



**Maryland Stadium Authority**

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**KEY INFORMATION SUMMARY SHEET**

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**Procurement Method:** Competitive Sealed Proposals

**MBE Participation Goal:** 10% overall

**Pre-Proposal  
Conference:** January 14, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., (Local Time)

**Closing Date and Time  
Technical and Financial  
Proposals:** February 4, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., (Local Time)

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## SECTION 1

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1.1 Summary Statement

The Maryland Stadium Authority (“MSA”) is issuing this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to select a Code Compliance Services firm to provide third party plan review and third party code inspection services for various school projects under the Built to Learn Act of 2020 (“the Act”). The Act authorizes MSA to engage in the renovation and/or replacement of K-12 buildings throughout the state and will be implemented and administered through a combination of MSA and staff from various Local Educational Agencies (“LEAs”).

#### 1.2 Abbreviations and Definitions

For purposes of this RFP, the following abbreviations and terms have the meanings indicated below:

- a. **A/E** - The team of architects, engineers, and other professional architectural/engineering firms required and assembled to perform the feasibility studies and/or design and construction administration services associated with the Program.
- b. **The Act** – The Built to Learn Act of 2020. Also, referred to as “BTL”.
- c. **Contract** - The written agreement entered into between MSA and the selected Offeror. The Contract will include all general terms and conditions, and will incorporate the entire RFP, including any amendments and addenda to the RFP, and all or indicated portions of the selected Offeror’s proposal. A sample contract is attached hereto as **Attachment H**.
- i. **COMAR** - Code of Maryland Regulations (available at [www.dsd.state.md.us](http://www.dsd.state.md.us)).
- j. **eMMA** - eMaryland Marketplace Advantage (<https://emma.maryland.gov/>).
- k. **IAC** - Interagency Committee on School Construction.
- l. **LEED** - A third-party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

- m. **Local Time** – Time in the Eastern Time Zone as observed by the State.
- n. **MBE** –Minority Business Enterprise certified by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).
- o. **MSA** – Maryland Stadium Authority ([www.mdstad.com](http://www.mdstad.com))
- p. **MSA Business Hours** – 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., local time, Monday through Friday, excluding State holidays.
- q. **MSA Procurement Policies** – MSA procurement policies and procedures (available at [www.mdstad.com/contracting](http://www.mdstad.com/contracting)).
- r. **Offeror** - An entity that submits a Proposal in response to this RFP.
- s. **Procurement Officer (PO)** – The MSA representative responsible for this RFP. MSA may change the Procurement Officer at any time and will provide written notice to the Offerors of any such change
- t. **Project** – A specific City Schools building as identified in the RFP.
- u. **Proposal** - The submissions provided by Offerors in response to this RFP.
- v. **RFP** - This Request for Proposals, as amended via any addendum to the RFP.
- w. **Selection Committee**- The representatives of the MSA and City Schools selecting the Consultant.
- x. **State** - The State of Maryland.

### **1.3 Contract Type**

The contract that results from this RFP will include a fixed fee for professional services and a contingency amount to be used by MSA in its sole discretion. After execution, the Contract amount shall not be exceeded without the necessary contract modification.

### **1.4 Contract Duration**

The term of the Contract will be for a period necessary to complete the scope of work and as agreed upon by MSA and the Consultant.

### **1.5 Procurement Officer**

The sole point-of-contact for purposes of this RFP is the Procurement Officer listed below:

**Paige Stinnett**  
**Maryland Stadium Authority**  
**351 West Camden Street, Suite 300**  
**Baltimore, Maryland 21201**  
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MSA may change the Procurement Officer at any time and will provide written notice to the Offerors.

## **1.6 Pre-Proposal Conference**

A web pre-proposal conference (Conference) will be held on January 14, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. (Local Time). Attendance at the Conference is not mandatory but strongly recommended. Please use this link to register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/v8b6fXMXTmu5ly3yu89c-A>

## **1.7 The Project Manager**

The Project Manager is:

Dawn Sanders  
Maryland Stadium Authority  
351 West Camden Street, Suite 300  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

MSA may change the Project Manager at any time by written notice to the Consultant.

## **1.8 e-Maryland Marketplace Advantage**

In order to receive a contract award, a vendor must be registered on eMMA. Registration is free. Go here to register:  
<https://emma.maryland.gov/> click on “Registration” to begin the process and follow the prompts.

## **1.9 Questions**

Questions regarding this RFP shall be submitted electronically in Word or PDF formats via the following link no later than **1:00 pm (Local Time) on January 16, 2025:**

<https://mdstad.sharefile.com/r-r5d47355b07bd440b8b489a8d856011bb>

Please include information regarding the name of the firm,

representative's name, and contact information. Based on the availability of time to research and communicate an answer, the Procurement Officer will decide whether an answer can be given before the proposal closing date. Answers to all substantive questions that have not previously been answered, and are not clearly specific to the requestor, will be responded via addendum.

### **1.10 Proposal Closing Date and Time**

In order to be considered, **both** Technical and Financial Proposals must be uploaded to the following links no later than **February 4, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. (Local Time)**:

Link to upload technical Proposals:

<https://mdstad.sharefile.com/r-r6bfca2ecd46f4238b80cbd1cea5ffad2>

Link to upload password protected financial Proposals:

<https://mdstad.sharefile.com/r-r2b656bfb9a6443ca8d8589doaae8b813>

Requests for extension of the Closing date or time will not be granted. Offerors shall allow sufficient electronic transmission time to ensure timely receipt. Proposals received by MSA after the deadline will not be considered. Proposals will not be reviewed publicly.

### **1.11 Oral Presentations**

Short-listed Offerors may be required to make oral presentations to the Selection Committee. If required, oral presentations shall take place on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Significant representations made by an Offeror during the oral presentation must be confirmed in writing. All such representations will become part of the Offeror's Proposal and are binding if a Contract is awarded resulting from this RFP.

### **1.12 Duration of Offer**

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP are irrevocable for **180 days** following the closing date for proposals. This period may be extended at the Procurement Officer's request only with the Offeror's written agreement.

### **1.13 Proposal Affidavit**

A completed Bid/Proposal Affidavit must accompany the Proposal submitted by an Offeror. A copy of this Affidavit is included as **Attachment A** of this RFP.

#### **1.14 Contract Affidavit**

All Offerors are advised that if a contract is awarded as a result of this RFP, the successful Offeror will be required to complete a Contract Affidavit. A copy of this Affidavit is included for informational purposes only as **Attachment C** of this RFP. This Affidavit must be provided within 5 business days after notification of proposed contract award.

#### **1.15 Procurement Method**

The Contract resulting from this RFP will be awarded in accordance with the Competitive Sealed Proposals process under Section 3 (C) of MSA's Procurement Policies. MSA's Procurement Policies are available for review on MSA's website at [www.mdstad.com](http://www.mdstad.com) or may be obtained by contacting the Procurement Officer.

#### **1.16 Arrearages**

By submitting a response to this RFP, an Offeror represents that it is not in arrears in the payment of any obligations due and owing the State of Maryland, including, by way of example only, the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and that it will not become so in arrears during the term of the Contract if selected for contract award.

#### **1.17 Revisions to the RFP**

If it becomes necessary to revise this RFP before the closing date and time for proposals, an addendum/addenda will be issued to prospective Offerors that received this RFP. Addenda made after the closing date for proposals will be sent only to those Offerors who submitted a responsive and timely proposal, or to firms that were short-listed to participate in the next phase of the procurement process. Acknowledgment of the receipt of all addenda to this RFP issued before the proposal closing date and time must accompany the Offeror's Proposal as identified in Section 4. Acknowledgement of the receipt of addenda to the RFP issued after the proposal closing date shall be in the manner specified in the addendum notice. Failure to acknowledge receipt of addenda does not relieve the Offeror from complying with all terms of any such document.

#### **1.18 Cancellations; Discussions**

MSA reserves the right to cancel this RFP, to accept or reject any and all proposals, in whole or in part, received in response to this RFP, to waive or permit cure of minor irregularities, and to conduct discussions with any or all qualified or potentially qualified Offerors in any manner necessary to serve the best interests of MSA and City Schools. This may be followed by submission of Offeror-revised Proposals and best and final offers ("BAFO"). MSA also reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to award a contract based upon written



proposals received, without prior discussions or negotiations.

### **1.19 False Statements**

MSA incorporates by reference the provisions of Section 11-205.1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland regarding truthfulness in the information included in the contract documents. Offeror shall comply with the obligations set forth therein, including, without limitation, the following:

- a) In connection with a procurement contract, a person may not willfully:
  - 1) Falsify, conceal, or suppress a material fact by any scheme or device;
  - 2) Make a false or fraudulent statement or representation of a material fact; or
  - 3) Use a false writing or document that contains a false or fraudulent statement or entry of a material fact.
- b) A person may not aid or conspire with another person to commit an act under subsection of this section.
- c) A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or imprisonment not exceeding five years or both.

### **1.20 Minority Business Enterprise**

Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to respond to this solicitation. The Offeror shall submit a completed D-1A form with its technical Proposal. Please refer to the Key Information Summary Sheet of this RFP.

- a. An overall MBE subcontractor participation goal as identified in the Key Information Summary Sheet has been established for this procurement, representing a percentage of the total Contract dollar value, including all renewal option terms, if any.
- b. Notwithstanding any subgoals established for this RFP, the A/E is encouraged to use a diverse group of subcontractors and suppliers from any/all of the various MBE classifications to meet the remainder of the overall MBE participation goal.
- c. By submitting a response to this solicitation, the Offeror acknowledges the overall MBE subcontractor participation goal and subgoals, and commits to achieving the overall goal and subgoals by utilizing certified minority business enterprises, or requests a full or partial waiver of the overall goal and subgoals.
- d. An Offeror that does not commit to meeting the entire MBE participation goal outlined in this Section 1.20 must submit a request for waiver with

its proposal submission that is supported by good faith efforts documentation to meet the MBE goal made prior to submission of its proposal as outlined in Attachment D-1B, Waiver Guidance. Failure of an Offeror to properly complete, sign, and submit Attachment D-1A at the time it submits its technical Proposal to the RFP will result in the State's rejection of the Offeror's Proposal. This failure is not curable.

e. Attachments:

1. Minority Business Enterprise instructions, and forms are provided in Attachment D to assist Offerors.
2. The Offeror shall include with its technical Proposal a completed MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit (Attachment D-1A) whereby:
  - a.) The Offeror acknowledges the certified MBE participation goal and commits to make a good faith effort to achieve the goal and any applicable subgoals, or requests a waiver, and affirms that MBE subcontractors were treated fairly in the solicitation process; and
  - b.) The Offeror responds to the expected degree of MBE participation, as stated in the solicitation, by identifying the specific commitment of certified MBEs at the time of Proposal submission. The Offeror shall specify the percentage of total contract value associated with each MBE subcontractor identified on the MBE participation schedule, including any work performed by the MBE prime (including a prime participating as a joint venture) to be counted towards meeting the MBE participation goals.
  - c.) An Offeror requesting a waiver should review Attachment D-1B (Waiver Guidance) and D-1C (Good Faith Efforts Documentation to Support Waiver Request) prior to submitting its request.
  - d.) If the Offeror fails to submit a completed Attachment D-1A with the technical Proposal, as required, the Procurement Officer shall determine that the Proposal is not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.
3. Offerors are responsible for verifying that each MBE (including any MBE prime and MBE prime participating in a joint venture) selected to meet the goal and any subgoals and subsequently identified in Attachment D-1A is appropriately certified by the Maryland Department of Transportation and has the correct NAICS codes allowing it to perform the committed work.

4. Within ten (10) business days from notification that it is the recommended awardee or from the date of the actual award, whichever is earlier, the Offeror must provide the following documentation to the Procurement Officer:
  - a.) Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement (Attachment D-2);
  - b.) MBE Subcontractor/Prime Project Participation Certification (Attachment D-3A/3B);
  - c.) A copy of each subcontract agreement, between the apparent awardee and any proposed MBE subcontractor, that the parties intend to enter into contingent upon the MSA's award of the prime contract. The subcontract agreement must contain all necessary terms, including pricing, required for the MBE to perform its proposed work and for the apparent awardee to pay the MBE for its work during the term of the agreement; and
  - d.) Any other documentation required by the Procurement Officer to ascertain Offeror responsibility in connection with the certified MBE subcontractor participation goal or any applicable subgoals.
  - e.) Further, if the recommended awardee believes a waiver (in whole or in part) of the overall MBE goal or of any applicable subgoal is necessary, the recommended awardee must submit a fully-documented waiver request that complies with COMAR 21.11.03.11. If the recommended awardee fails to return each completed document within the required time, the Procurement Officer may determine that the recommended awardee is not responsible and, therefore, not eligible for Contract award. If the contract has already been awarded, the award is voidable.
  - f. A current directory of certified MBEs is available through the Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT), Office of Minority Business Enterprise, 7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, Maryland 21076. The phone numbers are (410) 865-1269, 1-800-544-6056, or TTY (410) 865-1342. The directory is also available on the MDOT website at <http://mbe.mdot.maryland.gov/directory/>. The most current and up-to-date information on MBEs is available via this website. Only MDOT-certified MBEs may be used to meet the MBE subcontracting goals.
  - g. An Offeror that requests a waiver of the goal or any of the applicable

subgoals will be responsible for submitting the Good Faith Efforts Documentation to Support Waiver Request (Attachment D-1C) and all documentation within ten (10) business days from notification that it is the recommended awardee or from the date of the actual award, whichever is earlier, as required in COMAR 21.11.03.11.

- h. All documents, including the MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit & MBE Participation Schedule (Attachment D-1A), completed and submitted by the Offeror in connection with its certified MBE participation commitment shall be considered a part of the Contract and are hereby expressly incorporated into the Contract by reference thereto. All of the referenced documents will be considered a part of the Proposal for order of precedence purposes (see Sample Contract – Attachment G).
- i. The Offeror is advised that liquidated damages will apply in the event the A/E fails to comply in good faith with the requirements of the MBE program and pertinent Contract.
- j. As set forth in COMAR 21.11.03.12-1(D), when a certified MBE firm participates on a contract as a prime contractor (including a joint-venture where the MBE firm is a partner), a procurement agency may count the distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract that the certified MBE firm performs with its own work force towards fulfilling up to fifty-percent (50%) of the MBE participation goal (overall) and up to one hundred percent (100%) of not more than one of the MBE participation subgoals, if any, established for the contract.

