



REQUEST FOR QUOTES #2021-010

Wide Area Network (WAN)

Monday, June 7, 2021



Robert Graham, CPM
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

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PART 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 The Virgin Islands Housing Authority (VIHA)

The Virgin Islands Housing Authority (VIHA) a public body corporate and political; is located within the United States Virgin Islands, an un-incorporated territory of the United States. VIHA is responsible for planning, financing, constructing, maintaining, and managing all public housing developments located on the three islands of St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, which include ten (10) Asset Management Projects (AMPs) with 3,018 public housing units in 24 communities. VIHA's mission is to create vibrant, dynamic, sustainable communities so families can evolve economically, and to improve lives and strengthen communities through quality, safe and affordable housing and by providing a myriad of services to empower public housing residents. VIHA also administers the Territory's Housing Choice Voucher Program, which currently provides rental assistance in the form of vouchers to 1,733 eligible low- income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. The vouchers help low-income families to rent affordable housing of their choice from private landlords in the Territory and are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

1.2 Solicitation Purpose

The Virgin Islands Housing Authority (VIHA), hereinafter referred to as VIHA, has issued this Request for Quotes (RFQ) to define the requirements; solicit quotes; detail requirements; contractor requirements; and, outline the process for evaluating quotes and selecting the subsequent Contractor(s) to secure one service agreement to provide a high-speed WAN solution that will allow for reliable and secure transmission of data, voice, and video among VIHA offices and facilities, St. Thomas/St. Croix, VI.

All procurement actions facilitated by VIHA will be conducted in an open, transparent and competitive manner. VIHA will take into account with each transaction competitive pricing, quality of work, reputation and referrals, and understanding of the solicited deliverables and/or requirements. VIHA supports solicitation of quotes from all markets with no geographical preferences and to give ALL qualified businesses, including those that are owned by minorities, women, and small business enterprises, opportunity to do business with VIHA as Contractors and Subcontractors.

All RFQ responses must respond to the written RFQ and any RFQ exhibits, attachments, or amendments.

***Please Note:** Respondents are responsible for reading this Request for Quotes and all exhibits, in its entirety, as updates and revisions have been added. By submitting a response to this solicitation, the Respondent acknowledges that it has read the entire document and is responding with full knowledge of all terms, conditions, and requirements as set forth.*

1.3 Schedule of Events

The following Schedule of Events represents VIHA's estimate of the timetable that will be followed in connection with this solicitation:

EVENTS	DATE AND/OR TIME
RFQ Released	Monday, June 7, 2021
Deadline for Questions	Friday, June 11, 2021 by 12:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME
Quote Due Date and Time	Monday, June 21, 2021 by 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME

VIHA reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to adjust this Schedule of Events as it deems necessary. If necessary, VIHA will communicate adjustments to any event in the Schedule of Events in the form of an addendum to this RFQ. Addenda to this RFQ will only be issued and posted on VIHA's website at: <http://www.vihousing.org>

1.4 Communications

In order to maintain a fair and impartial competitive process, VIHA and any outside consultants assisting VIHA with this solicitation shall avoid private communication concerning this procurement with prospective Respondents during the entire procurement process. From the issue date of this RFQ until the final award is announced, Respondents are not allowed to communicate about this RFQ for any reason with any VIHA staff and/or outside consultants assisting VIHA with this solicitation except:

- Through the RFQ Point of Contact named below;
- As otherwise specified in this RFQ; and/or
- As provided by existing work agreement(s) (if any)

Prohibited communications includes all contact, including but not limited to, telephonic communications, emails, faxes, letters, or personal meetings, such as lunch, entertainment, or otherwise. VIHA reserves the right to reject the quote of any Respondent violating this provision.

- A. Questions must be submitted in writing via email to mmiller@vihousing.org. **VIHA will receive requests for additional information and/or clarification relative this solicitation between Monday, June 7, 2021, 12:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME and Friday, June 11, 2021 by 12:00 P.M. Local Time.**
- B. Responses to these questions will be addressed in writing and issued as an addendum to this RFQ. VIHA will not respond to requests for information after the date stated above.
- C. **It is the responsibility of the Respondent to monitor VIHA's website for any addenda issued.** All Respondents are encouraged to frequently check VIHA's website for additional information.
- D. All requests for information or clarification pertaining to this solicitation must be addressed in writing.

POINT OF CONTACT
Marilyn Miller Procurement Manager Virgin Islands Housing Authority Procurement Department 9900 Oswald Harris Court St. Thomas, VI 00802 Email: mmiller@vihousing.org Fax: (340) 715-7304

1.5 Miscellaneous Requirements

Contractor shall furnish all personnel, equipment, materials, supplies needed to perform this contract.

1.6 Contract Period

The successful Respondent shall complete all work hereunder within twelve (12) months as stated within the time schedule established in the Notice to Proceed. In VIHA's sole discretion, this Agreement may be extended in writing by VIHA for two (2) additional twelve-month terms. Any such extension shall be made subject to the same terms and conditions set forth herein.

PART 2 – SCOPE OF WORK

2.1 Scope of Work and Specific Requirements

Introduction

The Virgin Islands Housing Authority (VIHA) is requesting quotes for a Managed Private Wide Area Network (WAN) infrastructure between all eighteen (18) Virgin Islands Housing Authority locations, located on St. Thomas and St. Croix. The proposed managed services have to provide a high-speed WAN solution that will allow for reliable and secure transmission of data, voice, and video among Virgin Islands Housing Authority (VIHA) offices and facilities. The requested WAN services will provide multi-point to multi-point connectivity for all locations (Appendix A) including two Hub locations and required Committed Information Rates (CIRs). Specifically, we are seeking a fiber connected territory wide layer network.

Qualifications:

All qualified vendors must provide their experience in designing and implementing WAN solutions of similar projects, which has been completed and/ or is currently in progress. Most importantly, detail any experience with IP multicast and at least one project where this was successfully configured and tested. The vendor must provide the type of equipment used in successfully setting up multicast.

