendors are not, however, required to accept higher quotes from DBEs if the price difference is excessive or unreasonable. The documentation of good faith efforts must include copies of each DBE and non-DBE subcontractor quote submitted to the bidder when a non-DBE subcontractor was elected over a DBE for work on the contract.

6.1.5. Not rejecting DBE companies as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. The DBE’s memberships in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations (for example union vs. non-union employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids in the Vendor’s efforts to meet the goal.

* + 1. Making efforts to assist interested DBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit or insurance as required by the Department, the Vendor or to perform the scope of work.
    2. Making efforts to assist interested DBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.

6.1.6. Effectively using the services of available minority/women community organizations; minority/women vendors’ groups; local, state, and federal minority/women business assistance offices; including IDOT’s supportive services vendors; and other organizations as allowed on a case-by-case basis to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of DBEs.

6.2. In evaluating the Vendor’s good faith efforts, the good faith efforts of other vendors to meet the goal on this solicitation or similar contracts may be considered.

6.3. If the Department determines that the Vendor has made good faith efforts to meet the goal, the Department will award the contract provided that the Vendor is otherwise eligible for award.

6.4. If the Department determines that good faith efforts have not been made, it will notify the Vendor in writing that the proposal is not responsive. The notification shall include a statement of reasons for the determination. If the Utilization Plan is not approved because it is deficient as a technical matter, unless waived by the Department, the vendor will be notified and will be allowed no more than a five calendar day period in order to cure the deficiency.

6.4.1. The bidder may request administrative reconsideration of a determination adverse to the bidder within the five working days after the receipt of the notification date of the determination by delivering the request to the Illinois Department of Transportation, Bureau of Small Business Enterprises, Contract Compliance Section, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Room 319, Springfield, Illinois 62764 (Telefax: (217) 785-1524). Deposit of the request in the United States mail on or before the fifth business day shall not be deemed delivery. The determination shall become final if a request is not made and delivered. A request may provide additional written documentation and/or argument concerning the issues raised in the determination statement of reasons, provided the documentation and arguments address efforts made prior to submitting the offer or proposal. The request will be forwarded to the Department’s Reconsideration Officer. The Reconsideration Officer will extend an opportunity to the bidder to meet in person in order to consider all issues of documentation and whether the bidder made a good faith effort to meet the goal. After the review by the Reconsideration Officer, the bidder will be sent a written decision within ten working days after receipt of the request for consideration, explaining the basis for finding that the bidder did or did not meet the goal or make adequate good faith efforts to do so. A final decision by the Reconsideration Officer that a good faith effort was made shall approve the Utilization Plan submitted by the bidder and shall clear the contract for award. A final decision that a good faith effort was not made shall render the bid not responsive. The result of the reconsideration process is not administratively appealable to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

7. **Contract Compliance**: Compliance with this section is an essential part of the contract. The following administrative procedures and remedies govern the Vendor’s compliance with the contractual obligations established by the Utilization Plan. After approval of the Utilization Plan and award of the contract, the Utilization Plan and individual DBE Participation Statements becomes part of the contract. If the Vendor did not succeed in obtaining enough DBE participation to achieve the goal, and the Utilization Plan was approved and contract awarded based upon a determination of good faith, the total dollar value of DBE work calculated in the approved Utilization Plan as a percentage of the awarded contract value shall become the amended contract goal. All work indicated for performance by an approved DBE shall be performed, managed, and supervised by the DBE executing the DBE Participation Commitment Statement.

7.1. No amendment to the Utilization Plan may be made without prior written approval from the Department’s Bureau of Small Business Enterprises. All requests for amendment to the Utilization Plan shall be submitted to the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Small Business Enterprises, Contract Compliance Section, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Room 319, Springfield, Illinois 62764. Telephone number (217) 785-4611. Telefax number (217) 785-1524.