### **1.21 Incurred Expenses; Economy of Preparation**

MSA and/or City Schools will not be responsible for any costs incurred by an Offeror in preparing and submitting a proposal, in making an oral presentation, in providing a demonstration or in performing any other activities relative to this RFP. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of how the Offeror proposes to meet the requirements of this RFP.

### **1.22 Protests/Disputes**

Any protest or dispute related to this RFP or a resulting Contract will be subject to Section 10 of MSA's Procurement Policies and Procedures and the relevant provisions of the Contract. MSA's Procurement Policies are available for review on MSA's website at [www.mdstad.com](http://www.mdstad.com) or may be obtained by contacting the Procurement Officer.

### **1.23 Access to Public Records Act Notice**

An Offeror should give specific attention to the clear identification of those portions of the Proposal that it considers confidential, proprietary commercial information or trade secrets, and provide written justification why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the State under the Public Information Act, Title 4 of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Offerors are advised that, upon request for this information from a third party, the Procurement Officer is required to make an independent determination whether the information may be disclosed.

### **1.24 Offeror Responsibilities**

The Consultant shall be responsible for all products and services required by this RFP. Subconsultants must be identified, and a complete description of their roles relative to the Proposal must be included in the Proposal. The Consultant retains responsibility for all work to be performed by and any deliverable submitted by a subconsultant. If an Offeror that seeks to perform or provide the services required by this RFP is the subsidiary of another entity, all information submitted by the Offeror such as, but not limited to, references and financial reports, shall pertain exclusively to the Offeror, unless the parent organization will guarantee the performance of the subsidiary. If applicable, the Offeror's proposal must contain an explicit statement that the parent organization will guarantee the performance of the subsidiary.

### **1.25 Patents, Copyrights, and Intellectual Property**

a) If the Consultant furnishes any design, device, material, process or other item that is covered by a patent or copyright or that is proprietary to or a trade secret of another, it shall obtain the necessary permission or license to permit MSA to use such item.

b) The Consultant will defend or settle, at its own expense, any claim or suit against MSA alleging that any such item furnished by the Consultant infringes any patent, trademark, copyright, or trade secret. If a third party claims that a product infringes that party's patent, trademark, copyright or trade secret, the Consultant will defend MSA against that claim at the Consultant's expense and will pay all damages, costs, and attorneys fees that a court finally awards, provided MSA: (i) promptly notifies Consultant in writing of the claim; and (ii) allows the Consultant to control and cooperates with the Consultant in, the defense and any related settlement negotiations. The obligations of this paragraph are in addition to those stated in the next paragraph.

c) If any products furnished by the Consultant become, or in the Consultant's opinion are likely to become, the subject of a claim of

infringement, the Consultant will, at its option and expense: (i) procure for MSA the right to continue using the applicable item; (ii) replace the product with a non-infringing product substantially complying with the item's specifications; or (iii) modify the item so that it becomes non-infringing and performs in a substantially similar manner to the original item.

#### **1.26 Non-Availability of Funding**

If the General Assembly fails to appropriate funds or if funds are not otherwise made available for continued performance for any fiscal period of a contract succeeding the first fiscal period, the contract shall be canceled automatically as of the beginning of the fiscal year for which funds were not appropriated or otherwise made available; provided, however, that this will not affect the rights of the Consultant and MSA under any termination clause in the contract. The effect of termination of the contract hereunder will be to discharge the Consultant and MSA from future performance of the contract, but not from their rights and obligations existing at the time of termination. The Consultant shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any nonrecurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the contract. MSA shall notify the Consultant as soon as it has knowledge that funds may not be available for the continuation of the contract for each succeeding fiscal period beyond the first.

#### **1.27 Financial Disclosure**

The Consultant shall comply with Section 13-221 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State or its agencies during a calendar year under which the business is to receive in the aggregate, \$100,000 or more, shall, within 30 days after the aggregate value of these contracts, leases or other agreements reaches \$100,000, file with the Secretary of the State of Maryland certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

#### **1.28 Non-Exclusive Use**

Neither this RFP nor any resulting Contract shall be construed to require MSA to use any Offeror or exclusively use the Consultant for the services described in this RFP. MSA reserves the right to obtain services of any nature from other sources when it is in the best interest of MSA to do so and without notice to any party. MSA makes no guarantees that it will purchase any products or services from the Consultant resulting from this RFP.

### **1.29 Sustainability Policies**

MSA is committed to procuring all supplies, services, maintenance, construction, and architect-engineer services in a manner consistent with the promotion of sound environmental practices. Moreover, MSA has committed to certain environmental standards as more fully set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding, identified in this RFP in Section 3. All goods and services provided in response to this solicitation shall conform to those environmental standards.

### **1.30 Payments by Electronic Fund Transfer**

By submitting a response to this RFP, the Offeror agrees to accept payments by electronic funds transfer (EFT). A form will be provided to the selected Offeror.

### **1.31 Confidentiality**

Subject to the Maryland Public Information Act and any other applicable laws, all confidential or proprietary information and documentation relating to either party to a Contract resulting from this RFP (including without limitation any information or data stored within the Consultant's computer systems) shall be held in absolute confidence by the other party. Each party shall, however, be permitted to disclose relevant confidential information to its officers, agents, and employees to the extent that such disclosure is necessary for the performance of their duties under the Contract, provided that the data may be collected, used, disclosed, stored, and disseminated only as provided by and consistent with the law. The provisions of this section shall not apply to information that (a) is lawfully in the public domain; (b) has been independently developed by the other party without violation of the Contract; (c) was already in the possession of such party; (d) was supplied to such party by a third-party lawfully in possession thereof and legally permitted to further disclose the information; or (e) such party is required to disclose by law.

### **1.32 Loss of Data**

In the event of loss of any MSA data or records where such loss is due to the intentional act or omission or negligence of the Consultant or any of its subconsultants or agents, the Consultant shall be responsible for recreating such lost data in the manner and on the schedule set by the Procurement Officer. The Consultant shall ensure that all data is backed up and recoverable by the Consultant.

### **1.33 Non-Hiring of Employees**

No official or employee of the State, as defined in State Government Article,

§ 15-102, Annotated Code of Maryland, whose duties as such official or employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this procurement, shall, during the pendency and term of a resulting Contract, and while serving as an official or employee of the State, become or be an employee of the Consultant or any entity that is a subconsultant on said Contract.

### **1.34 Nondiscrimination in Employment**

The Consultant agrees: (a) not to discriminate in any manner against an employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identification, national origin, ancestry, genetic information or any otherwise unlawful use of characteristics, or disability of a qualified individual with a disability unrelated in nature and extent so as to reasonably preclude the performance of the employment, or the individual's (a) refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a genetic test; (b) to include a provision similar to that contained in subsection (a) above in any subcontract except a subcontract for standard commercial supplies or raw materials; and (c) to post, and to cause subconsultants to post, in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the substance of this clause.

### **1.35 Contingent Fee Prohibition**

The Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson or commercial selling agency working for the Consultant, to solicit or secure a Contract, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson or commercial selling agency, any fee or other consideration contingent on the making of a Contract.

### **1.36 Political Contribution Disclosure**

The Consultant shall comply with Election Law Article, §§14-101 to 14-108, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State, a county, or an incorporated municipality, or their agencies, during a calendar year in which the person receives in the aggregate \$100,000 or more, shall file with the State Board of Elections a statement disclosing contributions in excess of \$500 made during the reporting period to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election. The statement shall be filed with the State Board of Elections (1) before a purchase or execution of a lease or contract by the State, a county, an incorporated municipality, or their agencies, and shall cover the preceding two calendar years; and (2) if the contribution is made after the execution of a lease or contract, then twice a year, throughout the



contract term, on: (a) February 5, to cover the 6-month period ending January 31; and (b) August 5, to cover the 6-month period ending July 31.

### **1.37 Verification of Registration and Tax Payment**

Before a corporation can do business in the State, it must be registered with the Department of Assessments and Taxation, State Office Building, Room 803, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. It is strongly recommended that any potential Offeror complete registration prior to the closing date for receipt of Proposals. An Offeror's failure to complete registration with the Department of Assessments and Taxation may disqualify an otherwise successful Offeror from final consideration and recommendation for Contract award.

### **1.38 MBE and Prevailing Wage Compliance System**

As part of MSA's commitment to assist firms in complying with legal and contractual requirements, MSA maintains a web-based MBE and prevailing wage compliance system. The system was designed to provide various work-flow automation features that improve the project reporting process. This system will monitor contract compliance for all BTL Act contracts. The prime firm, its first tier Consultant, and all MBE participation subconsultant awarded contracts will be required to use the web-based system to submit project information including, but not limited to, certification of payments made and received and certified payroll records (if the contract includes prevailing wage and/or workforce development requirements). MSA may require additional information related to the contract to be provided electronically through the system at any time before, during, or after contract award.

### **1.39 Background Checks**

The Consultant and subcontractors who will be working on-site at any of the BTL Act Schools are required to complete and pass background screenings, in accordance with the individual jurisdictions.

### **1.40 Maryland Law**

This RFP and any subsequent RFPs or Contracts shall be construed, interpreted, and enforced according to the laws of the State of Maryland.

## **SECTION 2**

### **OFFEROR'S QUALIFICATIONS**

Offerors should meet these qualifications, at a minimum, for consideration:

- a) The Offeror shall be a firm specializing in providing code compliance services and experienced in reviewing, interpreting, inspecting, and approving items related to the code and,
- b) Has significant experience participating in all phases of a project, including design review, submittal review, construction inspection, and final report sign-off; and,
- c) Has significant experience in providing code compliance services for renovations and replacement projects; and
- d) Has the ability to manage multiple projects in various stages of design and construction at one time;
- e) Has a minimum of five (5) years of demonstrable experience in providing code compliance services.

## SECTION 3

### PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF WORK

#### 3.1 Purpose

The MSA is issuing this Request for Proposals to select a qualified consultant to provide third party plan review and third party code inspection services. For purposes of this solicitation, third party plan review for the MSA designated school projects is defined as the review of construction documents (plans and specifications) in order to certify the following disciplines are in compliance with local building codes: Structural, Non-Structural, Plumbing, Mechanical/HVAC, Electrical, and Elevator. Third party Inspections for the MSA designated schools are defined as field inspections of new construction, additions, alterations, and repairs which are performed by private third party firms in order to certify to the MSA that such work has been constructed in compliance with local building codes. Third party code inspection is required during the construction phase. Third party inspectors will come to the site on as “as needed” basis. Offerors should propose the anticipated number of site visits based on their knowledge of local codes (see **Attachment G**). Also, the Offeror shall be required to provide signed and sealed letters stating that it reviewed the documents and they are in compliance with the local code. These letters shall be provided per project. There shall be evidence that the drawings have been reviewed by a professional engineer.

In response to this RFP, the Offeror shall provide a scope of work document, describing in detail the extent of the construction review services, based on its knowledge of code state and local reviews. MSA may provide a set of drawings as a courtesy copy to the local jurisdictions in order to obtain their comments, and invite to provide field inspections. The selected Offeror will be expected to collaborate with the local jurisdictions, as required.

The MSA will be the final arbiter of code modification/variance issues related to both third party plan review and third party inspection services, but will rely heavily on the selected Offeror to ensure full code compliance. Prior to building occupancy, the selected third party inspector will be required to submit a final inspection report to MSA stating that the completed facility is in compliance with all applicable building codes and the facility is safe and can be occupied.

The scope of work for the MSA third party code compliance services will consist of plan reviews and field inspections for multiple MSA designated schools as preliminarily identified below:

School/Building Name	County	Estimated Square Footage	Type
Baltimore City High School College (Renovation)	Baltimore City	296,975	Renovation
Baltimore Polytechnic Institute/Western HS (Renovation)	Baltimore City	681,095	Renovation
Kent Middle School (Replacement)	Kent County	88,250	Replacement
Place Holder 1	TBD	100,00	Renovation
Place Holder 2	TBD	150,000	Replacement
Place Holder 3	TBD	200,000	Renovation

Architectural/Engineering design firms and their design team members for the MSA designated school projects shall not perform Third Party Plan Review or Inspection Services for that project. The Offeror shall provide an Organizational Chart by project to ensure that no subconsultant is/becomes a member of the A/E Team for a particular project. A/E Design Teams have not been selected for all BTL Act projects. Also, it is expected that the delivery methods for the school construction must be either Construction Manager at Risk or Design/Build.

Offerors acknowledge that their hours provided on the Financial Proposal Form for Third Party Plan Review and Third Party Inspection Services are an estimated number of hours for evaluation purposes totaling a Lump-Sum amount per project.

### 3.2 Scope of Services

#### A. Third Party Plan Review:

The Scope of Work for Third Party Plan Review shall include the following:

- 1. *Applicable Codes:*** Third party plan reviews consist of code compliance with the latest edition of local codes and confirmed by the selected Offeror:

- a. Maryland Building Performance Standards/January 2012
  - b. International Building Code/2012
  - c. National Electrical Code/2011
  - d. International Fuel Gas Code/2012
  - e. International Mechanical Code/2012
  - f. International Plumbing Code/2012.
  - g. International Property Maintenance Code/2012
  - h. International Energy Conservation Code/2012
  - i. International Residential Code, 1- and 2- Family Dwellings/2012
  - j. As supplemented, amended, or otherwise modified by the state/local building, fire, and related codes.
2. **ADA Compliance:** Plan Reviews include full compliance with the *Americans with Disabilities Act* as it applies to the design of school facilities and sites. Reference the *ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities*, the *Maryland Accessibility Code*, and the *International Building Code* for specific project requirements. Accessibility for project site and facilities will be developed in accordance with these guidelines for new construction projects, additions, alterations, renovations, and historic preservation work.
3. **Schedule: Attachment G** includes the proposed third party plan review schedules that include submission reviews, as summarized below. Please note that the dates provided are approximate, for pricing purposes. Final dates shall be established in coordination with the individual project teams.