Service Requirements

- Service must be capable of delivering a minimum Committed Information Rate (CIR) specified in "Appendix A".
- The selected provider must use a WAN protocol and design, which is easily scalable to support additional subnets and/or sites as needed by VIHA. The selected provider will be responsible for all future additional routing changes to accommodate additional sites and/ or subnets at existing sites.
- Proposals may include rates for higher bandwidth connections and should describe the vendor's ability to scale the proposed solution to meet greater bandwidth demands. The Contractor/Carrier shall deliver the requested CIR at full bandwidth at each site on a full availability basis, 24/7.
- The Provider must submit plans of "handoff" infrastructure at each site. The handoff must use standards-compliant category 5/6 twisted pair copper cabling or multi-mode fiber as applicable.
- The precise site location of the DEMARC, or "handoff point" shall be determined by VIHA Network and Engineering staff at the sites listed in Appendix "A" of this RFQ.
- Network redundancy is required as part of the provider's overall network design. The network should be able to support the re-routing of network traffic via a secondary link, in the event the primary link goes offline.
- The provider is responsible for all WAN routing configuration between sites. All routing and transport of the WAN must be under the control of the selected provider from the access point to the core network.

- VIHA will not accept 3rd party outsourced routing management which will VOID the Service Level Agreement (SLA) and other support and/or response requirements.
- All remote sites must be aggregated back to the central office locations of their respective islands, for Internet access and other shared resources
- VIHA requires monthly utilization reports for all WAN connected locations. These reports should display data by site. VIHA prefers direct access to an online platform within a cloud environment, where on demand reporting can be achieved

Equipment

- The vendor shall specify that this network is a managed solution, and the vendor will provide all necessary hardware and software accordingly. Design considerations should include an optimal routing design and network convergence time.
- It is the responsibility of the provider to supply all WAN customer premise equipment, to create a private managed Wide Area Network (WAN). VIHA “will not” supply any WAN customer premise equipment.
- The Provider will detail the equipment type and manufacturer, which will be installed at VIHA’s site locations.
- The WAN equipment should remain the property and responsibility of the selected provider.
- The circuits shall be capable of carrying multiple protocols such as IP Data, Voice over IP (VoIP) telephony, streaming digital video, teleconferencing, etc. Jitter and latency shall be within industry accepted limits for typical services of these types
- All equipment including but not limited to routers, cabling, racks, Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS), connectors, etc. necessary to provide this connectivity shall be provided by the vendor
- VIHA WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY EASEMENT/RIGHT OF WAY COSTS INCURRED BY THE PROPOSER WHILE IMPLEMENTING THE SOLUTION. The Minimum Point of Entry (MPOE) and Demarcation point at each site shall be determined by Virgin Islands Housing Authority technical staff. All cost proposals must include pricing to install services to the MPOE and Demarcation point.
- VIHA requires a fully managed WAN service and equipment, which is robust in nature and can handle harsh environmental conditions commonly associated with the Virgin Islands (VI) territory
- As part of the quote, the vendor will make known the space requirements for installed equipment at sites.

Support

- The vendor must provide easy access to help desk and repair services. A clear, documented procedure must be defined for severe problem escalation with appropriate response times delineated in quote. The vendor will provide critical alerts to VIHA Technical Contacts via email and text, and notification of service outages via email to VIHA Technical Contacts along with status and estimated time of restoral (ETR). This alert service will be maintained for the duration of the contract
- VIHA requires the selected provider to respond to all trouble related incidents, regarding WAN outages and or equipment failures. The service provider is required to have a phone response time of no greater than 30 minutes and an onsite response time no greater than 2 hours.
- The provider must detail staffing plan for break-fix support and provide the number of staff available on each island, for support/ trouble calls response. The provider must maintain spares of all installed equipment which will support the VIHA WAN build-out. Any damaged or defective WAN equipment should be replaced by the provider, at no cost to VIHA
- Provider must supply an escalation call list to be used by VIHA, in the event of service outages.

Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery

The selected provider must detail their Recovery Plan in the event of a natural disaster such as a hurricane, etc. The Recovery Plan must be detailed on how the provider will restore internet services at VIHA's locations, after a hurricane and/or natural disaster. The Plan should also contain, but limited to the following:

- Process for network restoration
- Staff location deployment
- Number of devices on hand for restoration
- Number of staff assigned to recovery effort
- Prioritization of recovering VIHA locations

Closeout Documentation:

VIHA requires as-built closeout documentation for each site detailing link benchmark and testing at the time of installation in addition to pictures of the installed equipment.

Appendix A

Virgin Islands Housing Authority Locations

St. Thomas Locations

St. Thomas Site Name	Site Address	Current Bandwidth	Requested Bandwidth	viNGN Fiber Status
Oswald Harris Court	9900 Estate Thomas	100 Mbps	1 Gbps	Online
Bovoni	2-3A Estate Bovoni	10 Mbps	1 Gbps	Fiber at site
Paul M Pearson	#1 Estate Thomas	12 Mbps	100 Mbps	Fiber at site
Lucinda Millin Home	#5600 Lovers Lane	10 Mbps	100 Mbps	Online
H.H. Bergs Home	#7 Hospital Ground	25 Mbps	100 Mbps	Fiber at site
Kirwan Terrace	64-65 Lindberg Bay	10 Mbps	100 Mbps	Fiber at site
Contant Knolls	171 Knolls Contacnt	10 Mbps	100 Mbps	Fiber at site

