



**REQUEST FOR QUOTES #2024-008**  
**Landlord/Tenant Matters for Forcible Entry and Detainer**  
**(FED) Legal Services**

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**



**Dwayne Alexander, CPM**  
**Executive Director**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 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 unincorporated 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 2,536 public housing units in 24 communities. VIHA's mission is to create vibrant, dynamic, sustainable communities so families can evolve economically, improve lives, strengthen communities through quality, safe, and affordable housing, and provide various 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 1,455 eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. The vouchers help low-income families rent affordable housing of their choice from private landlords in the Territory and are funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

VIHA has a professional management and maintenance team and administers over a \$41 million annual budget, including the capital outlays for comprehensive improvements. Funding sources include the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), rental income, and limited other income. As one of the largest affordable housing providers in the Virgin Islands, VIHA has extensive experience in managing and developing residential rental properties.

#### 1. 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, outline the process for evaluating quotes, and selecting subsequent Contractor(s) to provide legal services to the Virgin Islands Housing Authority staff in connection with landlord/tenant matters for forcible entry and detainer proceedings before Superior Court which involve formal appearances and resolution of cases by Attorney for both St. Thomas and St. Croix districts. Services shall be assigned on a case-by-case basis by numbered written Assignments.

All procurement actions facilitated by VIHA will be conducted openly, transparently, and competitively. VIHA will take into account competitive pricing, quality of work, reputation, referrals, and understanding of the solicited deliverables and/or requirements with each transaction. VIHA supports the solicitation of quotes from all markets with no geographical preferences and gives ALL qualified businesses, including those that are owned by minorities, women, and small business enterprises, the 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.*

#### 2. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

MILESTONES	DATE AND/OR TIME
RFQ Released	Wednesday, March 27, 2024
Deadline for Questions	Wednesday, April 3, 2024, by 12:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME
Quote Due Date and Time	Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 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 an addendum to this RFQ. Addenda to this RFQ will only be issued and posted on VIHA's website at <http://www.vihousing.org>.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS

All communications regarding this RFQ shall be in writing and **must** be directed to the following Point of Contact, VIHA's only point of contact for this RFQ.

#### RFQ POINT OF CONTACT

Marilyn Miller  
Procurement Manager  
Virgin Islands Housing Authority  
Procurement Department  
9900 Oswald Harris Court  
St. Thomas, VI 00802-3100  
Email: [mmiller@vihousing.org](mailto:mmiller@vihousing.org)

**NOTICE: Unauthorized contact regarding this RFQ with other employees of VIHA may result in disqualification from this procurement action.**

1. VIHA has assigned the following identification number that must be referenced in all communications regarding the RFQ:  
**RFQ# 2024-008**
2. Any oral communications shall be considered unofficial and non-binding with regard to this RFQ.
3. Each Respondent shall assume the risk of the method of dispatching any communication or quotation to VIHA. VIHA assumes no responsibility for delays or delivery failures resulting from the method of dispatch.
4. VIHA reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, the appropriate and adequate responses to written comments, questions, and requests for clarification.
5. VIHA's official responses and other official communications pursuant to this RFQ shall constitute an amendment to this RFQ.
6. Only VIHA's official, written responses and communications shall be considered binding with regard to this RFQ.
7. VIHA reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, the method of conveying official responses and communications pursuant to this RFQ.

### 4. SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

The selected Law Firm(s) will provide legal services to the Virgin Islands Housing Authority staff in connection with landlord/tenant matters for forcible entry and detainer proceedings before the Superior Court, which involves formal appearances and resolution of cases by the Attorney for both St. Thomas and St. Croix districts. Services shall be assigned on a case-by-case basis by numbered written Assignments.

### 5. CONTRACT PERIOD

The Contractor shall complete all work hereunder within the terms of the contract. The contract period shall be for twelve (12) months from the Execution Date of the Contract.

**6. OPTION TO EXTEND**

The contract shall have an option to extend for up to two (2) additional twelve (12) month period. The total contract period shall not exceed three (3) years from the Effective Date of the contract, i.e., the date on which the original contract is executed by VIHA.

**7. QUOTE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

All quotes must be submitted on the Quote Forms provided by VIHA (see EXHIBIT A). Failure to provide a quote for each item delineated on the Quote Forms 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.