Third party plan review schedule requirements include the following:

- a. A preliminary code review submission at the 100% design development drawing completion to address applicable building codes, discuss any code issues, discuss submission requirements, and to coordinate delivery of any Early Release Packages.
- b. A Building Code Review submission at the 50% Construction Document (“CD”) drawing completion. As indicated on the schedule, 2 weeks are allocated for the 50% CD third party plan review and the A/E Team response will be incorporated into the 99% CD submission. Any remaining Code Compliance comments will be incorporated into the 100% CDs.

- c. Plan Review services include all coordination (including phone calls, emails, written documentation, and meetings) as required to certify the code compliance of the CDs. Coordinate with the A/E Team and MSA as required.
  - d. After the third party plan review comments are completed and incorporated into the 100% CDs, the third party plan reviewer will provide three (3) full sets of 100% CDs (drawings furnished by the A/E Team) with each drawing page signed and sealed; additionally, submit a third party plan review approval certification letter signed and sealed.
  - e. The MSA may require early release packages such as foundation-to-grade work for some of the MSA designated projects in order to maintain project schedules. Since foundation design work is already included in the project scope of work, there will not be any additional costs for this submission review or any other early packages that would normally be included as part of the 50% CD submission review.
4. ***Plan Review Disciplines:*** Plan review services shall include plans, specifications, and selected shop drawings (i.e. elevator) for the following disciplines:
- a. Structural (includes review of the Geotechnical Report)
  - b. Non-Structural
  - c. Plumbing
  - d. Mechanical/HVAC
  - e. Electrical
  - f. Elevator
5. ***Other Agency Reviews:*** Agency reviews, scheduled by MSA, outside of the third party plan review s include, but not limited to, the following:
- a. Maryland State Fire Marshal
  - b. Local Health Departments
  - c. Maryland State Department of the Environment
  - d. Other Authorities Having Jurisdiction (“AHJs”) reviewing agencies

**B. Third Party Inspections**

During this phase, the A/E shall complete at a minimum, the following:

1. **Applicable Codes:** Third party inspections consist of code compliance to the latest edition of related codes and confirmed by the selected Offeror:
  - a. Maryland Building Performance Standards/January 2012
  - b. International Building Code/2012
  - c. National Electrical Code/ 2011
  - d. International Fuel Gas Code/ 2012
  - e. International Mechanical Code/ 2012
  - f. International Plumbing Code/ 2012.
  - g. International Property Maintenance Code/ 2012
  - h. International Energy Conservation Code/ 2012
  - i. International Residential Code, 1- and 2- Family Dwellings / 2012
2. **ADA Compliance:** Third party inspections include full compliance with the *Americans with Disabilities Act* as it applies to the design of school facilities and sites. Reference the *ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities*, the *Maryland Accessibility Code*, and the *International Building Code* for specific project requirements. Accessibility for project site and facilities will be developed in accordance with these guidelines for new construction projects, additions, alterations, renovations, and historic preservation work.
3. **Schedule: Attachment G** includes the proposed construction dates for the three (3) current MSA designated school projects and possible future projects. Third party inspections will be scheduled by the the construction manager (“CM”) selected to manage the project; Offerors shall anticipate inspections during the designated construction periods for each project. Detailed critical path method construction schedules will be provided by the CM firms for each project. Once request for a field inspection is provided by the CM, the third party inspector will provide a response time of 48 hours (2 business days) or less.
4. **Inspection Disciplines:** Third party inspection services will include inspections of the following building systems:
  - a. Plumbing
  - b. Mechanical/HVAC (including any Boiler and Pressure Vessel

Safety Inspection as required by the State of Maryland Division of Labor and Industry Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety)

- c. Electrical (including any local Gas and Electric required inspections)
- d. Building Construction
- e. Elevator (including all inspections and certifications required by the State of Maryland Commissioner of Labor and Industry Elevator and Escalator Safety)

### **3.3 Professional Liability (“PL”) Insurance Coverage Requirements**

Offerors must be able to demonstrate the ability to meet the PL insurance coverage limits shown below. A statement from the Offeror’s insurance carrier identifying coverage limits and unencumbered balances are required at time of proposal submission. Unless otherwise specified by the Procurement Officer, the minimum limit required is **\$1,000,000 Aggregate**.

Additional PL insurance requirements (upon Project award):

- A. The Consultant shall obtain and maintain, from and after the date of the Contract, PL insurance to protect MSA and the local education authority from damages arising from, and against liability for, errors and omissions in design work performed by the Consultant or any member of the Consultant’s team providing professional architectural and engineering design services.
- B. The Consultant shall furnish evidence demonstrating that the limits of coverage stated above are available and unencumbered by previous losses on the policy. During the Contract term, if the available limits in aggregate fall below 50%, the Consultant shall notify the Procurement Officer and take action promptly to restore the limits to the required level.
- C. Deductibles shall be the responsibility of the Consultant and may not exceed \$25,000 without prior approval by the Procurement Officer.
- D. There shall be no exclusion for environmental claims arising out of the performance of the professional services.
- E. Firms performing work under a joint venture agreement must furnish evidence in the form of an endorsement by the insurer that the joint venture is insured under the policy.



## SECTION 4

### **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND REQUIREMENTS**

#### **4.1 Submission – General Requirements**

Offerors shall submit proposals titled “**BTL - RFP – Code Compliance Services Various Schools– Technical Proposal, or Financial Proposal.**” All pages of each proposal volume must be consecutively numbered from beginning (Page 1) to end (Page “x”). The final page shall state “Final Page.”

Offerors shall submit both technical and financial Proposals, in accordance with this RFP. Technical proposals must be uploaded electronically to the link provided in Section 1.10. **The electronic submissions (formatted as .pdf file) shall include the firm’s name in the file name and shall be formatted so each page can be printed in 8 1/2 x 11.**

After the proposal Closing Date and Time, the Selection Committee will review the Offerors’ technical proposals. Firms deemed as meeting all of the requirements will be ranked and, based on the achieved rankings, selected firms will then be “short listed.” The “short listed” firms may be asked to attend an oral presentation. Offerors that are short-listed to participate in the financial phase of the procurement will receive an e-mail request from the Procurement Officer, requesting the password to their financial proposal. Failure from the Offeror to provide the password within one (1) business day upon request by the Procurement Officer will deem the Offeror’s Proposal not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

Offerors must respond to all requirements identified in the RFP. Offerors who fail to do so may be deemed not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

#### **4.2 Technical Proposal**

This section provides specific instructions for submission of the Offeror’s Technical proposal. The technical proposal shall include:

##### **a) Transmittal Letter**

A transmittal letter must be included in the technical proposal. The purpose of this letter is to transmit the proposal to the Procurement Officer. The transmittal letter should be brief, and signed by an individual who is authorized to commit the Offeror to the services and requirements as stated in this RFP.

**b) Title and Table of Contents**

The technical proposal shall begin with a title page bearing the name and address of the Offeror, point of contact information (including e-mail address), and the title of this RFP. A table of contents for the Proposal should follow the title page. Information that is claimed to be confidential shall be clearly identified. **Unless there is a compelling case, an entire Proposal** should not be labeled confidential; only those portions that can reasonably be shown to be proprietary or confidential should be so labeled.

**c) Executive Summary**

The Offeror shall condense and highlight the contents of the technical proposal in a separate section titled “Executive Summary.” The summary shall identify any exceptions the Offeror has taken to the requirements of this RFP and attachments (including the sample contract), acknowledge the receipt of any addenda associated with this RFP, and identify the tax identification number of the “prime” Offeror. The Executive Summary shall not exceed two (2) pages.

**Warning: Exceptions to terms and conditions may result in having the proposal deemed unacceptable or classified as not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. If an Offeror takes no exception, the Executive Summary should so state.**

**d) Work Plan and Offeror’s Experience**

Section 2 (Offeror’s Qualifications) and Section 3 (Scope of Work) of this RFP, provides Offerors with information on the desired outcome of this solicitation. At a minimum, Offerors shall address the following:

- 1) Demonstrate how it meets the qualifications listed in section 2 of this RFP.
- 2) Offeror’s organization and how it intends to complete the scope of work outlined in the RFP.
- 3) The names, titles, and resumes of the key management and other personnel (staffing plan) directly involved with managing the work that will be required under the Contract. This should include any firms identified as part of the Offeror’s subconsultant team.
- 4) Relevant experience, including specific examples of projects managed within the last five (5) years, and the relevant services provided. Experience should be identified by project type (new construction or renovation), project size, and project value. Schools experience is preferred.

**e) Third Party Plan Review Services**

- 1) Provide a third party plan review organizational chart by project including the lead firm, any subconsultants, and firm point of contact for the disciplines listed below:
  - Structural
  - Non-structural
  - Plumbing
  - Mechanical/HVAC
  - Electrical
  - Elevator
- 2) Provide a resume of experience for each of the firms listed in the organizational chart: include a description of the prior work experience with each other for the listed firms.
- 3) Provide a workload capacity and availability assessment for all firms listed in the organizational chart.
- 4) Provide the names, qualifications, and resumes of all plan review personnel and any relevant certifications, including the organizations, listed below:
  - Education, including any relevant degrees obtained
  - Current registration numbers for Architects and Engineers registered in the State of Maryland
  - Documented years of Plan Review experience
  - International Code Council (ICC) certifications and Continuing Educational Units (C.E.U.'s) obtained
- 5) Provide recommended minimum scope plan review for each of the following disciplines:
  - Structural
  - Non-Structural
  - Mechanical
  - Plumbing
  - Electrical
  - Elevator
- 6) Provide samples of any work product that demonstrates prior experience providing third party plan review services. Examples may include:
  - Plan review code compliance checklist
  - Plan review code deficiency report
  - Review approval certification letter and/or report

**f) Third Party Inspections**

- 1) Provide a third party inspection organizational chart by project, including the lead firm, any subconsultants, and firm point of contact for the disciplines listed below:
  - Professional-in-Charge
  - Plumbing
  - Mechanical/HVAC
  - Electrical
  - Building Construction
  - Elevator
  
- 2) Provide a resume of experience for each of the firms/individuals listed in the organizational chart; include a description of the prior work experience with each other for the listed firms/individuals.
  
- 3) Provide a workload capacity and availability assessment for all firms/individuals listed in the organizational chart that demonstrates the Offeror's ability to provide 48-hour response service concurrently for all schools identified herein.
  
- 4) Provide the names, qualification, and resumes of all Inspection personnel and any relevant certifications from the organizations included below:
  - Education, including any relevant degrees obtained
  - Current registration numbers for any Architects and Engineers registered in the State of Maryland
  - International Code Council (ICC) certifications and Continuing Educational Units (C.E.U.'s) obtained
  - Documented years of experience in Code Compliance Inspections
  - Documented years of Municipal Fire Inspector experience
  - Certification as a State of Maryland Fire Marshal approved Electrical Inspector
  - National Association of Elevator Safety Authorities (NAESA) certification
  - Third Party Elevator Inspector authorized by the State of Maryland Commissioner of Labor and Industry Elevator and Escalator Safety
  
- 5) Provide recommended Minimum Scope of Inspections for each of the following building systems:
  - Plumbing
  - Mechanical/HVAC
  - Electrical
  - Building Construction, Close-In Inspections, and Final

Inspections

- Elevator

- 6) Provide sample inspection report forms for the following:
- Site inspection report, including an example form a previous project
  - Example format of monthly inspection report by project including an example from a previous project
  - Final inspection report, including an example from a previous project
  - Provide a schedule showing the detailed sequence of field inspections anticipated for each of the MSA designated schools. Final sequence of field inspections to be coordinated by the CM once they are engaged.

**Note:** During proposal evaluation, MSA reserves the right to require the Offeror to provide a copy of its most current Annual Report or audited Statement of Financial Condition to include a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement or other acceptable financial information. These documents may be relied upon in any determination regarding the Offeror's financial responsibility.

**g) Subcontractors/Joint Ventures**

Offerors shall identify any known subcontractors/subconsultants and/or joint ventures at the time of proposal submission, if any, and the roles these relationships will have in the performance of the Contract. Upon MSA's request, Offerors shall make available within twenty-four (24) hours all subcontractor/ Joint Venture scope of work documents and proposals.

**h) Other Required Submissions**

In addition, Offerors must submit the following items in the Technical Proposal:

- 1) A completed Bid/Proposal Affidavit (**Attachment A**);
- 2) A completed Conflict of Interest Information/Affidavit and Disclosure (**Attachment B**);
- 3) An accurately completed and signed MBE Form D1-A "MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit and MBE Participation Schedule" (see **Attachment D**). Failure to include and/or accurately complete this form shall result in a determination that the proposal is not susceptible for award.
- 4) Capacity Summary Sheet for Key Management and Personnel (**Attachment E**);
- 5) Corporate Profile (**Attachment K**);
- 6) Verification from the Offeror's insurance carrier/provider

identifying the Offeror's current policy limits and current deductible amounts, including coverage limits for Commercial General Liability, Excess Liability, Automobile, Worker's Comp/Employer Liability, and any additional insurance coverages held by the Offeror are to be identified and submitted.

- 7) A completed Prime Consultant's List of All Subcontractors (**Attachment J**);
- 8) A completed Corporate Diversity Addendum and Affidavit Disclosure (**Attachment M**).

### **4.3 Financial Proposal**

#### **a) Required Submissions**

Offerors shall submit password protected financial Proposals. Financial Proposals shall require a password to be opened, and shall be protected against involuntary editing.

After the review of the technical Proposals, the Procurement Officer will request the password to open the Financial Proposal from short-listed Offerors only. Failure from the Offeror to provide the password within one (1) business day upon request by the Procurement Officer will deem the Offeror's Proposals not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

A sample copy of the financial proposal form is attached hereto as **Attachment F**. Do not amend, alter or leave blank any items on the financial proposal form, or include additional clarifying or contingent language on or attached to the financial proposal form. Failure to adhere to any of these instructions may result in the Proposal being determined to be not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

## **SECTION 5**

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCEDURE**

#### **5.1 Evaluation Criteria**

Evaluation of the Proposals will be performed by the Selection Committee and will be based on the criteria set forth below. Technical criteria shall be given more weight than financial evaluation criteria.

#### **5.2 Technical Evaluation Criteria**

Criteria used to rate the technical proposal includes, without limitation, the following:

- a) Adequacy of the Work Plan to provide the required services.
- b) Experience and qualifications of the Offeror and its key management personnel (staffing plan), with specific emphasis on similar projects.
- c) Offeror's work capacity, past performance and references.
- d) Quality of Submission.