St. Croix Locations

St. Croix Site Name	Site Address	Current Bandwidth	Requested Bandwidth	viNGN Fiber Status
VIHA STX Central Office (COCC)	RR 2 Box 9299	100 Mbps	1 Gbps	Online
Walter I. M. Hodge	#194 A Estate Smithfield	50 Mbps	100 Mbps	Fiber at site
Marley Homes	#190 A Estate Two Brothers	12 Mbps	100 Mbps	Fiber at site
Whim Gardens (Wilfred Pedro)	#53 Estate Whim	12 Mbps	100 Mbps	Fiber at site
Williams Delight Villas	Plot #158 Williams Delight	10 Mbps	100 Mbps	Fiber at site
Mount Pleasant	#5 Estate Mount Pleasant	12 Mbps	100 Mbps	Fiber at site
Aureo Diaz	#5 Upper Bethlehem	100 Mbps	Connected to COCC	Fiber at site
Candido Guadalupe	#20 A Estate Slob	12 Mbps	100 Mbps	Fiber at site
Joseph E. James	#184 A&B Estate Ruby	12 Mbps	100 Mbps	Fiber at site
David Hamilton Jackson	#7 Estate Richmond	10 Mbps	100 Mbps	Fiber at site
Jon F. Kennedy	#1 Golden Rock	10 Mbps	100 Mbps	Fiber at site

PART 3 – QUOTE SUBMISSION

3.1. Quote Submission Instructions

Quotes must be submitted to the VIHA electronically by the Quote Due Date and Time. Respondents shall transmit completed quotes to the VIHA by email to mmiller@vihousing.org in PDF file format. The “Subject” line of the email should state “(name of firm” Wide Area Network (WAN).” Please exercise caution in creating your electronic file.

3.2 Mandatory Forms Submission

All quotes must be submitted on the Quote Form provided by VIHA (see **Exhibit A – Quote Form**). Failure to provide a quote for each item delineated on the Quote Form may result in the quote being determined “non-responsive” and subsequently disqualified from consideration. Respondents should insert the words “No Quote” in the space provided for any item for which no price is submitted. Quotes shall include all travel expenses, wages, supplies and materials necessary to perform work under the terms and conditions of this RFQ. Unless otherwise specified herein, all prices shall be on a firm, fixed-price basis and are not subject to adjustment based on cost incurred. Any stipulations made to the Respondent’s quote shall subject the quote to rejection. If the Respondent wishes to include additional information, the Respondent may do so with attachments.

All Quote Responses Must Be Typed.

Along with submission of the Quote Form, each Respondent must submit the following Mandatory Forms: Forms should be completed, signed, and notarized where required or marked “not applicable” where appropriate. The mandatory forms are:

Required Representations and Certifications

Respondent Disclosure Certification

Contractor Responsibility Surveys

*Please provide the names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of at least two (2) references which may be contacted that have used the services of your organization. References submitted **must** address the Respondent’s experience in the areas requested within this RFQ.)*

HUD Form 5370–C - General Contract Conditions Non-Construction

Subcontractor Data Form

Section 3 Business Self-Certification Form

Principal Personnel Disclosure Statement Certification and Instructions

W-9 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Liability Questionnaire

All applicable licenses and permits required by Federal and State/Territory Laws to perform under the subsequent contract

Failure by the Respondent to provide such information within the allotted time will render the Respondent ineligible for award.

3.3 Taxes

VIHA is exempt from sales tax. The Contractor agrees to pay all taxes incurred in performance of an awarded contract.

3.4 Acceptance Period

All Respondents submitting a quote must agree to honor the terms and conditions contained herein for a period of ninety (90) days.

3.5 Signature

The person signing the quotation must be a person authorized to bind the Respondent contractually. Unsigned offers will be rejected. Unsigned offers cannot be signed after the quote has been opened. No signatures shall be in pencil.

3.6 Rejection of Quotes

VIHA reserves the right to reject any and all quotes where it is determined to be in the best interest of VIHA to do so.

3.7 Withdrawal of Quotes

Quotes may be withdrawn by written request dispatched by the Respondent in time for delivery during the normal course of business prior to the time fixed for submission. Negligence on the part of the Respondent in preparing the documents confers no right of withdrawal or modification of the Respondent's quote after such documents are opened.

3.8 Section 3

In keeping with Section 3 of The Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 170 lu (Section 3), and in accordance with the goals of HUD, VIHA strongly encourages Section 3 participation.

3.9 Modification of Solicitation or Contract

VIHA reserves the right to reject any and all quotes where it is determined that it is in the best interest of VIHA to do so.

VIHA reserves the right to increase/delete/modify any item to this solicitation or contract as deemed necessary where it is in the best interest of VIHA, where permitted by VIHA's policies and the laws governing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

3.10 Funding Limitations

VIHA shall not be bound to any contract if funding has been disallowed by HUD.

PART 4 – QUOTES EVALUATION

4.1 Quotes Evaluation Protocol

The agreement(s) shall be awarded to the responsible Respondent(s) whose quote conforms to the RFQ and to the specifications described herein, and whose product best suits the needs of VIHA. All quoted items shall include all labor, material, equipment, and transportation costs, in accordance with the requirements stated herein.

VIHA reserves the right to award this contract to one Respondent, to make multiple awards, and to accept a quote other than the lowest priced quote. VIHA may reject any or all quotes if such action is in VIHA's best interest, waive informalities and minor irregularities in quotes received, and award all or part of the requirements stated. Furthermore, VIHA reserves the right to delete, add, or modify any aspect of this procurement through negotiations (if applicable) up until the final contract signing.

4.2 Due Diligence

All procurement transactions shall be conducted only with responsible Contractors, i.e., those who have the technical and financial competence to perform and who have a satisfactory record of integrity. VIHA shall review the System for Award Management ("SAM") (or any replacement or similar government-used system), or other Federal agencies listings (e.g., Department of Labor for violation of labor regulations) when necessary to protect VIHA in its business dealings. Contracts will not be awarded to debarred, suspended, or ineligible contractors.

PART 5 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5.1 External Organizational Conflicts

Contractor certifies that neither it nor any of its subcontractors include persons who have an interest, direct or indirect in this proposed contract and who during his or her tenure or for one (1) year thereafter are:

(i) A present or former member or officer of VIHA's Board of Commissioners or any member of the officer's immediate family. This prohibition does not include any present or former tenant commissioner who does not serve on the governing body of a resident corporation, and who otherwise does not occupy a policy-making position with the resident corporation, VIHA, or a business entity.