**8. MANDATORY FORMS SUBMISSION**

**Each Respondent must submit the following:**

- EXHIBIT A - Quote Form
- Copy of Valid Business License
- EXHIBIT C - Required Representations and Certifications
- EXHIBIT E - Respondent Disclosure Certification
- EXHIBIT H - Contractor Responsibility Surveys

*Please provide the names, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least five (5) references who may be contacted and who have used your organization's services. References submitted **must** address the Respondent's experience in the areas requested within this RFQ.)*

**The successful Respondent(s) will be required to submit mandatory VIHA forms and affidavits within seven (7) days of notice of award.** The mandatory forms will be forwarded to the successful Respondents *prior* to contract award. Forms should be completed, signed, and notarized where required or marked "not applicable" where appropriate. The mandatory forms are:

- EXHIBIT B - W-9 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification
- EXHIBIT D - Principal Personnel Disclosure Statement Certification and Instructions
- EXHIBIT F - HUD-50071 - Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions
- EXHIBIT G - Subcontractor Data Form
- EXHIBIT I - H.U.D. Form 5370-C - General Contract Conditions Non-Construction

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

**9. TAXES**

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

**10. ACCEPTANCE PERIOD**

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

**11. 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 accepted. No signatures shall be in pencil.

**12. SUBMISSION OF QUOTATIONS**

Quotes must be submitted to the VIHA electronically by the Quote Due Date and Time. Respondents shall email completed quotes to the VIHA by email to [mmiller@vihousing.org](mailto:mmiller@vihousing.org) in PDF format. The "Subject" line of the email should state, "[name of firm] **Landlord/Tenant Matters for Forcible Entry and Detainer (FED) Legal Services**" Please exercise caution in creating your electronic file.

**All quotes received after the noted date and time will be deemed "non-responsive."**

**13. 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.

**14. 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 to withdraw or modify the Respondent's quote after such documents are opened.

**15. 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.

**16. 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. Where warranted and before awarding a contract, VIHA shall review the proposed Contractor's ability to perform the contract successfully, considering factors such as the Contractor's integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance (including vendor performance reports and contacting previous clients of the Contractor), and financial and technical resources. Contracts shall not be awarded to debarred, suspended, or ineligible Contractors. VIHA shall not contract with firms and/or individuals listed on List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs. VIHA shall review the System for Award Management ("S.A.M.") (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. If a prospective Contractor is found to be non-responsible, a written determination of non-responsibility shall be prepared, and the prospective Contractor shall be advised of the reasons for the determination.

**17. 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 H.U.D., VIHA strongly encourages Section 3 participation.

**18. 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.

**19. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**External Organizational Conflicts**

The 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, any member of the employee's immediate family, or the employee's partner.

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

**Internal Organizational Conflicts**

It is VIHA's policy to avoid situations that 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 that 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") that 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 an 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, 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.

## 20. 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.

- Worker's Compensation, in accordance with the laws of the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands (minimum of \$50,000)
  - General Liability covering bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage in an amount not less than \$500,000.00
  - Automotive Liability covering bodily injury and property damage in an amount not less than \$50,000.00.
- A. **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 that arise out of any action or omission of the Contractor or any of its officers, employees or agents, which agrees 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.
- B. **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.

Each such policy will not be canceled or materially changed or altered without first giving thirty (30) days written notice thereof to Marilyn Miller, Procurement Manager, Procurement Department, 9900 Oswald Harris Court, St. Thomas, VI 00802-3100, sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.



**21. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

The Contracting Officer for this contract will be Dwayne Alexander, CPM, Executive Director. The Contracting Officer is responsible for the final approval and acceptance of all services rendered.

**22. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE AND DEFAULT**

VIHA reserves the right to terminate this contract without prior notification for reasons it deems in the best interest of VIHA in accordance with Clause 4 of the H.U.D. Form 5370-C – General Contract Conditions Non-Construction. If terminated, VIHA will notify the Contractor of the termination in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall pay the Contractor for services rendered prior to the Contractor's receipt of notice of the contract termination.

**23. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

The Contractor shall comply 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), the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 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. To the extent the work required under this contract is related to development, the Contractor shall further comply with the applicable Annual Contributions Contract (A.C.C.) related to such development. To the extent such work is related to a mixed-finance development, the Contractor shall comply with the provisions of 24 CFR 941.208. At the Contractor's expense, the Contractor shall obtain such permits, certificates, and licenses as may be required in the performance of the work specified.

**24. FUNDING LIMITATIONS**

VIHA shall not be bound to any contract if funding has been disallowed by H.U.D.