#### **5.3 Financial Criteria**

Short-listed Offerors that are invited to submit a password to open their financial Proposal and that are deemed as meeting all of the requirements of the RFP will be ranked (most advantageous to least advantageous) based on an analysis of the information provided in the financial Proposal.

#### **5.4 Reciprocal Preference**

Although Maryland law does not authorize procuring agencies to favor resident Offeror in awarding procurement contracts, many other states do grant their resident businesses preferences over Maryland contractors. Therefore, as described in COMAR 21.05.01.04, a resident business preference may be given if: a responsible Offeror whose headquarters, principal base of operations, or principal site that will primarily provide the services required by this RFP is in another state submits the most advantageous offer; the other state gives a preference to its residents through law, policy, or practice; and the preference does not conflict with a federal law or grant affecting the Contract. The preference given will be identical to the preference that the other state, through law, policy, or practice gives to its residents.

#### **5.5 General Selection Process**

- a) Submissions will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of representatives of MSA.

- b) The Contract will be awarded in accordance with the competitive sealed proposals process under Section 3(C) of MSA's Procurement Policies.
- c) Prior to award of a contract pursuant to this RFP, MSA may require any and all Offerors to submit such additional information bearing upon the Offeror's ability to perform the contract as MSA may deem appropriate. MSA may also consider any information otherwise available concerning the financial, technical and other qualifications or abilities of the Offeror.
- d) MSA may hold discussions with any or all Offerors judged reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, or potentially so. MSA also reserves the right to develop a short-list of Offerors deemed most qualified based upon their Technical Proposals and conduct discussions with only the short-listed Offerors. However, MSA also reserves the right to make an award without holding discussions. Whether or not discussions are held, MSA may determine an Offeror to be not responsible or not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, in its sole and absolute discretion, at any time after the initial closing date for receipt of proposals and the review of those proposals.

## **5.6 Award Determination**

Upon completion of all evaluations, discussions and negotiations, and reference checks, the Procurement Officer will recommend award of the contract to the responsible Offeror(s) whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to MSA, considering technical evaluation criteria and financial Proposal criteria, as set forth in this RFP. The award is subject to approval by the MSA Board of Directors.



## ATTACHMENTS

All Attachments can be downloaded via this link:

<https://mdstad.sharefile.com/d-s41d26a85372043339177dd6956097cdo>

- A. ....**BID/PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT**
- B. .... **CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT**
- C. .... **CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT**
- D. .... **MBE INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS**
- E. .... **CAPACITY SUMMARY SHEET**
- F. ....**PRICING FORM**
- G. ....**ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE**
- H. ....**SAMPLE CONTRACT(to be issued via addendum)**
- I. ....**FEASIBILITY STUDIES**
- J. .... **PRIME CONTRACTOR LIST OF ALL SUBCONTRACTORS**
- K. .... **CORPORATE PROFILE**
- L. .... **EXHIBIT 1. MBE RESEARCH FACTORS**
- M. ....**CORPORATE DIVERSITY ADDENDUM AND AFFIDAVIT**

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**BID/PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT**

## Attachment A. Bid/Proposal Affidavit

### A. AUTHORITY

I hereby affirm that I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of affiant)  
am the \_\_\_\_\_ (title) and duly authorized representative of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of business entity)  
and that I possess the legal authority to make this affidavit on behalf of the business for which I am  
acting.

### B. CERTIFICATION REGARDING COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION

The undersigned Bidder/Offeror hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct: In preparing its Bid/Proposal on this project, the Bidder/Offeror has considered all Bid/Proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not engaged in “discrimination” as defined in § 19-103 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. “Discrimination” means any disadvantage, difference, distinction, or preference in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or commercial treatment of a vendor, subcontractor, or commercial customer on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, sexual identity, genetic information or an individual’s refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a genetic test, disability, or any otherwise unlawful use of characteristics regarding the vendor’s, supplier’s, or commercial customer’s employees or owners. “Discrimination” also includes retaliating against any person or other entity for reporting any incident of “discrimination”. Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation on this project, it is understood that, if the certification is false, such false certification constitutes grounds for the State to reject the Bid/Proposal submitted by the Bidder/Offeror on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the Bid/Proposal. As part of its Bid/Proposal, the Bidder/Offeror herewith submits a list of all instances within the past four (4) years where there has been a final adjudicated determination in a legal or administrative proceeding in the State of Maryland that the Bidder/Offeror discriminated against subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, and a description of the status or resolution of that determination, including any remedial action taken. Bidder/Offeror agrees to comply in all respects with the State’s Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as described under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

#### B-1. CERTIFICATION REGARDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

The undersigned Bidder/Offeror hereby certifies and agrees that it has fully complied with the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, State Finance and Procurement Article, § 14-308(a)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland, which provides that, except as otherwise provided by law, a contractor may not identify a certified minority business enterprise in a Bid/Proposal and:

- (1) Fail to request, receive, or otherwise obtain authorization from the certified minority business enterprise to identify the certified minority bid/proposal;
- (2) Fail to notify the certified minority business enterprise before execution of the contract of its inclusion in the Bid/Proposal;
- (3) Fail to use the certified minority business enterprise in the performance of the contract; or
- (4) Pay the certified minority business enterprise solely for the use of its name in the

Bid/Proposal.

Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation on this project, it is understood that if the certification is false, such false certification constitutes grounds for the State to reject the Bid/Proposal submitted by the Bidder/Offeror on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the Bid/Proposal.

**B-2. CERTIFICATION REGARDING VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.**

The undersigned Bidder/Offeror hereby certifies and agrees that it has fully complied with the State veteran-owned small business enterprise law, State Finance and Procurement Article, § 14-605, Annotated Code of Maryland, which provides that a person may not:

- (1) Knowingly and with intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, attempt to obtain, or aid another person in fraudulently obtaining or attempting to obtain public money, procurement contracts, or funds expended under a procurement contract to which the person is not entitled under this title;
- (2) Knowingly and with intent to defraud, fraudulently represent participation of a veteran-owned small business enterprise in order to obtain or retain a Bid/Proposal preference or a procurement contract;
- (3) Willfully and knowingly make or subscribe to any statement, declaration, or other document that is fraudulent or false as to any material matter, whether or not that falsity or fraud is committed with the knowledge or consent of the person authorized or required to present the declaration, statement, or document;
- (4) Willfully and knowingly aid, assist in, procure, counsel, or advise the preparation or presentation of a declaration, statement, or other document that is fraudulent or false as to any material matter, regardless of whether that falsity or fraud is committed with the knowledge or consent of the person authorized or required to present the declaration, statement, or document;
- (5) Willfully and knowingly fail to file any declaration or notice with the unit that is required by COMAR 21.11.13; or
- (6) Establish, knowingly aid in the establishment of, or exercise control over a business found to have violated a provision of § B-2(1) -(5) of this regulation.

**C. AFFIRMATION REGARDING BRIBERY CONVICTIONS**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business (as is defined in Section 16-101(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies has been convicted of, or has had probation before judgment imposed pursuant to Criminal Procedure Article, § 6-220, Annotated Code of Maryland, or has pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of, bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of Maryland law, or of the law of any other state or federal law, except as follows (indicate the reasons why the affirmation cannot be given and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of person(s) involved, and their current positions and responsibilities with the business):

**D. AFFIRMATION REGARDING OTHER CONVICTIONS**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has:

- (1) Been convicted under state or federal statute of:
  - (a) A criminal offense incident to obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract; or
  - (b) Fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records or receiving stolen property;
- (2) Been convicted of any criminal violation of a state or federal antitrust statute;
- (3) Been convicted under the provisions of Title 18 of the United States Code for violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1961 et seq., or the Mail Fraud Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1341 et seq., for acts in connection with the submission of Bids/Proposals for a public or private contract;
- (4) Been convicted of a violation of the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, § 14-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (5) Been convicted of a violation of § 11-205.1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (6) Been convicted of conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in subsections (1)— (5) above;
- (7) Been found civilly liable under a state or federal antitrust statute for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of Bids/Proposals for a public or private contract;
- (8) Been found in a final adjudicated decision to have violated the Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland with regard to a public or private contract;
- (9) Been convicted of a violation of one or more of the following provisions of the Internal Revenue Code:
  - (a) §7201, Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax;
  - (b) §7203, Willful Failure to File Return, Supply Information, or Pay Tax,
  - (c) §7205, Fraudulent Withholding Exemption Certificate or Failure to Supply Information;
  - (d) §7206, Fraud and False Statements, or
  - (e) §7207 Fraudulent Returns, Statements, or Other Documents;
- (10) Been convicted of a violation of 18 U.S.C. §286 Conspiracy to Defraud the Government with Respect to Claims, 18 U.S.C. §287, False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Claims, or 18 U.S.C. §371, Conspiracy to Defraud the United States;
- (11) Been convicted of a violation of the Tax-General Article, Title 13, Subtitle 7 or Subtitle 10, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (12) Been found to have willfully or knowingly violated State Prevailing Wage Laws as provided in the State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 17, Subtitle 2, Annotated Code of Maryland, if:

- (a) A court:
    - (i) Made the finding; and
    - (ii) Decision became final; or
  - (b) The finding was:
    - (i) Made in a contested case under the Maryland Administrative Procedure act; and
    - (ii) Not overturned on judicial review;
- (13) Been found to have willfully or knowingly violated State Living Wage Laws as provided in the State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 18, Annotated Code of Maryland, if:
- (a) A court:
    - (i) Made the finding; and
    - (ii) Decision became final; or
  - (b) The finding was:
    - (i) Made in a contested case under the Maryland Administrative Procedure act; and
    - (ii) Not overturned on judicial review;
- (14) Been found to have willfully or knowingly violated the Labor and Employment Article, Title 3, Subtitles 3, 4, or 5, or Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland, if:
- (a) A court:
    - (i) Made the finding; and
    - (ii) Decision became final; or
  - (b) The finding was:
    - (i) Made in a contested case under the Maryland Administrative Procedure act; and
    - (ii) Not overturned on judicial review; or
- (15) Admitted in writing or under oath, during the course of an official investigation or other proceedings, acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in §§ B and C and subsections D(1)—(14) above, except as follows (indicate reasons why the affirmations cannot be given, and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, and the status of any debarment):

**E. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities, including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has ever been suspended or debarred (including being issued a limited denial of participation) by any public entity, except as follows (list each debarment or suspension providing the dates of the suspension or debarment, the name of the public entity and the status of the proceedings, the

name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, the grounds of the debarment or suspension, and the details of each person's involvement in any activity that formed the grounds of the debarment or suspension).

**F. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OF RELATED ENTITIES**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

- (1) The business was not established and does not operate in a manner designed to evade the application of or defeat the purpose of debarment pursuant to Sections 16-101, et seq., of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and
- (2) The business is not a successor, assignee, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business, except as follows (you must indicate the reasons why the affirmations cannot be given without qualification):

**G. SUBCONTRACT AFFIRMATION**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, has knowingly entered into a contract with a public body under which a person debarred or suspended under Title 16 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland will provide, directly or indirectly, supplies, services, architectural services, construction related services, leases of real property, or construction.

**H. AFFIRMATION REGARDING COLLUSION**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business has:

- (1) Agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the compilation of the accompanying Bid/Proposal that is being submitted; or
- (2) In any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement of any kind to fix the Bid/Proposal price of the Bidder/Offeror or of any competitor, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the contract for which the accompanying Bid/Proposal is submitted.

**I. CERTIFICATION OF TAX PAYMENT**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Except as validly contested, the business has paid, or has arranged for payment of, all taxes due the State of Maryland and has filed all required returns and reports with the Comptroller of the Treasury, State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, as applicable, and will have paid all withholding taxes due the State of Maryland prior to final settlement.

**J. CONTINGENT FEES**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency working for the business, to solicit or secure the Contract, and that the business has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of the Contract.

**K. CERTIFICATION REGARDING INVESTMENTS IN IRAN**

- (1) The undersigned certifies that, in accordance with State Finance and Procurement Article, §17-705, Annotated Code of Maryland:
  - (a) It is not identified on the list created by the Board of Public Works as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in State Finance and Procurement Article, §17-702, Annotated Code of Maryland; and
  - (b) It is not engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in State Finance and Procurement Article, §17-702, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- (2) The undersigned is unable to make the above certification regarding its investment activities in Iran due to the following activities:

**L. CONFLICT MINERALS ORIGINATED IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES CONTRACTS)**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business has complied with the provisions of State Finance and Procurement Article, §14-413, Annotated Code of Maryland governing proper disclosure of certain information regarding conflict minerals originating in the Democratic Republic of Congo or its neighboring countries as required by federal law.

**M. PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATORY BOYCOTTS OF ISRAEL**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

In preparing its bid/proposal on this project, the Bidder/Offeror has considered all bid/proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not, in the solicitation, selection, or commercial treatment of any subcontractor, vendor, or supplier, refused to transact or terminated business activities, or taken other actions intended to limit commercial relations, with a person or entity on the basis of Israeli national origin, or residence or incorporation in Israel and its territories. The Bidder/Offeror also has not retaliated against any person or other entity for reporting such refusal, termination, or commercially limiting actions. Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation for bid/proposals for this project, it is understood and agreed that, if this certification is false, such false certification will constitute grounds for the State to reject the bid/proposal submitted by the Bidder/Offeror on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the bid/proposal.

**N. I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:**

Any claims of environmental attributes made relating to a product or service included in the bid or bid/proposal are consistent with the Federal Trade Commission's Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims as provided in 16 C.F.R. §260, that apply to claims about the environmental attributes of a product, package or service in connection with the marketing, offering for sale, or sale of such item or service.