(ii) Any VIHA employee who formulates policy or who influences decisions with respect to the VIHA project(s) that are connected to this proposed contract, or any member of the employee's immediate family, or the employee's partner.

(iii) Any public official, member of the local governing body, or State/Territory or local legislator, or any member of such individuals' immediate family.

(iv) A member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States of America or a resident commissioner (defined as an individual appointed to oversee a territory or possession of the United States of America, such as the Virgin Islands).

NOTE: “Immediate family” member means the spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, or child of a covered class member whether related as a full blood relative, or as a “half” or “step” relative (e.g., half-brother or stepchild).

5.2 Internal Organizational Conflicts

It is VIHA’s policy to avoid situations which place a Respondent in a position where its judgment may be biased because of any past, present, or currently planned interest, financial or otherwise, that the Respondent may have which relates to the work to be performed pursuant to this solicitation or where the Respondent’s performance of such work may provide it with an unfair competitive advantage.

If necessary, Respondents shall provide a signed statement (“Disclosure Statement”) which describes in a concise manner all relevant facts concerning any past, present, or currently planned interest (financial, organizational, or otherwise) relating to the work to be performed hereunder and bearing on whether the Respondent has a possible organizational conflict of interest with respect to: (1) being able to render impartial, technically sound, and objective assistance or advice, or (2) being given an unfair competitive advantage.

In the Disclosure Statement, the Respondent may also provide relevant facts that show how its organizational structure and/or management systems limit its knowledge of possible organizational conflicts of interest relating to other divisions or sections of the organization and how that structure or system would avoid or mitigate such organizational conflict.

In the absence of any relevant interests identified in a signed Disclosure Statement, Respondents certify by their signature on this solicitation that the Respondent to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, does not have an organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work to be performed under this proposed contract and the Respondent’s organizational, financial, contractual or other interests may, without some restriction of future activities (1) result in unfair competitive advantage to the Respondent, or (2) impair the Respondent’s objectivity in performing the contract work. The Respondent’s signature on this solicitation certifies that to the best of the Respondent’s knowledge and belief, no actual or apparent conflict of interest exists with regard to the Respondent’s possible performance of this procurement.

No award shall be made until the Disclosure Statement, if applicable, and the **Financial or Personal Interest Disclosure Statement** has been evaluated by the Contracting Officer. Failure to provide the Disclosure Statement or the **Financial or Personal Interest Disclosure Statement** will be deemed to be a minor infraction and the Respondent will be permitted to correct the omission within a time frame established by the Contracting Officer.

Refusal to provide the Disclosure Statement or the **Financial or Personal Interest Disclosure Statement** and any other additional information required by the Contracting Officer, or the willful nondisclosure or misrepresentation of any relevant information shall disqualify the Respondent.

If the Contracting Officer determines that a potential conflict exists, the selected Respondent shall not receive an award unless the conflict can be avoided or otherwise resolved through the inclusion of a special contract clause or other appropriate means. The terms of any special clause are subject to negotiation.

5.3 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Eunice Barthelemy, Director of Information Technology is responsible for the administration of this contract, unless otherwise stated in the contract. The Contracting Officer for this contract will be Robert Graham, CPM, Executive Director. The Contracting Officer is responsible for final approval and acceptance of all services rendered.

PART 6 – INSURANCE

6.1 Insurance Requirements

The following insurance coverage shall be carried by the Contractor during the term of this contract and will be subject to approval by VIHA. The premium cost of all insurance purchased by the Contractor for protection against risks assumed by virtue of the contract shall be borne by the Contractor and is not reimbursable by VIHA.

- a. Worker's Compensation, in accordance with the laws of the Territory of the US Virgin Islands.
- b. The Contractor shall carry Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 with combined minimum limits of coverage of \$100,000 per occurrence.
- c. **VIHA shall be specified as an additional insured.** The Contractor shall also agree to indemnify and hold VIHA, its officers, agents and employees, harmless from any and all claims made against VIHA's officers, agents and employees, which arise out of any action or omission of the Contractor or any of its officers, employees or agents, which agreement to indemnify and hold VIHA, its officers, agents and employees, harmless shall not be limited to the limit of liability insurance required under the provisions of these specifications or contract, of which these specifications are made a part.
- d. **Proof of insurance shall be provided to VIHA prior to execution of this Contract and at the beginning of each option term (if applicable).** VIHA specifically reserves the right to require the Contractor to provide certified copies of such policy or policies.

PART 7 – GOVERNANCE

7.1 Compliance with Law

The Contractor, and its subcontractors at all tiers, shall ensure the strictest compliance with all applicable Federal, State/Territory and local laws, regulations, ordinances and requirements applicable to the work described herein including, but not limited to, those applicable laws, regulations and requirements governing equal employment opportunity programs, subcontracting with small and minority firms, women's business enterprise, and labor surplus area firms, equal opportunity for businesses and unemployed and underemployed persons (as referenced in Section 3 of The Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3), applicable Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") and amendments, Fair Housing Act ("FHAct"), and Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards ("UFAS") standards and regulations, the Davis-Bacon Act, and those laws and regulations concerning the abatement and remediation of asbestos and lead-based paint, and shall provide for such compliance in the contract documents. The Contractor shall obtain, at Contractor's expense, such permits, certificates and licenses as may be required in the performance of the work specified.

ATTACHMENTS

Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

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



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1. Preparation of Offers

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

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

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

2. Submission of Offers

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

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

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

3. Amendments to Solicitations

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

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

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

4. Explanation to Prospective Offerors

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

5. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

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

6. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Offers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Contract Award

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

(b) The HA may

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

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

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

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

8. Service of Protest

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

9. Offer Submission

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

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

[Describe bid or proposal preparation instructions here:]

EXHIBITS

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY
RFQ #2021-010 - WIDE AREA NETWORK (WAN)

EXHIBIT B- QUOTE FORM

All offers must be submitted on the Bid Form provided by the Virgin Islands Housing Authority (VIHA). Failure to provide an offer for each item delineated on this Bid Form may result in the offer being determined "non-responsive" and subsequently disqualified from consideration. Offers should insert the words "No Bid" in the space provided for any item for which no price is submitted. Offers shall include all travel expenses, wages, supplies and materials necessary to perform work under the terms and conditions of this Invitation for Bids. Unless otherwise specified herein, all prices shall be on a firm, fixed-price basis and are not subject to adjustment based on cost incurred. Any stipulations made to the Respondent's bid shall subject the offer to rejection. If the Offeror wishes to include additional information, the Offeror may do so with attachments.