# ATTACHMENTS

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# Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

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



## 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

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**RFQ #2024-008 - Landlord/Tenant Matters for Forcible Entry and Detainer (FED) Legal Services EXHIBIT A - QUOTE FORM**

**FORM INSTRUCTIONS**

Quotes shall include all travel expenses, wages, supplies, and materials necessary to perform work under the terms and conditions of this Proposal. 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 offer shall subject the offer to rejection. If the Respondent wishes to include additional information, the Respondent may do so with attachments. **All quotes must be submitted using the form provided by VIHA.** Failure to provide a quote for each community delineated on this form may result in the offer being determined "non-responsive" and subsequently disqualified from consideration. **Quotes should insert the words "No Quote" in the space provided for which no price is submitted. Please type all prices.**

The legal services fee information should be structured in the following manner:

	FEE PER CASE		30 CASES APPEARANCE Minimum two (2) cases per appearance		AFTER 30 CASES APPEARANCE Based on a minimum of two (2) cases per appearance	
Forcible Entry and Detainer (FED) Court Appearance	STT	STX	STT	STX	STT	STX
Attorney	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	CASES FILED AND GOES TO COURT		CASES SETTLED BEFORE JUDGEMENT			
Debt Actions of \$5,000 and above	\$	\$	\$	\$		

\_\_\_\_\_ (CORPORATE NAME ATTACHED TO FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER) has thoroughly read RFQ #2024-008 - Landlord/Tenant Matters for Forcible Entry and Detainer (FED) Legal Services and all associated Addenda (if applicable) and can provide the services as described in the offer submitted on this Quote Form.

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CORPORATE OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO BIND RESPONDENT**

DATE	
COMPANY PROVIDING QUOTE	
NAME/TITLE OF PERSON PROVIDING QUOTE	
COMPANY ADDRESS	
COMPANY PHONE NUMBER	
PERSON PROVIDING OFFER E-MAIL ADDRESS	
SIGNATURE OF PERSON PROVIDING QUOTE	

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

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

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

### 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.

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### Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

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

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

**Sign Here**

Signature of U.S. person ▶

Date ▶

## General Instructions

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

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

## 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



**VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY  
REQUIRED REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

(B) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (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 I 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*

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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 <u>all other officers and assistant officers</u> (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)
	Signature	Signature	Signature
	Title	Title	Title
	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
Name	
Title	

Sworn to and subscribed  
Before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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:

- 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
- Type of involvement (principal, officer, employees, etc.)
- Name & address of business
- Social Security numbers or Taxpayer Identification Number
- Other pertinent information\*

# Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions

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

OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (Exp. 03/31/2020)

EXHIBIT F

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 women or women who are U.S. citizens and who also control and operate the business.

**SECTION 3** refers to Section 3 Rule (24 CFR Part 75)

**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.

**Reproduce form as necessary.**

VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY SURVEY						
<b>SOLICITATION NUMBER AND TITLE:</b> RFQ #2024-008 Landlord/Tenant Matters for Forcible Entry and Detainer (FED) Legal Servi						
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?						
<b>SURVEY COMPLETED BY (PRINT):</b>				<b>SIGNATURE:</b>		



<b>VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY SURVEY</b>						
<b>SOLICITATION NUMBER AND TITLE:</b> RFQ #2024-008 Landlord/Tenant Matters for Forcible Entry and Detainer (FED) Legal Servi						
<b>REFERENCE BEING PROVIDED FOR...</b>						
COMPANY NAME						
COMPANY ADDRESS						
CONTACT PERSON						
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER / EMAIL ADDRESS						
<b>REFERENCE CONTACT INFORMATION...</b>						
SURVEY DATE						
COMPANY / OWNER'S NAME						
CONTACT PERSON						
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER / EMAIL ADDRESS						
CONTRACT AMOUNT (\$)						
% COMPLETED / COMPLETED						
IF NOT COMPLETED, ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE						
<b>TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE</b>						
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.						
<b>MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE</b>						
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).						
<b>CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION</b>						
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?						
<b>SURVEY COMPLETED BY (PRINT):</b>	<b>SIGNATURE:</b>					



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**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.						
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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

# 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. 3/31/2020)

EXHIBIT I

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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 \$105,000 - use Section I;
- 2) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance as defined at 24 CFR 968.105) greater than \$2,000 but not more than \$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 there of which are not disposed of by agreement, shall be resolved under this clause.
- (b) All claims by the Contractor shall be made in writing and submitted to the HA. A claim by the HA against the Contractor shall be subject to a written decision by the HA.
- (c) The HA shall, with reasonable promptness, but in no event in no more than 60 days, render a decision concerning any claim hereunder. Unless the Contractor, within 30 days after receipt of the HA's decision, shall notify the HA in writing that it takes exception to such decision, the decision shall be final and conclusive.
- (d) Provided the Contractor has (i) given the notice within the time stated in paragraph (c) above, and (ii) excepted its claim relating to such decision from the final release, and (iii) brought suit against the HA not later than one year after receipt of final payment, or if final payment has not been made, not later than one year after the Contractor has had a reasonable time to respond to a written request by the HA that it submit a final voucher and release, whichever is earlier, then the HA's decision shall not be final or conclusive, but the dispute shall be determined on the merits by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (e) The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal, or action arising under the contract, and comply with any decision of the HA.