**O. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT this Affidavit is to be furnished to the Procurement Officer and may be distributed to units of: (1) the State of Maryland; (2) counties or other subdivisions of the State of Maryland; (3) other states; and (4) the federal government. I further acknowledge that this Affidavit is subject to applicable laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, both criminal and civil, and that nothing in this Affidavit or any contract resulting from the submission of this Bid/proposal shall be construed to supersede, amend, modify or waive, on behalf of the State of Maryland, or any unit of the State of Maryland having jurisdiction, the exercise of any statutory right or remedy conferred by the Constitution and the laws of Maryland with respect to any misrepresentation made or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the above business with respect to (1) this Affidavit, (2) the contract, and (3) other Affidavits comprising part of the contract.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Authorized Representative and Affiant*

Printed Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name of Authorized Representative and Affiant*

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Title*

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT AND DISCLOSURE**

**Attachment B. Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure**

**Reference COMAR 21.05.08.08**

A. "Conflict of interest" means that because of other activities or relationships with other persons, a person is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the State, or the person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired, or a person has an unfair competitive advantage.

B. "Person" has the meaning stated in COMAR 21.01.02.01B(64) and includes a Offeror, Contractor, consultant, or subcontractor or sub-consultant at any tier, and also includes an employee or agent of any of them if the employee or agent has or will have the authority to control or supervise all or a portion of the work for which a Proposal is made.

C. The Offeror warrants that, except as disclosed in §D, below, there are no relevant facts or circumstances now giving rise or which could, in the future, give rise to a conflict of interest.

D. The following facts or circumstances give rise or could in the future give rise to a conflict of interest (explain in detail — attach additional sheets if necessary):


E. The Offeror agrees that if an actual or potential conflict of interest arises after the date of this affidavit, the Offeror shall immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the procurement officer of all relevant facts and circumstances. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the Offeror has taken and proposes to take to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict of interest. If the contract has been awarded and performance of the contract has begun, the Contractor shall continue performance until notified by the procurement officer of any contrary action to be taken.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

**SUBMIT THIS AFFIDAVIT WITH BID/PROPOSAL**

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT**

## Attachment C. Contract Affidavit

**A. AUTHORITY**

I hereby affirm that I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of affiant) am the \_\_\_\_\_ (title) and duly authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of business entity) and that I possess the legal authority to make this affidavit on behalf of the business for which I am acting.

**B. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business named above is a (check applicable box):

- (1) Corporation -  domestic or  foreign;
- (2) Limited Liability Company -  domestic or  foreign;
- (3) Partnership -  domestic or  foreign;
- (4) Statutory Trust -  domestic or  foreign;
- (5)  Sole Proprietorship.

and is registered or qualified as required under Maryland Law. I further affirm that the above business is in good standing both in Maryland and (IF APPLICABLE) in the jurisdiction where it is presently organized, and has filed all of its annual reports, together with filing fees, with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation. The name and address of its resident agent (IF APPLICABLE) filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is:

Name and Department ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

and that if it does business under a trade name, it has filed a certificate with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that correctly identifies that true name and address of the principal or owner as:

Name and Department ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, the provisions of State Finance and Procurement Article, §13-221, Annotated Code of Maryland, which require that every business that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland or its agencies during a calendar year under which the business is to receive in the aggregate \$200,000 or more shall, within 30 days of the time when the aggregate value of the contracts, leases, or other agreements reaches \$200,000, file with the Secretary of State of Maryland certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

**D. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, Election Law Article, Title 14, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into a procurement contract with the

State, a county, or a municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the State, during a calendar year in which the person receives a contract with a governmental entity in the amount of \$200,000 or more, shall file with the State Board of Elections statements disclosing: (a) any contributions made during the reporting period to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election; and (b) the name of each candidate to whom one or more contributions in a cumulative amount of \$500 or more were made during the reporting period. The statement shall be filed with the State Board of Elections: (a) before execution of a contract by the State, a county, a municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the State, and shall cover the 24 months prior to when a contract was awarded; and (b) if the contribution is made after the execution of a contract, then twice a year, throughout the contract term, on or before: (i) May 31, to cover the six (6) month period ending April 30; and (ii) November 30, to cover the six (6) month period ending October 31.

E. DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE

(Applicable to all contracts unless the contract is for a law enforcement agency and the agency head or the agency head's designee has determined that application of COMAR 21.11.08 and this certification would be inappropriate in connection with the law enforcement agency's undercover operations.)

I CERTIFY THAT:

- (1) Terms defined in COMAR 21.11.08 shall have the same meanings when used in this certification.
- (2) By submission of its Proposal, the business, if other than an individual, certifies and agrees that, with respect to its employees to be employed under a contract resulting from this solicitation, the business shall:
  - (a) Maintain a workplace free of drug and alcohol abuse during the term of the contract;
  - (b) Publish a statement notifying its employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of drugs, and the abuse of drugs or alcohol is prohibited in the business' workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of these prohibitions;
  - (c) Prohibit its employees from working under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
  - (d) Not hire or assign to work on the contract anyone who the business knows, or in the exercise of due diligence should know, currently abuses drugs or alcohol and is not actively engaged in a bona fide drug or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program;
  - (e) Promptly inform the appropriate law enforcement agency of every drug-related crime that occurs in its workplace if the business has observed the violation or otherwise has reliable information that a violation has occurred;
  - (f) Establish drug and alcohol abuse awareness programs to inform its employees about:
    - (i) The dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in the workplace;
    - (ii) The business's policy of maintaining a drug and alcohol free workplace;
    - (iii) Any available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
    - (iv) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees who abuse drugs and alcohol in the workplace;
  - (g) Provide all employees engaged in the performance of the contract with a copy of the statement required by §E(2)(b), above;
  - (h) Notify its employees in the statement required by §E(2)(b), above, that as a condition of continued employment on the contract, the employee shall:

- (i) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
  - (ii) Notify the employer of any criminal drug or alcohol abuse conviction for an offense occurring in the workplace not later than 5 days after a conviction;
- (i) Notify the procurement officer within 10 days after receiving notice under §E(2)(h)(ii), above, or otherwise receiving actual notice of a conviction;
  - (j) Within 30 days after receiving notice under §E(2)(h)(ii), above, or otherwise receiving actual notice of a conviction, impose either of the following sanctions or remedial measures on any employee who is convicted of a drug or alcohol abuse offense occurring in the workplace:
    - (i) Take appropriate personnel action against an employee, up to and including termination; or
    - (ii) Require an employee to satisfactorily participate in a bona fide drug or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program; and
  - (k) Make a good faith effort to maintain a drug and alcohol free workplace through implementation of §E(2)(a)—(j), above.
- (3) If the business is an individual, the individual shall certify and agree as set forth in §E(4), below, that the individual shall not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of drugs or the abuse of drugs or alcohol in the performance of the contract.
- (4) I acknowledge and agree that:
- (a) The award of the contract is conditional upon compliance with COMAR 21.11.08 and this certification;
  - (b) The violation of the provisions of COMAR 21.11.08 or this certification shall be cause to suspend payments under, or terminate the contract for default under COMAR 21.07.01.11 or 21.07.03.15, as applicable; and
  - (c) The violation of the provisions of COMAR 21.11.08 or this certification in connection with the contract may, in the exercise of the discretion of the Board of Public Works, result in suspension and debarment of the business under COMAR 21.08.03.

F. CERTAIN AFFIRMATIONS VALID

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, each of the affirmations, certifications, or acknowledgements contained in that certain Bid/Proposal Affidavit dated \_\_\_\_\_, and executed by me for the purpose of obtaining the contract to which this Exhibit is attached remains true and correct in all respects as if made as of the date of this Contract Affidavit and as if fully set forth herein.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (print name of Authorized Representative and Affiant)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (signature of Authorized Representative and Affiant)

**ATTACHMENT D**  
**MBE INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS**



## Attachment D. Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Forms

### D-1A MBE UTILIZATION AND FAIR SOLICITATION AFFIDAVIT & MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

#### **PART 1 - INSTRUCTIONS**

***PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING THIS DOCUMENT***

**This form includes Instructions and the MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit & MBE Participation Schedule which must be submitted with the bid/proposal. If the bidder/offeror fails to accurately complete and submit this Affidavit and Schedule with the bid or proposal, the Procurement Officer shall deem the bid non-responsive or shall determine that the proposal is not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award unless the inaccuracy is determined to be the result of a minor irregularity that is waived or cured in accordance with COMAR 21.06.02.04.**

1. Contractor shall structure its procedures for the performance of the work required in this Contract to attempt to achieve the minority business enterprise (MBE) subcontractor participation goal stated in the Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals. Contractor agrees to exercise good faith efforts to carry out the requirements set forth in these Instructions, as authorized by the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 21.11.03.
2. MBE Goals and Subgoals: Please review the solicitation for information regarding the Contract's MBE overall participation goals and subgoals. After satisfying the requirements for any established subgoals, the Contractor is encouraged to use a diverse group of subcontractors and suppliers from the various MBE classifications to meet the remainder of the overall MBE participation goal.
3. MBE means a minority business enterprise that is certified by the Maryland Department of Transportation ("MDOT"). Only MBEs certified by MDOT may be counted for purposes of achieving the MBE participation goals. In order to be counted for purposes of achieving the MBE participation goals, the MBE firm, including a MBE prime, must be MDOT-certified for the services, materials or supplies that it is committed to perform on the MBE Participation Schedule. A firm whose MBE certification application is pending may not be counted.
4. Please refer to the MDOT MBE Directory at <https://mbe.mdot.maryland.gov/directory/> to determine if a firm is certified with the appropriate North American Industry Classification System ("NAICS") Code **and** the product/services description (specific product that a firm is certified to provide or specific areas of work that a firm is certified to perform). For more general information about NAICS codes, please visit <https://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>. Only those specific products and/or services for which a firm is certified in the MDOT Directory can be used for purposes of achieving the MBE participation goals. **CAUTION:** If the firm's NAICS Code is in graduated status, such services/products may not be counted for purposes of achieving the MBE participation goals. A NAICS Code is in the graduated status if the term "Graduated" follows the Code in the MDOT MBE Directory.
5. **Guidelines Regarding MBE Prime Self-Performance.** Please note that when a certified MBE firm participates as a prime contractor on a Contract, a procurement agency may count the distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the Contract that the certified MBE firm performs with its own workforce toward fulfilling up to, but no more than, fifty-percent (50%) of the overall

MBE participation goal, including up to one hundred percent (100%) of not more than one of the MBE participation subgoals, if any, established for the Contract.

- ✓ In order to receive credit for self-performance, an MBE prime must be certified in the appropriate NAICS code to do the work and must list its firm in the MBE Participation Schedule, including the certification category under which the MBE prime is self-performing and include information regarding the work it will self-perform.
  - ✓ For the remaining portion of the overall goal and the remaining subgoals, the MBE prime must also identify on the MBE Participation Schedule the other certified MBE subcontractors used to meet those goals or request a waiver.
  - ✓ These guidelines apply to the work performed by the MBE Prime that can be counted for purposes of meeting the MBE participation goals. These requirements do not affect the MBE Prime's ability to self-perform a greater portion of the work in excess of what is counted for purposes of meeting the MBE participation goals.
  - ✓ Please note that the requirements to meet the MBE participation overall goal and subgoals are distinct and separate. If the contract has subgoals, regardless of MBE Prime's ability to self-perform up to 50% of the overall goal (including up to 100% of any subgoal), the MBE Prime must either commit to use other MBEs for each of any remaining subgoals or request a waiver. As set forth in Attachment 1-B Waiver Guidance, the MBE Prime's ability to self-perform certain portions of the work of the Contract will not be deemed a substitute for the good faith efforts to meet any remaining subgoal or the balance of the overall goal.
  - ✓ In certain instances where the percentages allocated to MBE participation subgoals add up to more than 50% of the overall goal, the portion of self-performed work that an MBE Prime may count toward the overall goal may be limited to less than 50%. Please refer to the Governor's Office of Small Minority & Women Business Affairs' website for the MBE Prime Regulations Q&A for illustrative examples.  
[http://www.goMDsmallbiz.maryland.gov/Documents/MBE\\_Toolkit/MBEPrimeRegulation\\_QA.pdf](http://www.goMDsmallbiz.maryland.gov/Documents/MBE_Toolkit/MBEPrimeRegulation_QA.pdf)
6. Subject to items 1 through 5 above, when a certified MBE performs as a participant in a joint venture, a procurement agency may count a portion of the total dollar value of the Contract equal to the distinct, clearly-defined portion of the work of the Contract that the certified MBE performs with its own forces toward fulfilling the Contract goal, and not more than one of the Contract subgoals, if any.
7. The work performed by a certified MBE firm, including an MBE prime, can only be counted towards the MBE participation goal(s) if the MBE firm is performing a commercially useful function on the Contract. Please refer to COMAR 21.11.03.12-1 for more information regarding these requirements.
8. **Materials and Supplies: New Guidelines Regarding MBE Participation.**
- ✓ Regular Dealer (generally identified as a wholesaler or supplier in the MDOT Directory): Up to 60% of the costs of materials and supplies provided by a certified MBE may be counted towards the MBE participation goal(s) if such MBE is a Regular Dealer of such materials and supplies. Regular Dealer is defined as a firm that owns, operates, or maintains a store, a warehouse, or any other establishment in which the materials, supplies, articles, or equipment are of the general character described by the specifications required under the contract and are bought, kept in stock, or regularly sold or leased to the

public in the usual course of business; and does not include a packager, a broker, a manufacturer's representative, or any other person that arranges or expedites transactions.

*Example for illustrative purposes of applying the 60% rule:*

*Overall contract value: \$2,000,000*

*Total value of supplies: \$100,000*

*Calculate Percentage of Supplies to overall contract value: \$100,000 divided by \$2,000,000 = 5%*

***Apply 60% Rule - Total percentage of Supplies/Products 5% x 60% = 3%***

***3% would be counted towards achieving the MBE Participation Goal and Subgoal, if any, for the MBE supplier in this example.***

- ✓ **Manufacturer:** A certified MBE firm's participation may be counted in full if the MBE is certified in the appropriate NAICS code(s) to provide products and services as a manufacturer.
- ✓ **Broker:** With respect to materials or supplies purchased from a certified MBE that is neither a manufacturer nor a regular dealer, a unit may apply the entire amount of fees or commissions charged for assistance in the procurement of the materials and supplies, fees, or transportation charges for the delivery of materials and supplies required on a procurement toward the MBE contract goals, provided a unit determines the fees to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services. A unit may not apply any portion of the costs of the materials and supplies toward MBE goals.
- ✓ **Furnish and Install and other Services:** The participation of a certified MBE supplier, wholesaler, and/or regular dealer certified in the proper NAICS code(s) to furnish and install materials necessary for successful contract completion may be counted in full. Includes the participation of other MBE service providers in the proper NAICS code(s) may be counted in full.