7.2. The Vendor may not make changes to its contractual DBE commitments or substitute DBEs without the prior written approval of the Department. Unauthorized changes or substitutions, including performing the work designated for a DBE with the Vendor’s own forces, shall be a violation of the utilization plan and a breach of the contract, and shall be cause to terminate the contract, and/or seek other contract remedies or sanctions. The facts supporting the request for changes must not have been known nor reasonably should have been known by the parties prior to entering into the subcontract. The Vendor must negotiate with the DBE to resolve the problem. Where there has been a mistake or disagreement about the scope of work, the DBE can be substituted only where agreement cannot be reached for a reasonable price or schedule for the correct scope of work.

7.3. Substitutions of a DBE shall be permitted under the following circumstances:

7.3.1. Unavailability after receipt of reasonable notice to proceed;

7.3.2. Failure of performance;

7.3.3. Financial incapacity;

7.3.4. Refusal by the DBE to honor the bid or proposal price or scope;

7.3.5. Material mistake of fact or law about the elements of the scope of work of a solicitation where a reasonable price cannot be agreed;

7.3.6. Failure of the DBE to meet insurance, licensing or bonding requirements;

7.3.7. The DBE's withdrawal of its bid or proposal; or

7.3.8. Decertification of the DBE.

7.4. If it becomes necessary to substitute a DBE or otherwise change the Utilization Plan, the Vendor must first give notice in writing to the DBE subcontractor with a copy to the Department. The request must state specific reasons for the substitution or change. The Vendor must give the DBE five days to respond to the prime contractor’s notice and advise the contractor of the reasons, if any, why it objects to the proposed termination of its subcontract and why the Department should not approve the contractor’s action. The Department will approve or deny a request for substitution or other change in the Utilization Plan within 5 business days of receipt of the request.

7.5. Where the Vendor has established the basis for the substitution to the Department’s satisfaction, it must make good faith efforts to meet the contract goal by substituting a DBE. Documentation of a replacement vendor, or of good faith efforts to replace the DBE, must meet the requirements of the initial Utilization Plan. If the goal cannot be reached and good faith efforts have been made, the Vendor may substitute with a non-DBE.

7.6. If a Vendor plans to hire a subcontractor for any scope of work that was not previously disclosed in the Utilization Plan, the Vendor must obtain the approval of the Department to modify the Utilization Plan and must make good faith efforts to ensure that DBEs have a fair opportunity to bid on the new scope of work.

7.7. A new subcontract must be executed and submitted to the Department within 5 business days of the Vendor’s receipt of the Department’s approval for the substitution or other change.

7.8. The Vendor shall maintain a record of all relevant data with respect to the utilization of DBEs, including but without limitation, payroll records, invoices, canceled checks and books of account for a period of at least 5 years after the completion of the contract. Full access to these records shall be granted by the Vendor upon 48 hours written demand by the Department to any duly authorized representative thereof, or to any municipal, state or federal authorities. The Department shall have the right to obtain from the Vendor any additional data reasonably related or necessary to verify any representations by the Vendor. After the performance of the final item of work or delivery of material by a DBE and final payment to the DBE by the Vendor, but not later than 30 calendar days after such payment, the Vendor shall submit a statement confirming the final payment and the total payments made to the DBE under the contract.

7.9. The Department will periodically review the Vendor’s compliance with these provisions and the terms of its contract. Without limitation, the Vendor’s failure to comply with these provisions or its contractual commitments as contained in the Utilization Plan, failure to cooperate in providing information regarding its compliance with these provisions or its Utilization Plan, or provision of false or misleading information or statements concerning compliance, certification status or eligibility of DBEs, good faith efforts or any other material fact or representation shall constitute a material breach of this contract and entitle the Department to declare a default, terminate the contract, or exercise those remedies provided for in the contract or at law or in equity.

7.10.The Department reserves the right to withhold payment to the Vendor to enforce these provisions and the Vendor’s contractual commitments. Final payment shall not be made on the contract until the Vendor submits sufficient documentation demonstrating compliance with its Utilization Plan.