#### 8. Contract Termination; Debarment

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

#### 9. Assignment of Contract

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

#### 10. Certificate and Release

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

#### 11. Organizational Conflicts of Interest

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

#### 12. Inspection and Acceptance

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

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

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

### 13. Interest of Members of Congress

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

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

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

### 15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Prohibition.

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

(ii) The prohibition does not apply as follows:

- (1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.
- (a) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in paragraph (i) of this section, does not apply in the case of a payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, if the payment is for agency and legislative activities not directly related to a covered Federal action.
- (b) For purposes of paragraph (b)(i)(1)(a) of this clause, providing any information specifically requested by an agency or Congress is permitted at any time.
- (c) The following agency and legislative liaison activities are permitted at any time only where they are not related to a specific solicitation for any covered Federal action:
- (1) Discussing with an agency (including individual demonstrations) the qualities and characteristics of the person's products or services, conditions or terms of sale, and service capabilities; and,
  - (2) Technical discussions and other activities regarding the application or adaptation of the person's products or services for an agency's use.
  - (d) The following agency and legislative liaison activities are permitted where they are prior to formal solicitation of any covered Federal action:
    - (1) Providing any information not specifically requested but necessary for an agency to make an informed decision about initiation of a covered Federal action;
    - (2) Technical discussions regarding the preparation of an unsolicited proposal prior to its official submission; and
    - (3) Capability presentations by persons seeking awards from an agency pursuant to the provisions of the Small Business Act, as amended by Public Law 95-507 and other subsequent amendments.
  - (e) Only those activities expressly authorized by subdivision (b)(ii)(1)(a) of this clause are permitted under this clause.
- (2) Professional and technical services.
- (a) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in subparagraph (b)(i) of this clause, does not apply in the case of-
- (i) A payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action, if payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action.
  - (ii) Any reasonable payment to a person, other than an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action if the payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action. Persons other than officers or employees of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action include consultants and trade associations.
  - (b) For purposes of subdivision (b)(ii)(2)(a) of clause, "professional and technical services" shall be limited to advice and analysis directly applying any professional or technical discipline.
  - (c) Requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving a covered Federal award include those required by law or regulation, or reasonably expected to be required by law or regulation, and any other requirements in the actual award documents.
  - (d) Only those services expressly authorized by subdivisions (b)(ii)(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of this section are permitted under this clause.
    - (iii) Selling activities by independent sales representatives.
- (c) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in subparagraph (b)(i) of this clause, does not apply to the following selling activities before an agency by independent sales representatives, provided such activities are prior to formal solicitation by an agency and are specifically limited to the merits of the matter:
- (i) Discussing with an agency (including individual demonstration) the qualities and characteristics of the person's products or services, conditions or terms of sale, and service capabilities; and
  - (ii) Technical discussions and other activities regarding the application or adaptation of the person's products or services for an agency's use.
- (d) Agreement. In accepting any contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or loan resulting from this solicitation, the person submitting the offer agrees not to make any payment prohibited by this clause.
- (e) Penalties. Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under paragraph (b) of this clause shall be subject to civil penalties as provided for by 31 U.S.C. 1352. An imposition of a civil penalty does not prevent the Government from seeking any other remedy that may be applicable.
- (f) Cost Allowability. Nothing in this clause is to be interpreted to make allowable or reasonable any costs which would be unallowable or unreasonable in accordance with Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), or OMB Circulars dealing with cost allowability for recipients of assistance agreements. Conversely, costs made specifically unallowable by the requirements in this clause will not be made allowable under any of the provisions of FAR Part 31 or the relevant OMB Circulars.

**16. Equal Employment Opportunity**

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

- (a) The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (b) The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to (1) employment; (2) upgrading; (3) demotion; (4) transfer; (5) recruitment or recruitment advertising; (6) layoff or termination; (7) rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and (8) selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- (c) The Contractor shall post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment the notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer that explain this clause.
- (d) The Contractor shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (e) The Contractor shall send, to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, the notice to be provided by the Contracting Officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this clause, and post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (f) The Contractor shall comply with Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (g) The Contractor shall furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246, as amended and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto. The Contractor shall permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (h) In the event of a determination that the Contractor is not in compliance with this clause or any rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts, or federally assisted construction contracts under the procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246, as amended. In addition, sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked against the Contractor as provided in Executive Order 11246, as amended, the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (i) The Contractor shall include the terms and conditions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued under Executive Order 11246, as amended, so that these terms and conditions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontractor or purchase order as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Labor may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance; provided that if the

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

**17. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information**

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

**18. Contractor's Status**

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

**19. Other Contractors**

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

**20. Liens**

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

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

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

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

- (d) The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.
- (e) The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.
- (f) Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

## 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.