**9. Dually certified firms. An MBE that is certified in more than one subgroup category may only be counted toward goal fulfillment of ONE of those categories with regard to a particular contract.**

*Example: A woman-owned Hispanic American (dually certified) firm may be used to fulfill the women-owned OR Hispanic American subgoal, but not both on the same contract.*

10. CAUTION: The percentage of MBE participation, computed using the percentage amounts determined for all of the MBE firms listed in PART 3, MUST meet or exceed the MBE participation goal and subgoals (if applicable) as set forth in PART 2- for this solicitation. If a bidder/offeror is unable to meet the MBE participation goal or any subgoals (if applicable), then the bidder/offeror must request a waiver in PART 2 or the bid will be deemed not responsive, or the proposal not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. You may wish to use the attached Goal/Subgoal Worksheet to assist in calculating the percentages and confirming that your commitment meets or exceeds the applicable MBE participation goal and subgoals (if any).

11. If you have any questions as to whether a firm is certified to perform the specific services or provide specific products, please contact MDOT's Office of Minority Business Enterprise at 1-

800-544-6056 or via email to [mbe@mdot.state.md.us](mailto:mbe@mdot.state.md.us) sufficiently prior to the submission due date.

**Subgoals (if applicable)**

Total African American MBE Participation:	_____	%
Total Asian American MBE Participation:	_____	%
Total Hispanic American MBE Participation:	_____	%
Total Women-Owned MBE Participation:	_____	%

**Overall Goal**

Total MBE Participation (include all categories):	_____	%
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**PART 2 - MBE UTILIZATION AND FAIR SOLICITATION AFFIDAVIT &  
MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE**

**This MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit and MBE Participation Schedule must be completed in its entirety and included with the bid/proposal. If the bidder/offeror fails to accurately complete and submit this Affidavit and Schedule with the bid or proposal as required, the Procurement Officer shall deem the bid non-responsive or shall determine that the proposal is not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.**

In connection with the bid/proposal submitted in response to Code Compliance Services for Various Built to Learn Act School Projects, I affirm the following:

1. **MBE Participation (PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE)**

I acknowledge and intend to meet IN FULL both the overall certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation goal of 10 percent and no subgoals:

- \_\_\_\_\_ percent for African American-owned MBE firms
- \_\_\_\_\_ percent for Hispanic American-owned MBE firms
- \_\_\_\_\_ percent for Asian American-owned MBE firms
- \_\_\_\_\_ percent for Women-owned MBE firms

Therefore, I am not seeking a waiver pursuant to COMAR 21.11.03.11. I acknowledge that by checking the above box and agreeing to meet the stated goal and subgoal(s), if any, I **must** complete PART 3 - MBE Participation Schedule and Part 4 Signature Page in order to be considered for award.

**OR**

After making good faith outreach efforts prior to making this submission, I conclude that I am unable to achieve the MBE participation goal and/or subgoals. I hereby request a waiver, in whole or in part, of the overall goal and/or subgoals I acknowledge that by checking this box and requesting a partial waiver of the stated goal and/or one or more of the stated subgoal(s) if any, I **must** complete Part 3, the MBE Participation Schedule and Part 4 Signature Page for the portion of the goal and/or subgoal(s) if any, for which I am not seeking a waiver, in order to be considered for award. I acknowledge that by checking this box and requesting a full waiver of the stated goal and the stated subgoal(s) if any, I **must** complete Part 4 Signature Page in order to be considered for award.

### **Additional MBE Documentation**

I understand that if I am notified that I am the apparent awardee or as requested by the Procurement Officer, I must submit the following documentation within 10 working days of receiving notice of the potential award or from the date of conditional award (per COMAR 21.11.03.10), whichever is earlier:

- (a) Good Faith Efforts Documentation to Support Waiver Request (Attachment D-1C)
- (b) Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement (Attachment D-2);
- (c) MBE Subcontractor/MBE Prime Project Participation Statement (Attachments D-3A and 3B);
- (d) Any other documentation, including additional waiver documentation if applicable, required by the Procurement Officer to ascertain bidder or offeror responsibility in connection with the certified MBE participation goal and subgoals, if any.

I understand that if I fail to return each completed document within the required time, the Procurement Officer may determine that I am not responsible and therefore not eligible for contract award. If the contract has already been awarded, the award is voidable.

### **Information Provided to MBE firms**

In the solicitation of subcontract quotations or offers, MBE firms were provided not less than the same information and amount of time to respond as were non-MBE firms.

## PART 3 - MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

SET FORTH BELOW ARE THE (I) CERTIFIED MBEs I INTEND TO USE, (II) THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE ALLOCATED TO EACH MBE FOR THIS PROJECT AND, (III) THE ITEMS OF WORK EACH MBE WILL PROVIDE UNDER THE CONTRACT. I HAVE CONFIRMED WITH THE MDOT DATABASE THAT THE MBE FIRMS IDENTIFIED BELOW (INCLUDING ANY SELF-PERFORMING MBE PRIME FIRMS) ARE PERFORMING WORK ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH THEY ARE MDOT-CERTIFIED.

Prime Contractor	Project Description	Project/Contract Number
	Code Compliance Services- Various BTL School Projects	

LIST INFORMATION FOR EACH CERTIFIED MBE FIRM YOU AGREE TO USE TO ACHIEVE THE MBE PARTICIPATION GOAL AND SUBGOALS, IF ANY. **MBE PRIMES:** PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SECTIONS A AND B BELOW.

### SECTION A: For MBE Prime Contractors ONLY (including MBE Primes in a Joint Venture)

<p>MBE Prime Firm Name: _____</p> <p>MBE Certification Number: _____</p> <p>(If dually certified, check only one box.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> African American-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification</p> <p>NAICS code: _____</p>	<p>Percentage of total Contract Value to be performed with own forces and counted towards the MBE <b>overall participation goal</b> (up to 50% of the overall goal): _____% <b>Please refer to Item #8 in Part 1- Instructions of this document for new MBE participation guidelines regarding materials and supplies.</b></p> <p>Percentage of total Contract Value to be performed with own forces and counted towards the <b>subgoal</b>, if any, for my MBE classification (up to 100% of not more than one subgoal): _____%</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supplier, wholesaler and/or regular dealer (count 60%)  <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer (count 100%)  <input type="checkbox"/> Broker (count reasonable fee/commission only)  <input type="checkbox"/> Furnish and Install and other Services (count 100%)</p> <p><b>Complete the applicable prompt (select only one) from prompts A-C below that applies to the type of work your firm is self-performing to calculate amount to be counted towards achieving the MBE Participation Goal and Subgoal, if any.</b></p> <p><b>A. Percentage amount of subcontract where the MBE Prime firm is being used for manufacturer, furnish and install, and/or services</b> (excluding products / services from suppliers, wholesalers, regular dealers and brokers) ___%</p> <p><b>B. Percentage amount for items of work where the MBE Prime firm is being used as supplier, wholesaler, and/or regular dealer</b> (60% Rule).  Total percentage of Supplies/Products ___% x 60% = ___%</p> <p><b>C. Percentage amount of fee where the MBE Prime firm is being used as broker</b> (count reasonable fee/commission only) ___%</p> <p>Description of the work to be performed with MBE prime's own forces:  _____  _____</p>
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**SECTION B: For all Contractors (including MBE Primes and MBE Primes in a Joint Venture)**

<p>MBE Firm Name: _____</p> <p>MBE Certification Number: _____</p> <p>(If dually certified, check only one box.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> African American-Owned</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification</p> <p>NAICS code: _____</p>	<p><b>Please refer to Item #8 in Part 1- Instructions of this document for new MBE participation guidelines regarding materials and supplies.</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supplier, wholesaler and/or regular dealer (count 60%)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer (count 100%)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Broker (count reasonable fee/commission only)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Furnish and Install and other Services (count 100%)</p> <p><b>Complete the applicable prompt (select only one) from prompts A-C below that applies to the type of work that the MBE firm named to the left will be performing to calculate the amount to be counted towards achieving the MBE Participation Goal and Subgoal, if any.</b></p> <p><b>A. Percentage of total contract amount where the MBE firm is being used for manufacturer, furnish and install, and/or services</b> (excluding products/services from suppliers, wholesalers, regular dealers and brokers) ___ %</p> <p><b>B. Percentage of total contract amount for items of work where the MBE firm is being used as supplier, wholesaler, and/or regular dealer (60% Rule).</b> Total percentage of Supplies/Products ___% X 60% = ___ %</p> <p><b>C. Percentage amount of fee where the MBE firm is being used as broker</b> (count reasonable fee/commission only) ___ %</p> <p>Description of the work to be performed: _____ _____</p>
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<p>MBE Firm Name: _____</p> <p>MBE Certification Number: _____</p> <p>(If dually certified, check only one box.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> African American-Owned</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification</p> <p>NAICS code: _____</p>	<p><b>Please refer to Item #8 in Part 1- Instructions of this document for new MBE participation guidelines regarding materials and supplies.</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supplier, wholesaler and/or regular dealer (count 60%)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer (count 100%)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Broker (count reasonable fee/commission only)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Furnish and Install and other Services (count 100%)</p> <p><b>Complete the applicable prompt (select only one) from prompts A-C below that applies to the type of work that for the MBE firm named to the left will be performing to calculate the amount to be counted towards achieving the MBE Participation Goal and Subgoal, if any.</b></p> <p><b>A. Percentage of total contract amount where the MBE firm is being used for manufacturer, furnish and install, and/or services</b> (excluding products/services from suppliers, wholesalers, regular dealers and brokers) ___%</p> <p><b>B. Percentage of the total contract amount for items of work where the MBE firm is being used as supplier, wholesaler, and/or regular dealer (60% Rule).</b> Total percentage of Supplies/Products ___% X 60% = ___%</p> <p><b>C. Percentage amount of fee where the MBE firm is being used as broker</b> (count reasonable fee/commission only) ___%</p> <p>Description of the work to be performed: _____ _____</p>
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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE PAGE IF NEEDED

**PART 4 – SIGNATURE PAGE**

**To complete Affidavit committing to MBE(s) or requesting waiver,  
Bidder/Offeror must sign below:**

**I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that: (i) I have reviewed the instructions for the MBE Utilization & Fair Solicitation Affidavit and MBE Schedule, and (ii) the information contained in the MBE Utilization & Fair Solicitation Affidavit and MBE Schedule is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder/Offeror Name  
*(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SUBMIT THIS AFFIDAVIT WITH BID/PROPOSAL**

## D-1B WAIVER GUIDANCE

### GUIDANCE FOR DOCUMENTING GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO MEET MBE PARTICIPATION GOALS

In order to show that it has made good faith efforts to meet the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation goal (including any MBE subgoals) on a contract, the Offeror must either (1) meet the MBE Goal(s) and document its commitments for participation of MBE Firms, or (2) when it does not meet the MBE Goal(s), document its Good Faith Efforts to meet the goal(s).

#### I. Definitions

**MBE Goal(s)** – “MBE Goal(s)” refers to the MBE participation goal and MBE participation subgoal(s).

**Good Faith Efforts** - The “Good Faith Efforts” requirement means that when requesting a waiver, the Offeror must demonstrate that it took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve the MBE Goal(s), which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient MBE participation, even if those steps were not fully successful. Whether the Offeror that requests a waiver made adequate good faith efforts will be determined by considering the quality, quantity, and intensity of the different kinds of efforts that the Offeror has made. The efforts employed by the Offeror should be those that one could reasonably expect the Offeror to take if the Offeror were actively and aggressively trying to obtain MBE participation sufficient to meet the MBE contract goal and subgoals. Mere *pro forma* efforts are not good faith efforts to meet the MBE contract requirements. The determination concerning the sufficiency of the Offeror's good faith efforts is a judgment call; meeting quantitative formulas is not required.

**Identified Firms** – “Identified Firms” means a list of the MBEs identified by the procuring agency during the goal setting process and listed in the procurement as available to perform the Identified Items of Work. It also may include additional MBEs identified by the Offeror as available to perform the Identified Items of Work, such as MBEs certified or granted an expansion of services after the procurement was issued. If the procurement does not include a list of Identified Firms, this term refers to all of the MBE Firms (if State-funded) the Offeror identified as available to perform the Identified Items of Work and should include all appropriately certified firms that are reasonably identifiable.

**Identified Items of Work** – “Identified Items of Work” means the Proposal items identified by the procuring agency during the goal setting process and listed in the procurement as possible items of work for performance by MBE Firms. It also may include additional portions of items of work the Offeror identified for performance by MBE Firms to increase the likelihood that the MBE Goal(s) will be achieved. If the procurement does not include a list of Identified Items of Work, this term refers to all of the items of work the Offeror identified as possible items of work for performance by MBE Firms and should include all reasonably identifiable work opportunities.

**MBE Firms** – “MBE Firms” refers to firms certified by the Maryland Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) under COMAR 21.11.03. Only MDOT-certified MBE Firms can participate in the State's MBE Program.

#### II. Types of Actions Agency will Consider

The Offeror is responsible for making relevant portions of the work available to MBE subcontractors and suppliers and select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available MBE subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate MBE participation. The following is a list of types of actions the procuring agency will consider as part of the Offeror's Good Faith Efforts when the Offeror fails to meet the MBE Goal(s). This list is not intended to be a mandatory checklist, nor is it intended to be exclusive or exhaustive. Other factors or types of efforts may be relevant in appropriate cases.

##### A. Identify Proposal Items as Work for MBE Firms

###### 1. Identified Items of Work in Procurements

- (a) Certain procurements will include a list of Proposal items identified during the goal setting process as possible work for performance by MBE Firms. If the procurement provides a list of Identified Items of Work, the Offeror shall make all reasonable efforts to solicit quotes from MBE Firms to perform that work.
- (b) Offerors may, and are encouraged to, select additional items of work to be performed by MBE Firms to increase the likelihood that the MBE Goal(s) will be achieved.

###### 2. Identified Items of Work by Offerors

- (a) When the procurement does not include a list of Identified Items of Work or for additional Identified Items of Work, Offerors should reasonably identify sufficient items of work to be performed by MBE Firms.