**7.11. UTILIZATION PLAN**

**The Utilization Plan consists of two parts. Part I, Utilization Plan Commitment Statement, must be submitted with the offer packet. Part II, Utilization of DBEs and Letter(s) of Intent for each DBE must be submitted prior to final selection.**

7.11.1. Part I – Utilization Commitment Statement

Click here to enter text submits the following Utilization Plan as part of our proposal in accordance with the requirements of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation section of the solicitation for Click here to enter text, Procurement Reference Number Click here to enter text. We understand that compliance with this section is an essential part of this contract and that the Utilization Plan will become a part of the contract, if awarded.

Click here to enter text makes the following assurance and agrees to include the assurance in each subcontract with a subcontractor or supplier utilized on this contract: We shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. Failure to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as the Department deems appropriate.

Vendor’s person responsible for compliance:

Name: Click here to enter text

Title: Click here to enter text

Telephone: Click here to enter text

Email: Click here to enter text

We submit one (1) of the following statements:

We are a DBE and plan to fully meet the DBE contract goal through self-performance.

We attach Part I to demonstrate our Plan fully meets the DBE contract goal of Click here to enter text % through subcontracting.

7.11.2. Part II - Utilization of DBEs and Letter(s) of Intent

Please submit a separate Part I for **each** proposed DBE. To achieve the DBE contract goal through subcontracting, the following is proposed:

7.11.2.1. The DBE’s company name, address and phone number:

Name: Click here to enter text

Address: Click here to enter text

Phone Number: Click here to enter text

At the time of submission, the above certified vendor is:

Certified as a DBE with one of the Illinois Unified Certification Program agencies (IDOT, Pace, Metra, Chicago Transit Authority, or City of Chicago). The certifying Department shall be entered below: Click here to enter text

7.11.2.2. A detailed description of the commercially useful work to be done by this DBE and its relevant NAICS codes are as follows Click here to enter text

7.11.2.3. The total estimated cost to the State for this contract is $ Click here to enter text. The portion of the contract which will be subcontracted to this DBE is $ Click here to enter text or Click here to enter text% of the total cost of the contract.

7.11.2.4. Check one of the following:

A notarized signed letter of intent between Click here to enter text and Click here to enter text detailing the work to be performed by the DBE and the agreed upon rates or prices, conforming to the Utilization Plan is included.

A joint venture agreement between Click here to enter text and Click here to enter text is included in lieu of the letter of intent.

7.11.2.5. The Vendor has not prohibited or otherwise limited Click here to enter text from providing subcontractor quotes to other potential bidders/vendors.

7.11.3. Demonstration of Good Faith Efforts to Achieve DBE contract goal. If the DBE participation goal was not achieved, the documented Good Faith Efforts must be submitted prior to final selection (or as otherwise specified by IDOT). **Failure to do so may render the Vendor’s solicitation response non-responsive and cause it to be rejected, or render the Vendor ineligible for contract award, at IDOT’s sole discretion**.

7.11.4. If it is determined that the apparent successful Vendor has failed to meet the requirements of Sec. 7, the Vendor may request administrative reconsideration within the five working days after receipt of the notification of the determination pursuant to Sec. 7.17.

7.11.4 Letter of Intent (LOI) Between Prime Vendor and Certified Vendor.Instructions: The responsive Vendor is required to submit this signed and notarized Letter of Intent from each DBE identified on the Utilization Plan. LOIs must be submitted with the proposal and must be notarized by both parties. Submit a separate LOI for each proposed DBE. The amount and scope of work indicated on each LOI shall be the actual amount indicated on the Utilization Plan submitted with the proposal and approved by the Department.

Changes to the Utilization Plan including substitution of DBEs are permitted only after award of the contract and only with prior written approval of the Department. Under the terms of Sec. 7.4. A request for changes to the Utilization Plan must be submitted for all levels of subcontracting. LOIs must be submitted for all additions of DBEs to the Utilization Plan prior to the start of work.