PLEASE TYPE ALL PRICES.

ST. THOMAS	LOCATION - CENTRAL OFFICE	LOCATION - REMOTE COMMUNITIES	ADDRESS	REQUESTED BANDWITH	MONTHLY UNIT COST	ANNUAL COST
	St. Thomas Central Office	Oswald Harris Court	9900 Oswald Harris Court	1 Gbps	\$	\$
		Estate Bovoni Apartments	#2-3A Estate Bovoni	1 Gbps	\$	\$
		Paul M. Pearson Gardens	Parcel #1, Estate Thomas #1 New Quarter	100 Mbps	\$	\$
		Lucinda Millin Home	Parcel #1A, Estate Thomas	100 Mbps	\$	\$
		H.H. Bergs Home	#7 Hospital Ground	100 Mbps	\$	\$
		Michael J. Kirwan Terrace	#64 & 65 Estate Lindberg Bay	100 Mbps	\$	\$
		Knoll at Contant	Parcel #171 Estate Contant	100 Mbps	\$	\$

ST. CROIX	St. Croix Central Office		#5 Upper Bethlehem	1 Gbps	\$	\$
		Walter IM Hodge Pavilion	#194AA Estate Smithfield	100 Mbps	\$	\$
		Marley Homes	#190 A Estate Two Brothers	100 Mbps	\$	\$
		Whim Gardens (Wilfred Pedro)	#53 Estate Whim	100 Mbps	\$	\$
		Williams Delight Villas	Plot # 158 Williams Delight	100 Mbps	\$	\$
		Mount Pleasant	#5 Estate Mount Pleasant	100 Mbps	\$	\$
		Aureo Diaz Heights	#5 Upper Bethlehem	Connected to COCC	\$	\$
		Candido Guadalupe Terrace	#20 A Estate Slob	100 Mbps	\$	\$
		Joseph E. James Terrace	#184A & B Estate Ruby	100 Mbps	\$	\$
		D. Hamilton Jackson	#7 Estate Richmond	100 Mbps	\$	\$
		John F. Kennedy Terrace	#1 Golden Rock	100 Mbps	\$	\$
	TOTAL					\$
Installation and configuration (One time non recurring)						\$
GRAND TOTAL						\$

	BUSINESS NAME	
	POINT OF CONTACT	
	BUSINESS ADDRESS	
	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
	E-MAIL ADDRESS	
	DATE	

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

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

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

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

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

Social security number									
				-			-		
or									
Employer identification number									
				-					

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, 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. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

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

Sign
Here

Signature of
U.S. person ►

Date ►

General Instructions

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

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

Purpose of Form

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

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),

2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or

3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

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

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

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

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

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?

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

Updating Your Information

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

Penalties

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

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

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

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

Specific Instructions

Line 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Line 2

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

Line 3

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

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

Line 4, Exemptions

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

Exempt payee code.

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

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

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

G—A real estate investment trust

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

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

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

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

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

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

Line 5

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

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part II. Certification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

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

To reduce your risk:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Privacy Act Notice

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

VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY

REQUIRED REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

This form includes clauses required by OMB's common rule on bidding/offering procedures, implemented by HUD in 2 CFR 200 §318 - §326, and those requirements set forth in Executive Order 11625 for small, minority, women-owned businesses, and certifications for independent price determination, and conflict of interest. The form is required for all contracts awarded by VIHA. The form is used by Respondents to certify to VIHA's Contracting Officer for contract compliance.

I. CONTINGENT FEE REPRESENTATION AND AGREEMENT

The Respondent represents and certifies as part of its offer that, except for full-time bona fide employees working solely for the Respondent, the Respondent:

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

If the answer to either (1) or (2) above is affirmative, the Respondent shall make an immediate and full written disclosure to VIHA's Contracting Officer.

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

II. SMALL, MINORITY, WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS CONCERN REPRESENTATION

The Respondent represents and certifies as part of its offer that it -

is is not a small business concern. "Small business concern," as used in this provision, means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding, and qualified as a small business under the criteria and size standards in 13 CFR 121.

is is not a women-owned business enterprise. "Women-owned business enterprise," as used in this provision, means a business that is at least 51 percent owned by a woman or women who are U.S. citizens and who also control and operate the business.

is is not a minority business enterprise. "Minority business enterprise," as used in this provision, means a business which is at least 51% owned or controlled by one or more minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51% of its voting stock is owned by one or more minority group members, and whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more such individuals.

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

Black Americans	Asian Pacific Americans	Hispanic Americans
Native Americans	Hasidic Jewish Americans	Asian Indian Americans

III. CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

The Respondent certifies that-

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

Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory:

- (A) Is the person in the Respondent's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this offer, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (1) through (3) above; or

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- (B) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that to those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (1) through (3) above; (ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (B)(i) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (1) through (3) above; and (iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (1) through (3) above.

If the Respondent deletes or modifies subparagraph 2 above, the Respondent must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

The Respondent warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, it does not have any organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work under a proposed contract and a prospective contractor's organizational, financial, contractual or other interest are such that:

(i) Award of the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage; (ii) The Respondent's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired; or (iii) That the Respondent has disclosed all relevant information and requested VIHA to make a determination with respect to this contract.

The Respondent agrees that if after award he or she discovers an organizational conflict of interest with respect to this contract, he or she shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to VIHA which shall include a description of the action which the Contractor has taken or intends to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. VIHA may, however, terminate the Contract for the convenience of VIHA if it would be in the best interest of VIHA.