- (b) Where appropriate, Offerors should break out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate MBE participation, rather than perform these work items with their own forces. The ability or desire of a prime contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the Offeror of the responsibility to make Good Faith Efforts.

## **B. Identify MBE Firms to Solicit**

### 1. MBE Firms Identified in Procurements

- (a) Certain procurements will include a list of the MBE Firms identified during the goal setting process as available to perform the items of work. If the procurement provides a list of Identified MBE Firms, the Offeror shall make all reasonable efforts to solicit those MBE firms.
- (b) Offerors may, and are encouraged to, search the MBE Directory to identify additional MBEs who may be available to perform the items of work, such as MBEs certified or granted an expansion of services after the solicitation was issued.

### 2. MBE Firms Identified by Offerors

- (a) When the procurement does not include a list of Identified MBE Firms, Offerors should reasonably identify the MBE Firms that are available to perform the Identified Items of Work.
- (b) Any MBE Firms identified as available by the Offeror should be certified to perform the Identified Items of Work.

## **C. Solicit MBEs**

### 1. Solicit all Identified Firms for all Identified Items of Work by providing written notice. The Offeror should:

- (a) provide the written solicitation at least 10 days prior to Proposal opening to allow sufficient time for the MBE Firms to respond;
- (b) send the written solicitation by first-class mail, facsimile, or e-mail using contact information in the MBE Directory, unless the Offeror has a valid basis for using different contact information; and
- (c) provide adequate information about the plans, specifications, anticipated time schedule for portions of the work to be performed by the MBE, and other requirements of the contract to assist MBE Firms in responding. (This information may be provided by including hard copies in the written solicitation or by electronic means as described in C.3 below.)

### 2. “All” Identified Firms includes the MBEs listed in the procurement and any MBE Firms you identify as potentially available to perform the Identified Items of Work, but it does not include MBE Firms who are no longer certified to perform the work as of the date the Offeror provides written solicitations.

### 3. “Electronic Means” includes, for example, information provided *via* a website or file transfer protocol (FTP) site containing the plans, specifications, and other requirements of the contract. If an interested MBE cannot access the information provided by electronic means, the Offeror must make the information available in a manner that is accessible to the interested MBE.

### 4. Follow up on initial written solicitations by contacting MBEs to determine if they are interested. The follow up contact may be made:

- (a) by telephone using the contact information in the MBE Directory, unless the Offeror has a valid basis for using different contact information; or
- (b) in writing *via* a method that differs from the method used for the initial written solicitation.

### 5. In addition to the written solicitation set forth in C.1 and the follow up required in C.4, use all other reasonable and available means to solicit the interest of MBE Firms certified to perform the work of the contract. Examples of other means include:

- (a) attending any pre-Proposal meetings at which MBE Firms could be informed of contracting and subcontracting opportunities; and
- (b) if recommended by the procurement, advertising with or effectively using the services of at least two minority focused entities or media, including trade associations, minority/women community organizations, minority/women contractors' groups, and local, state, and federal minority/women business assistance offices listed on the MDOT Office of Minority Business Enterprise website.

#### **D. Negotiate with Interested MBE Firms**

Offerors must negotiate in good faith with interested MBE Firms.

1. Evidence of negotiation includes, without limitation, the following:
  - (a) the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MBE Firms that were considered;
  - (b) a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting and the means used to provide that information; and
  - (c) evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for MBE Firms to perform the work.
2. The Offeror using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including MBE subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as contract goals into consideration.
3. The fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using MBE Firms is not in itself sufficient reason for the Offeror's failure to meet the contract MBE goal(s), as long as such costs are reasonable. Factors to take into consideration when determining whether an MBE Firm's quote is excessive or unreasonable include, without limitation, the following:
  - (a) dollar difference between the MBE subcontractor's quote and the average of the other subcontractors' quotes received by the Offeror;
  - (b) percentage difference between the MBE subcontractor's quote and the average of the other subcontractors' quotes received by the Offeror;
  - (c) percentage that the MBE subcontractor's quote represents of the overall contract amount;
  - (d) number of MBE firms that the Offeror solicited for that portion of the work;
  - (e) whether the work described in the MBE and Non-MBE subcontractor quotes (or portions thereof) submitted for review is the same or comparable; and
  - (f) number of quotes received by the Offeror for that portion of the work.
4. The above factors are not intended to be mandatory, exclusive, or exhaustive, and other evidence of an excessive or unreasonable price may be relevant.
5. The Offeror may not use its price for self-performing work as a basis for rejecting an MBE Firm's quote as excessive or unreasonable.
6. The "average of the other subcontractors' quotes received" by the Offeror refers to the average of the quotes received from all subcontractors. Offeror should attempt to receive quotes from at least three subcontractors, including one quote from an MBE and one quote from a Non-MBE.
7. The Offeror shall not reject an MBE Firm as unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of the firm's capabilities. For each certified MBE that is rejected as unqualified or that placed a subcontract quotation or offer that the Offeror concludes is not acceptable, the Offeror must provide a written detailed statement listing the reasons for this conclusion. The Offeror also must document the steps taken to verify the capabilities of the MBE and Non-MBE Firms quoting similar work.
  - (a) The factors to take into consideration when assessing the capabilities of an MBE Firm, include, but are not limited to the following: financial capability, physical capacity to perform, available personnel and equipment, existing workload, experience performing the type of work, conduct and performance in previous contracts, and ability to meet reasonable contract requirements.
  - (b) The MBE Firm's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations (for example union vs. non-union employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of Proposals in the efforts to meet the project goal.

#### **E. Assisting Interested MBE Firms**

When appropriate under the circumstances, the decision-maker will consider whether the Offeror made reasonable efforts to assist interested MBE Firms in obtaining:

1. The bonding, lines of credit, or insurance required by the procuring agency or the Offeror; and
2. Necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.

### III. Other Considerations

In making a determination of Good Faith Efforts the decision-maker may consider engineering estimates, catalogue prices, general market availability and availability of certified MBE Firms in the area in which the work is to be performed, other Proposals or offers and subcontract Proposals or offers substantiating significant variances between certified MBE and Non-MBE costs of participation, and their impact on the overall cost of the contract to the State and any other relevant factors.

The decision-maker may take into account whether the Offeror decided to self-perform subcontract work with its own forces, especially where the self-performed work is Identified Items of Work in the procurement. The decision-maker also may take into account the performance of other Offerors in meeting the contract. For example, when the apparent successful Offeror fails to meet the contract goal, but others meet it, this reasonably raises the question of whether, with additional reasonable efforts, the apparent successful Offeror could have met the goal. If the apparent successful Offeror fails to meet the goal, but meets or exceeds the average MBE participation obtained by other Offerors, this, when viewed in conjunction with other factors, could be evidence of the apparent successful Offeror having made Good Faith Efforts.

### IV. Documenting Good Faith Efforts

At a minimum, the Offeror seeking a waiver of the MBE Goal(s) or a portion thereof must provide written documentation of its Good Faith Efforts, in accordance with COMAR 21.11.03.11, within 10 Business Days after receiving notice that it is the apparent awardee. The written documentation shall include the following:

#### A. Items of Work (Complete Good Faith Efforts Documentation Attachment D-1C, Part 1)

A detailed statement of the efforts made to select portions of the work proposed to be performed by certified MBE Firms in order to increase the likelihood of achieving the stated MBE Goal(s).

#### B. Outreach/Solicitation/Negotiation

1. The record of the Offeror's compliance with the outreach efforts prescribed by COMAR 21.11.03.09C(2)(a). **(Complete Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement - D-2).**
2. A detailed statement of the efforts made to contact and negotiate with MBE Firms including:
  - (a) the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the MBE Firms who were contacted, with the dates and manner of contacts (letter, fax, e-mail, telephone, etc.) **(Complete Good Faith Efforts Attachment D-1C- Part 2, and submit letters, fax cover sheets, e-mails, etc. documenting solicitations);** and
  - (b) a description of the information provided to MBE Firms regarding the plans, specifications, and anticipated time schedule for portions of the work to be performed and the means used to provide that information.

#### C. Rejected MBE Firms (Complete Good Faith Efforts Attachment D-1C, Part 3)

1. For each MBE Firm that the Offeror concludes is not acceptable or qualified, a detailed statement of the reasons for the Offeror's conclusion, including the steps taken to verify the capabilities of the MBE and Non-MBE Firms quoting similar work.
2. For each certified MBE Firm that the Offeror concludes has provided an excessive or unreasonable price, a detailed statement of the reasons for the Offeror's conclusion, including the quotes received from all MBE and Non-MBE firms proposing on the same or comparable work. **(Include copies of all quotes received.)**
3. A list of MBE Firms contacted but found to be unavailable. This list should be accompanied by an MBE Unavailability Certificate (see **D-1B - Exhibit A** to this Part 1) signed by the MBE contractor or a statement from the Offeror that the MBE contractor refused to sign the MBE Unavailability Certificate.

#### D. Other Documentation

1. Submit any other documentation requested by the Procurement Officer to ascertain the Offeror's Good Faith Efforts.
2. Submit any other documentation the Offeror believes will help the Procurement Officer ascertain its Good Faith Efforts.

**D-1B - Exhibit A**  
**MBE Subcontractor Unavailability Certificate**

1. It is hereby certified that the firm of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Minority firm)

located at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number) (Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

was offered an opportunity to bid on Solicitation No. \_\_\_\_\_

in \_\_\_\_\_ County by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Prime Contractor's Firm)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Minority Firm), is either unavailable for the work/service or unable to prepare a Proposal for this project for the following reason(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Minority Firm's MBE Representative) (Title) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(MDOT Certification #) (Telephone #)

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3. To be completed by the prime contractor if Section 2 of this form is not completed by the minority firm.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, said Certified Minority Business Enterprise is either unavailable for the work/service for this project, is unable to prepare a Proposal, or did not respond to a request for a price Proposal and has not completed the above portion of this submittal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Prime Contractor) (Title) (Date)

**D-1C**  
**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST**

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<b>Prime Contractor:</b>	<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>PROJECT/CONTRACT</b>
Offeror Company Name, Street Address, Phone		<b>Solicitation #:</b>

Parts 1, 2, and 3 must be included with this certificate along with all documents supporting your waiver request.

I affirm that I have reviewed **Attachment D-1B**, Waiver Guidance. I further affirm under penalties of perjury that the contents of Parts 1, 2, and 3 of this **Attachment D-1C** Good Faith Efforts Documentation Form are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Company:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name (please print or type)

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Address



**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST**  
**PART 1 – IDENTIFIED ITEMS OF WORK OFFEROR MADE AVAILABLE TO MBE FIRMS**

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<b>Prime Contractor:</b>	<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>PROJECT/CONTRACT</b>
Offeror Company Name, Street Address, Phone		<b>Solicitation #:</b>

Identify those items of work that the Offeror made available to MBE Firms. This includes, where appropriate, those items the Offeror identified and determined to subdivide into economically feasible units to facilitate the MBE participation. For each item listed, show the anticipated percentage of the total contract amount. It is the Offeror’s responsibility to demonstrate that sufficient work to meet the goal was made available to MBE Firms, and the total percentage of the items of work identified for MBE participation equals or exceeds the percentage MBE goal set for the procurement. Note: If the procurement includes a list of Proposal items identified during the goal setting process as possible items of work for performance by MBE Firms, the Offeror should make all of those items of work available to MBE Firms or explain why that item was not made available. If the Offeror selects additional items of work to make available to MBE Firms, those additional items should also be included below.

<b>Identified Items of Work</b>	<b>Was this work listed in the procurement?</b>	<b>Does Offeror normally self-perform this work?</b>	<b>Was this work made available to MBE Firms? If no, explain why not.</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Please check if Additional Sheets are attached.

**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST**

**PART 2 – IDENTIFIED MBE FIRMS AND RECORD OF SOLICITATIONS**

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<b>Prime Contractor:</b>	<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>PROJECT/CONTRACT</b>
<i>Offeror Company Name, Street Address, Phone</i>		<b>Solicitation #:</b>

Identify the MBE Firms solicited to provide quotes for the Identified Items of Work made available for MBE participation. Include the name of the MBE Firm solicited, items of work for which quotes were solicited, date and manner of initial and follow-up solicitations, whether the MBE provided a quote, and whether the MBE is being used to meet the MBE participation goal. MBE Firms used to meet the participation goal must be included on the MBE Participation Schedule. Note: If the procurement includes a list of the MBE Firms identified during the goal setting process as potentially available to perform the items of work, the Offeror should solicit all of those MBE Firms or explain why a specific MBE was not solicited. If the Offeror identifies additional MBE Firms who may be available to perform Identified Items of Work, those additional MBE Firms should also be included below. Copies of all written solicitations and documentation of follow-up calls to MBE Firms must be attached to this form. This list should be accompanied by a Minority Contractor Unavailability Certificate signed by the MBE contractor or a statement from the Offeror that the MBE contractor refused to sign the Minority Contractor Unavailability Certificate (**Attachment D-1B - Exhibit A**). If the Offeror used a Non-MBE or is self-performing the identified items of work, Part 4 must be completed.

<b>Name of Identified MBE Firm &amp; MBE Classification</b>	<b>Describe Item of Work Solicited</b>	<b>Initial Solicitation Date &amp; Method</b>	<b>Follow-up Solicitation Date &amp; Method</b>	<b>Details for Follow-up Calls</b>	<b>Quote Rec'd</b>	<b>Quote Used</b>	<b>Reason Quote Rejected</b>
Firm Name: MBE Classification (Check only if requesting waiver of MBE subgoal.) <input type="checkbox"/> African American-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification		Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Facsimile <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Facsimile <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Time of Call: Spoke with: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Left Message	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Used Other MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Used Non-MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing
Firm Name: MBE Classification (Check only if requesting waiver of MBE subgoal.) <input type="checkbox"/> African American-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification		Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Facsimile <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Facsimile <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Time of Call: Spoke with: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Left Message	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Used Other MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Used Non-MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing

Please check if Additional Sheets are attached.