Project Name: Click here to enter text

Project/Solicitation Number: Click here to enter text

Name of Prime Vendor: Click here to enter text

Address: Click here to enter text

City, State and Zip: Click here to enter text

Telephone: Click here to enter text Fax: Click here to enter text

Email: Click here to enter text

Name of DBE: Click here to enter text

Address: Click here to enter text

City, State and Zip: Click here to enter text

Telephone: Click here to enter text Fax: Click here to enter text

Email: Click here to enter text

Type of agreement: Services Supplies Both Supplies /Services

Type of payment: Lump Sum Click here to enter text

Hourly Rate: Click here to enter text

Unit Price: Click here to enter text

Period of Performance: Click here to enter text

Proposed Subcontract Amount $ Click here to enter text or Proposed % of Contract Click here to enter text

Description of work to be performed by DBE: Click here to enter text

List the governmental Department or private organization with whom the DBE is currently certified as a Disadvantaged, minority, or woman business enterprise: Click here to enter text

The prime vendor and the DBE above hereby agree that upon the execution of a contract for the above-named project between the prime vendor and the State of Illinois, the DBE will perform the scope of work for the price as indicated above.

Prime Vendor (Company Name and D/B/A): DBE (Company Name and D/B/A):

Click here to enter text Click here to enter text

Signature Signature

Printed Name: Click here to enter text Printed Name: Click here to enter text

Title: Click here to enter text Title: Click here to enter text

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**ANNUAL CERTIFICATION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL OMB-CIRCULAR A-133**

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| **NOTICE**   * **Do not submit this certification to the department with your signed contract.** * This certification applies ONLY to governmental agencies, local units of government and non-profit agencies expending federal funds for this project. It does not apply to for-profit public or private entities. * If OMB Circular A-133 applies to your organization, this certification or a copy of your OMB A-133 single audit must be submitted to the department at the end of your fiscal year for any fiscal year in which you expended any federal funds related to this contract. |

**NOTE: ANNUAL COMPLIANCE WITH THIS REQUIREMENT IS MANDATORY FOR EVERY YEAR IN WHICH FEDERAL FUNDS ARE EXPENDED FOR THIS PROJECT BY ANY STATES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT WILL RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS TO REIMBURSE PROJECT COSTS.**

In accordance with OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, such non-federal entities that expend $500,000 or more in federal awards in a year are required to have a single audit performed in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is required by federal law to obtain and review the single audit of all entities that had any federally participating funds pass through it, irrespective of the amount provided by IDOT. It is the responsibility of the agencies expending federal funds to comply with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133 and determine whether they are required to have a single audit performed.

In order to comply with this requirement, your agency must provide the following information to the department on an annual basis for every year in which you expended funds for costs associated with this project:

1. If your agency expended $500,000 (or the current OMB Circular A-133 qualifying amount) or more in federal awards from all sources, including other agencies, in a year, you are required to have a single audit performed in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and submit a copy of the report to the
2. department within the earlier of 30 days after completion of the single audit or no more than nine months after the end of your fiscal year end.

**This is an annual requirement for every year in which you expended funds for this project.**

1. If your agency did not expend $500,000 (or the current OMB Circular A-133 qualifying amount) or more in federal awards from all sources, including other agencies, in any fiscal year for which you expended funds for project costs and were not required to conduct a single audit, you must complete and return the certification statement on the following page.

**This is an annual requirement for every year in which you expended funds for this project.**

1. If your agency receives multiple awards from the department, only one annual submittal of this information is required.

Please submit a copy of your OMB Circular A-133 single audit or the Single Audit Not Required Certification to:

Illinois Department of Transportation

Audit Section, Rm. 303

2300 South Dirksen Parkway

Springfield, IL 62764

The single audit must be comprised of four parts. You have the option of including the four parts in one report or a combination of reports. The four parts are commonly known as:

1. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Financial Statements).
2. Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and Independent Auditor’s Report thereon.
3. Independent Auditor’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and other matters based on an Audit of Financial Statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
4. Independent Auditor’s Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Additional information which should be submitted:

1. Corrective Action Plan(s), if applicable.
2. Management Letter, if applicable.
3. Status of Prior Year Findings, is applicable.

For your convenience, you may also submit the information via email to AuditReview@illinois.gov or via fax at 217/782-5634. If you have any questions, please contact the Audit Coordination Section at 217/782-6041.

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