In the event the Contractor was aware of an organizational conflict of interest before the award of this Contract and intentionally did not disclose the conflict to VIHA, VIHA may terminate the Contract for default.

The Contractor shall require a disclosure or representation from subcontractors and consultants who may be in a position to influence the advice or assistance rendered to VIHA and shall include any necessary provisions to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest in consultant agreements or subcontracts involving performance or work under this Contract.

☐ In the absence of any actual or apparent conflict, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, no actual or apparent conflict of interest exists with regard to my possible performance of this procurement.

V. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

VI. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

The Respondent does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or familial status. The Respondent has an affirmative action program to ensure that applicants are employed, and employees are treated fairly during employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or familial status. Such action includes, but is not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

VII. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

The Respondent certifies by submission of this offer, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by a Federal department or agency.

VIII. RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE

The Respondent hereby certifies that the information contained in these certifications and representations is accurate, complete and current. If Respondent needs to explain or disclose information relating to this form, an additional sheet is attached with such explanation or disclosure.

Signature

Title

Type or Print Name

Date

VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY
PRINCIPAL PERSONNEL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CERTIFICATION
Instructions

Every Offeror is required to read the below instructions and submit this *Principal Personnel Disclosure Statement Certification*. This Certification must be completed accurately and must be **notarized**. If a financial or personal interest exists, Offerors are required to make Full Disclosure in a **Disclosure Statement** (see "Disclosure Statement Instructions" below) and **should not** submit this *Principal Personnel Disclosure Statement Certification*.

FINANCIAL OR PERSONAL INTEREST DISCLOSURE

No VIHA employee, officer, member of its Board of Commissioners, or agent shall participate directly or indirectly in the selection, award or administration of any contract if a conflict of interest, either real or apparent, would be involved. This type of conflict of interest occurs when one of the following persons have a financial or any other type of interest in a respondent (including its officers, members, and partners) competing for the award:

1. An employee, officer, member of the Board of Commissioners, or agent of VIHA or any public official;
2. A relative (including spouse, father, mother, child, brother and sister, including "half" or "step" relatives) of any of the above;
3. The partner (financial or otherwise) of any of the above; or
4. An organization that employs or is negotiating to employ or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment of any of the above.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Offerors having a financial or personal interest in this solicitation, subsequent contract and/or the above-identified business shall make immediate, full and complete disclosure in writing to the Office of the General Counsel (a "Disclosure Statement").

All Disclosure Statements must be presented on the Offeror's letterhead, notarized and signed by the individual making the disclosure.

If applicable, provide the following information in the Disclosure Statement:

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| ■ Describe the nature of the interest(personal/financial) | ■ Type of involvement (principal, officer, employees, etc.) |
| ■ Names of individuals involved/associated with VIHA and Respondent | ■ Value of financial interest |
| ■ Title of individuals named | ■ Name and address of business |
| ■ Relationships (blood/marriage), (mother, father etc.) | ■ Other pertinent information |
| ■ Social Security numbers or Taxpayer Identification number | |

I, _____, being an authorized representative of _____
certify that all Principal Personnel identified on Page 2 of this Certification have read the above instructions and that none of the persons listed above have a financial or any other type of interest in Respondent or any Principal Personnel of Respondent.

Signature of Respondent

Signature

Title

Date

WARNING: All information is to be true and accurate. False, misleading statements or failure to provide all information requested will disqualify a Respondent from this solicitation process. VIHA reserves the right, based upon the information provided, to determine if a conflict of interest is real or apparent and whether or not a Respondent is qualified to participate in this solicitation process.

VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY
PRINCIPAL PERSONNEL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CERTIFICATION

List the appropriate individuals related to your company.

SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP	PARTNERSHIPS <small>* Identify additional partners (if any) on a separate page</small>	CORPORATIONS <small>** Identify all other officers and assistant officers (if any) of the corporation (add separate page if required)</small>	LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATIONS <small>*** Identify additional members (if any) on a separate page</small>
Owner (PRINT NAME)	Partner (PRINT NAME)	Officer (PRINT NAME)	Member (PRINT NAME)
Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature
Title	Title	Title	Title
	Partner (PRINT NAME)	Officer (PRINT NAME)	Member (PRINT NAME)
	Signature	Signature	Signature
	Title	Title	Title
	Partner (PRINT NAME)	Officer (PRINT NAME)	Member (PRINT NAME)
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	Partner (PRINT NAME)	Officer (PRINT NAME)	Member (PRINT NAME)
	Signature	Signature	Signature
	Title	Title	Title

I, _____, being an authorized representative of _____, certify that the above-identified sole proprietor, partners, or corporate officers hold the positions identified above and that I have not excluded any persons.

Signature of Respondent:

Signature of Sole Proprietor
(If Respondent is an Individual)

Signature of Partner
(If Respondent is a Partnership)

Signature of Officer
(If Respondent is a Corporation)

Signature of Member
(If Respondent is Limited Liability Corporation)

Subscribed and sworn before me on this ____ day of _____, 20____. My Commission expires:

VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESPONDENT DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION

All Respondents responding to this Solicitation must submit a Respondent Disclosure Certification. This Certification must be completed accurately and must be notarized. If a financial or personal interest exists (i.e., If you answer yes to any question). Respondents must make a full and separate disclosure as described in the Financial or Personal Interest Disclosure section of this Respondent Disclosure Certification.

To purposes of this Respondent Disclosure Certification, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed below:

VIHA Employee means persons who work at VIHA as a full time, part time, temporary or contract employee. **Current** means as of the date that this disclosure is made. **Former** means within the last 12 months from the date of this disclosure. **Interest** means any interest that may yield monetary or other material gain or benefit. **Immediate Family Member** means spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, child (whether related as a "half" or "step" relative, e.g., half brother or stepchild) partner or a significant other living in the same household. **Public Official** means any public official, member of the local governing body or State or local legislator, members of or delegate to the Congress of the USA or resident commissioner. **Resident Commissioner** means an individual appointed to oversee a territory or possession of the U.S.

Please respond to each question by circling the applicable response. If your answer is "YES" to any question, please see the FINANCIAL OR PERSONAL INTEREST DISCLOSURE section.

VIHA EMPLOYEE DISCLOSURES

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| (1) | DO YOU EMPLOY A CURRENT OR FORMER VIHA EMPLOYEE OR ANY IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF A CURRENT OR FORMER EMPLOYEE OF VIHA? | YES | NO |
| (2) | DO ANY CURRENT OR FORMER VIHA EMPLOYEES OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF CURRENT OR FORMER VIHA EMPLOYEES HAVE A DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN YOUR BUSINESS? | YES | NO |

VIHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISCLOSURES

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| (3) | DO YOU EMPLOY CURRENT OR FORMER OFFICERS OR MEMBERS OF VIHA'S BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OR ANY IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS? | YES | NO |
| (4) | ARE YOU OR ANY PERSON EMPLOYED BY YOUR BUSINESS CURRENT OFFICERS OR MEMBERS OF VIHA'S BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS? | YES | NO |
| (5) | DO ANY CURRENT OFFICER OR MEMBER OF VIHA'S BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OR CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBERS OF VIHA'S BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAVE A DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN YOUR BUSINESS? | YES | NO |

PUBLIC OFFICIALS DISCLOSURE

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| (6) | DO YOU EMPLOY CURRENT OR FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR ANY IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS? | YES | NO |
| (7) | DO ANY CURRENT OR FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIALS HAVE A DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN YOUR BUSINESS? | YES | NO |

I, _____, an officer authorized to make this certification on behalf of Respondent, _____, hereby certify and swear that the information provided above regarding Respondent is true and correct as of the date that this Certification is made and that Respondent has no known conflicts of interest or personal or financial interests in this Solicitation or the subsequent Contract.

I understand that Respondent is responsible for updating this information and providing all disclosures to VIHA as soon as such information is discovered by Respondent or as soon as such information should have been discovered by Respondent. I understand that failure to provide such disclosure may lead to termination of any Contracts entered into between Respondent and VIHA. I also understand that failure to provide such disclosure may lead to a negative note on VIHA's Vendor Performance Record.

Signature _____

Date _____

Sworn to and subscribed

Name _____

Before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Title _____

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires _____

FINANCIAL OR PERSONAL INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Respondents having a financial, contractual, organizational or personal interest in this Solicitation or subsequent Contract shall make an immediate, full and complete disclosure in writing to the Executive Director, in the form of a Disclosure Statement.

All Disclosure Statements must be presented on the Respondent's letterhead, notarized and signed by the individual making the disclosure. If applicable, provide the following information on the Disclosure Statement:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Describe the nature of the interest (personal/financial)* Names of individuals involved/associated with VIHA and Vendor* Title of individuals named above.* Relationships (blood/marriage), (mother, father etc.)* Value of financial interest | <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Type of involvement (principal, officer, employees, etc.)* Name & address of business* Social Security numbers or Taxpayer Identification Number* Other pertinent information* |
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Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions

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

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 30 minutes. This includes the time for collecting, reviewing, and reporting data. The information requested is required to obtain a benefit. This form is used to ensure federal funds are not used to influence members of Congress. There are no assurances of confidentiality. HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and an applicant is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Applicant Name

Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the 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.

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate.
Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Name of Authorized Official

Title

Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY SUBCONTRACTOR DATA FORM

Consistent with Presidential Executive Orders 11625, 12138, and 12432, Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 and 13 CFR 121, all feasible efforts should be made to ensure that small and minority-owned businesses, women's business enterprises, and other individuals or firms located in or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the area of a VIHA community are used when possible. Respondent proposes to subcontract with the following businesses for this project. The Respondent acknowledges that all Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs), Section 3 and Small Business entities, regardless of tier, are to be listed on this form. Respondent understands that it is responsible for ensuring that VIHA has updated information on its subcontractors and that no known conflicts of interest or personal or financial interests, as defined within the Solicitation, exist in relation to Respondent's subcontractors and the resulting Contract. Respondent must ensure that its subcontractors disclose any conflicts of interest or personal or financial interests.

Business Name							
Owner Name(s)							
Owner Title(s)							
Business Contact Info	PHONE		E-MAIL				
Service(s) Provided							
Business Type		MBE		WBE		SEC 3	SMALL

Business Name							
Owner Name(s)							
Owner Title(s)							
Business Contact Info	PHONE		E-MAIL				
Service(s) Provided							
Business Type		MBE		WBE		SEC 3	SMALL

Business Name							
Owner Name(s)							
Owner Title(s)							
Business Contact Info	PHONE		E-MAIL				
Service(s) Provided							
Business Type		MBE		WBE		SEC 3	SMALL

Business Name							
Owner Name(s)							
Owner Title(s)							
Business Contact Info	PHONE		E-MAIL				
Service(s) Provided							
Business Type		MBE		WBE		SEC 3	SMALL

For purposes of this form, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

MBE refers to a minority enterprise which, pursuant to Executive Order 11625, is defined as a business which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its voting stock is owned by one or more minority group members, and whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more such individuals.

WBE refers to women-owned small business concerns and means a small business that is at least 51 percent owned by a woman or women who are U.S. citizens and who also control and operate the business.

SECTION 3 refers to a Section 3 business concern which means a business concern (1) that is 51 percent or more owned by section 3 residents; or (2) whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30 percent of whom are currently Section 3 residents, or within three (3) years of the date of first employment with the business concern were Section 3 resident; or (3) that provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to business concerns that meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this definition. 24 CFR § 135.5.

SECTION 3 RESIDENT means (1) a public housing resident; or (2) an individual who resides in the metropolitan area or non-metropolitan county in which the section 3 covered assistance is expended, and who is: (i) a low-income person, as such term is defined in 42 USC 1437a(b)(2); or (ii) a very low-income person, as this term is defined in 42 USC 1437a(b)(2). 24 CFR § 135.5.

SMALL BUSINESS refers to a small business concern, as the term is defined by the Small Business Administration in 13 CFR Part 121, and means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding, and qualified as a small business under the criteria and size standards in 13 CFR Part 121.

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VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY
SECTION 3 BUSINESS SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM

The Respondent represents and certifies that it...

is a Section 3 business as indicated below [check applicable category and subcategory]:

Category 1 Business

Fifty-one percent (51%) or more owned by residents of the specific community or communities for which the Section 3 covered assistance is expended; or

Full-time, permanent workforce includes thirty percent (30%) of the above residents as employees.

Category 2 Business

Fifty-one percent (51%) or more owned by residents of another specific community or communities managed by the Virgin Islands Housing Authority that is expending the Section 3 covered assistance; or

Full-time, permanent workforce includes thirty percent (30%) of the above residents as employees.

Category 3 Business

An entity selected to carry out a HUD Youthbuild Program in the metropolitan area, or non-metropolitan county, in which the Section 3 covered assistance is expended.

Category 4 Business

Fifty-one percent (51%) or more owned by Section 3 residents; or

Full-time, permanent workforce includes no less than thirty percent (30%) Section 3 residents; or

Will subcontract in excess of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total amount of subcontracts to business concerns identified above (see *Attached Subcontracts/Agreements*).

is **not** a Section 3 business (Form **must** be notarized only if certifying as a Section 3 business).

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this _____ day
of _____, 20____

Notary

My commission expires

Date

Company Name

Authorized Representative Name (Print)

Authorized Representative Name (Signature)

Authorized Representative Title

Date

VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY SURVEY

SOLICITATION NUMBER AND TITLE:

REFERENCE BEING PROVIDED FOR...

COMPANY NAME	
COMPANY ADDRESS	
CONTACT PERSON	
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER / EMAIL ADDRESS	

REFERENCE CONTACT INFORMATION...

SURVEY DATE	
COMPANY / OWNER'S NAME	
CONTACT PERSON	
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER / EMAIL ADDRESS	
CONTRACT AMOUNT (\$)	
% COMPLETED / COMPLETED	
IF NOT COMPLETED, ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	

TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE

FACTORS/RATINGS	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNSATISFACTORY	NOT APPLICABLE
Completion of major tasks / milestones / deliverables on schedule.						
Responsiveness to changes in technical direction.						
Ability to identify risk factors and alternatives for alleviating risk.						
Ability to identify and solve problems expeditiously.						
Ability to employ standard tools / methods.						

MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE

FACTORS/RATINGS	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNSATISFACTORY	NOT APPLICABLE
Overall communication with staff.						
Effectiveness and reliability of Contractor's Key Personnel						
Ability to recruit and maintain qualified personnel.						
Ability to manage multiple tasks from planning through execution.						
Ability to effectively manage subcontractors.						
Overall performance in planning, scheduling, and monitoring.						
Use of management tools (e.g. schedule/task management tools).						

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

FACTORS/RATINGS	YES	NO
Was the project completed on schedule?		
If not, how late was it: _____ < 30 days; _____ < 60 days; _____ < 90 days; _____ > 90 days		
Did the contractor submit unnecessary Change Order requests?		
Were contractor proposals for Change Orders reasonably priced?		
Were there any claims?		
Compliance with labor laws		
Compliance with safety requirements		
Given a choice, would you do business with this contractor again?		

SURVEY COMPLETED BY (PRINT):

SIGNATURE:

VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY SURVEY

SOLICITATION NUMBER AND TITLE:

REFERENCE BEING PROVIDED FOR...

COMPANY NAME
 COMPANY ADDRESS
 CONTACT PERSON
 CONTACT PHONE NUMBER / EMAIL ADDRESS

REFERENCE CONTACT INFORMATION...

SURVEY DATE
 COMPANY / OWNER'S NAME
 CONTACT PERSON
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 CONTRACT AMOUNT (\$)
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Were there any claims?		
Compliance with labor laws		
Compliance with safety requirements		
Given a choice, would you do business with this contractor again?		

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SIGNATURE:

VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY SURVEY

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COMPANY NAME
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If not, how late was it: _____ < 30 days; _____ < 60 days; _____ < 90 days; _____ > 90 days		
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Compliance with labor laws		
Compliance with safety requirements		
Given a choice, would you do business with this contractor again?		

SURVEY COMPLETED BY (PRINT):

SIGNATURE:

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section I – (With or without Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

Office of Labor Relations

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

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

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

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

1. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this contract:

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

2. Changes

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

proposal submitted before final payment of the contract.

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

3. Termination for Convenience and Default

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

4. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

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

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

5. Rights in Data (Ownership and Proprietary Interest)

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

6. Energy Efficiency

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

7. Disputes

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

8. Contract Termination; Debarment

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

9. Assignment of Contract

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

10. Certificate and Release

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

11. Organizational Conflicts of Interest

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

12. Inspection and Acceptance

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

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

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

13. Interest of Members of Congress

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

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

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

15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Prohibition.

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

- (ii) The prohibition does not apply as follows:

(1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Professional and technical services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) Selling activities by independent sales representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16. Equal Employment Opportunity

During the performance of this contract, the

Contractor/Seller agrees as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17. Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information

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

19. Contractor's Status

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

20. Other Contractors

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

21. Liens

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

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

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

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

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

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

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section II – (With Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing
Office of Labor Relations
OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (exp. 11/30/2023)

Public Reporting Burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and an applicant is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

- 1) Non-construction contracts (*without* maintenance) greater than \$150,000 - use Section I;
- 2) Maintenance contracts (including nonroutine maintenance as defined at 24 CFR 905.200) greater than \$2,000 but not more than \$150,000 - use Section II; and
- 3) Maintenance contracts (including nonroutine maintenance), greater than \$150,000 – use Sections I and II.

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

1. Minimum Wages

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

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

2. Withholding of funds

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

3. Records

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

4. Apprentices and Trainees

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

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

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

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

5. Disputes concerning labor standards

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

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

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

6. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

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

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

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

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

7. Subcontracts

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

8. Non-Federal Prevailing Wage Rates

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