**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST  
PART 3 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING REJECTED MBE QUOTES**

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<b>Prime Contractor:</b>	<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>PROJECT/CONTRACT NUMBER:</b>
<i>Offeror Company Name, Street Address, Phone</i>		<b>Solicitation #:</b>

This form must be completed if Part 1 indicates that an MBE quote was rejected because the Offeror is using a Non-MBE or is self-performing the Identified Items of Work. Provide the Identified Items Work, indicate whether the work will be self-performed or performed by a Non-MBE, and if applicable, state the name of the Non-MBE. Also include the names of all MBE and Non-MBE Firms that provided a quote and the amount of each quote.

<b>Describe Identified Items of Work Not Being Performed by MBE (Include spec/ section number from Proposal)</b>	<b>Self-performing or Using Non-MBE (Provide name)</b>	<b>Amount of Non-MBE Quote</b>	<b>Name of Other Firms who Provided Quotes &amp; Whether MBE or Non-MBE</b>	<b>Amount Quoted</b>	<b>Indicate Reason Why MBE Quote Rejected &amp; Briefly Explain</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> Using Non-MBE _____	\$ _____	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Price <input type="checkbox"/> Capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> Using Non-MBE _____	\$ _____	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Price <input type="checkbox"/> Capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> Using Non-MBE _____	\$ _____	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Price <input type="checkbox"/> Capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> Using Non-MBE _____	\$ _____	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Price <input type="checkbox"/> Capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> Using Non-MBE _____	\$ _____	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Price <input type="checkbox"/> Capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> Using Non-MBE _____	\$ _____	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Price <input type="checkbox"/> Capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other

Please check if Additional Sheets are attached.

**D- 2**  
**OUTREACH EFFORTS COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Complete and submit this form within 10 Business Days of notification of apparent award or actual award, whichever is earlier.

In conjunction with the Proposal submitted in response to Solicitation No. \_\_\_\_\_, I state the following:

1. Offeror identified subcontracting opportunities in these specific work categories:

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2. Attached to this form are copies of written solicitations (with Proposal instructions) used to solicit certified MBE firms for these subcontract opportunities.

3. Offeror made the following attempts to personally contact the solicited MDOT-certified MBE firms:

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4. **Please Check One:**

- This project does not involve bonding requirements.
- Offeror assisted MDOT-certified MBE firms to fulfill or seek waiver of bonding requirements. (DESCRIBE EFFORTS):

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5. **Please Check One:**

- Offeror did attend the pre-Proposal conference.
- No pre -Proposal meeting/conference was held.
- Offeror did not attend the pre-Proposal conference.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Company:

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Company Name (please print or type)

By:

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Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name:

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Printed Name

Title:

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Title

Date:

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Date

Address:

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Company Address

**D-3A**  
**CERTIFIED MBE SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**PRIME CONTRACTOR:** After completing SECTIONS A, B, and D, provide this form to *each* certified Minority Business Enterprise subcontractor (MBE) listed on the MBE Participation Schedule (Attachment D-1A) allowing sufficient time for the MBE to respond within the required timeframe.

**CERTIFIED MBE SUBCONTRACTOR:** Complete SECTION C to acknowledge and certify the information in SECTION A. Return the completed form directly to the Procurement Officer identified in SECTION D within 10 days after notice from the Prime Contractor of the State’s intent to award the Contract. Provide a copy to the Prime Contractor.

***IF THIS FORM IS NOT RETURNED WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY DETERMINE THAT THE PRIME CONTRACTOR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE AND THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONTRACT AWARD.***

**SECTION A**

Provided that (Prime Contractor) \_\_\_\_\_ is awarded the State contract in conjunction with Solicitation Number \_\_\_\_\_, (Prime Contractor) \_\_\_\_\_ intends to enter into a subcontract with (Certified MBE Subcontractor) \_\_\_\_\_ with MDOT Certification Number \_\_\_\_\_ committing to participation by (Certified MBE Subcontractor) \_\_\_\_\_ of at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which equals \_\_\_\_\_% of the Total Contract Value for the following products/services:

NAICS CODE	WORK ITEM, SPECIFICATION NUMBER, LINE ITEMS OR WORK CATEGORIES (IF APPLICABLE)	DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES

The Contractor and certified MBE each acknowledge that, for purposes of determining the accuracy of the information provided herein, the Procurement Officer may request additional information, including, without limitation, copies of the subcontract agreements and quotes. The Contractor and certified MBE each solemnly affirms under the penalties of perjury that: (i) the information provided in this Certified MBE Subcontractor Participation Certification is true to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, and (ii) it has fully complied with the State Minority Business Enterprise law, State Finance and Procurement Article §14-308(a)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland which provides that, except as otherwise provided by law, a Contractor may not identify a certified MBE in a Bid/Proposal and:

- (1) fail to request, receive, or otherwise obtain authorization from the MBE to identify the MBE in its Bid/Proposal;
- (2) fail to notify the MBE before execution of the Contract of its inclusion of the Bid/Proposal;
- (3) fail to use the MBE in the performance of the Contract; or
- (4) pay the MBE solely for the use of its name in the Bid/Proposal.

**SECTION B – Prime Contractor**

Signature of Representative:

\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

Prime Firm's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION C – Certified MBE Subcontractor**

Signature of Representative:

\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

MBE Firm's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION D**

*This completed form is due to the Procurement Officer on or before:* \_\_\_\_\_

Solicitation #: \_\_\_\_\_ Solicitation Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Dept.: \_\_\_\_\_ Procurement Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**D-3B**  
**MBE PRIME PROJECT PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION**

**Please complete and submit this form to attest to each specific item of work that your MBE firm has listed on the MBE Participation Schedule (Attachment D-1A) for purposes of meeting the MBE participation goals. This form must be submitted within 10 Business Days of notification of apparent award. If the Offeror fails to return this affidavit within the required time, the Procurement Officer may determine that Proposal is not susceptible of being selected for Contract award.**

Provided that \_\_\_\_\_ (Prime Contractor's Name) with Certification Number \_\_\_\_\_ is awarded the State contract in conjunction with Solicitation No. \_\_\_\_\_, such MBE Prime Contractor intends to perform with its own forces at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which equals to \_\_\_% of the Total Contract Amount for performing the following goods and services for the Contract:

NAICS CODE	WORK ITEM, SPECIFICATION NUMBER, LINE ITEMS OR WORK CATEGORIES (IF APPLICABLE) For Construction Projects, General Conditions must be listed separately	DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES	VALUE OF THE WORK

**MBE Prime Contractor**

Company:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Company Name (please print or type)*

FEIN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Federal Identification Number*

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Authorized Representative*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date:



**D-4A**  
**Minority Business Enterprise Participation**  
**Prime Contractor Paid/Unpaid Invoice Report**

Report #:	Contract #:
Reporting Period (Month/Year):	Contracting Unit:
<b>Prime Contractor: Report is due to the MBE Liaison by the 10th of the month following the month the services were provided.</b> <b>Note: Please number reports in sequence</b>	Contract Amount:
	MBE Subcontract Amt:
	Project Begin Date:
	Project End Date:
	Services Provided:

Prime Contractor:		Contact Person:	
Address:			
City:		State:	ZIP:
Phone:	FAX:	E-mail:	
MBE Subcontractor Name:		Contact Person:	
Phone:	FAX:	E-mail:	
Subcontractor Services Provided:			
<b>List all payments made to MBE subcontractor named above during this reporting period:</b>		<b>List dates and amounts of any outstanding invoices:</b>	
	<b>Invoice #</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
	<b>Invoice #</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
1.			1.
2.			2.
3.			3.
4.			4.
<b>Total Dollars Paid: \$</b>		<b>Total Dollars Unpaid: \$</b>	

- If more than one MBE subcontractor is used for this contract, you must use separate **Attachment D-4A** forms. Information regarding payments that the MBE prime will use for purposes of meeting the MBE participation goals must be reported separately in **Attachment D-4B**.
- **Return one copy (hard or electronic) of this form to the following addresses (electronic copy with signature and date is preferred):**

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Contract Monitor Name

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Address

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Email

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Signature (Required)

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Contracting Unit

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City, State Zip

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Phone Number

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Date

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**D-4B**  
**Minority Business Enterprise Participation**  
**MBE Prime Contractor Report**

MBE Prime Contractor:	Contract #:
Certification Number:	Contracting Unit:
Report #:	Contract Amount:
Reporting Period (Month/Year):	Total Value of the Work to the Self-Performed for purposes of Meeting the MBE participation goal/subgoals:
<b>MBE Prime Contractor: Report is due to the MBE Liaison by the 10th of the month following the month the services were provided.</b> <b>Note: Please number reports in sequence</b>	Project Begin Date:
	Project End Date:

Contact Person:			
Address:			
City:		State:	
Phone:		FAX:	E-mail:

Invoice Number	Value of the Work	NAICS Code	Description of Specific Products and/or Services

**Return one copy (hard or electronic) of this form to the following addresses (electronic copy with signature and date is preferred):**

Contract Monitor Name	Contracting Unit
Address	City, State Zip
Email	Phone Number
Signature (Required)	Date

**D-5**  
**Minority Business Enterprise Participation**  
**MBE Subcontractor Paid/Unpaid Invoice Report**

Report #:	Contract #:
Reporting Period (Month/Year):	Contracting Unit:
<b>Report is due by the 10th of the month following the month the services were performed.</b>	MBE Subcontract Amt:
	Project Begin Date:
	Project End Date:
	Services Provided:

MBE Subcontractor Name:					
MDOT Certification #:					
Contact Person:					
Address:					
City:			State:		ZIP:
Phone:		FAX:		E-mail:	
<b>Subcontractor Services Provided:</b>					
<b>List all payments received from Prime Contractor during reporting period indicated above.</b>			<b>List dates and amounts of any unpaid invoices over 30 days old.</b>		
	<b>Invoice Amount</b>	<b>Date</b>		<b>Invoice Amount</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.			1.		
2.			2.		
3.			3.		
4.			4.		
<b>Total Dollars Paid: \$</b>			<b>Total Dollars Unpaid: \$</b>		
Prime Contractor:			Contract Person:		

**Return one copy of this form to the following addresses (electronic copy with signature and date is preferred):**

_____	_____
Contract Monitor Name	Contracting Unit
_____	_____
Address	City, State Zip
_____	_____
Email	Phone Number
_____	_____
Signature (Required)	Date

**ATTACHMENT E**  
**CAPACITY SUMMARY SHEET**



**ATTACHMENT F**

**PRICING FORM**

**Please click on the Share File link below to access the document:**

<https://mdstad.sharefile.com/d-secc248137b5f4501abcf8b09fc602d28>

## Attachment G

### Anticipated Project Schedule

- **Baltimore City College High School**
  - Design Start: Winter 2023
  - Design Completion: Summer 2025
  - Construction Start: Summer 2025
  - Construction Completion: Summer 2028
- **Baltimore Polytechnic Institute/Western HS**
  - Design Start: January 2025
  - Design Completion: May 2026
  - Construction Start: Summer 2026 (Western HS)/ Summer 2028 (BPI)
  - Construction Completion: Summer 2028 (Western HS)/ Summer 2030 (BPI)
- **Kent County Middle School**
  - Design Start: November 2024
  - Design Completion: September 2025
  - Construction Start: Summer/Fall 2025
  - Construction Completion: Summer 2027 (Building)/Spring 2028 (Site)
- **Place Holder 1, 2, & 3: TBD**

**ATTACHMENT H**  
**SAMPLE CONTRACT**  
**(to be issued via addendum)**



**ATTACHMENT I**

**FEASIBILITY STUDIES**

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**ATTACHMENT J**

**PRIME CONTRACTOR LIST OF ALL SUBCONTRACTORS**

## Attachment J. Prime Contractor List of ALL Subcontractors Anticipated/Used During Contract

July 2024

Effective beginning for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, the State of Maryland is required to collect the names and total payments of all subcontractors used during the life of the contract with no regard to socioeconomic program status or certifications. Provide a State of Maryland certification number for firms that do hold MBE, VSBE, and/or SBR certifications, regardless of whether they are fulfilling subcontracting program goals. It should be noted in the appropriate column if the firm is fulfilling a specific subcontracting goal.

Attachment J is required to be submitted with the bidder/offeror's bid/proposal whenever there is a MBE and/or VSBE participation goal(s) included in the solicitation.

Attachment J will be used during the life of the contract to track Subcontractors working for the Prime with a final report of all subcontractors and payments made to the subs regardless of their socioeconomic program status.

### Instructions on How to Complete Attachment J

- There are two spreadsheets/tabs in Attachment J - "Anticipated Subcontractors" and "Actual Subcontractors".
- The first tab - "Anticipated Subcontractors" is to be completed and submitted with the bid/proposal.
- The following information must be filled out at the top of the first spreadsheet prior to submitting the attachment with the bid/proposal:
  - Bidder/Offeror Name: (Bidder/Offeror's Company Name responding to the solicitation)
  - Agency and Program Name: (State Agency/Program that published the solicitation named on both the cover page and the Key Information Summary Sheet)
  - Solicitation Name / Number: (Solicitation Name and Number found on the cover page of the solicitation and the Key Information Summary Sheet)
  - Overall MBE % Goal for Contract: (The total MBE participation goal for the contract identified on the Key Information Summary Sheet)
  - Overall VSBE % Goal for the Contract: (The total VSBE participation goal for the contract identified on the Key Information Summary Sheet)
  - Contract Duration: (Contract duration identified in the Key Information Summary Sheet)
  - Bidder/Offeror Signature: (The Bidder/Offeror's representative with the power to sign a State of Maryland contract and affirm the statement below:  
"By my signature above, I affirm that the list below contains all currently known anticipated subcontractors that will be used to fulfill the contract requirements.")
- The following information must be filled out in the body of the first spreadsheet for all known subcontractors prior to submitting the attachment with the bid/proposal:
  - Subcontractor Name (The Subcontractor Company's Name that has an agreement with the Prime to work on the contract)
  - MBE/VSBE/SBR - State of Maryland Certification # or NA (If the Subcontractor is a MBE, VSBE, or SBR list their Maryland certification number found on their eMMA profile or MDOT MBE)
  - Brief Description of Work to be Performed (For MBEs and VSBEs, ensure the work being identified is work they are certified to perform) \*
  - Individual MBE/VSBE % Goal or NA (If you are utilizing more than one MBE or VSBE to meet the overall goals identified at the top of the spreadsheet, enter the percentage that this particular

**\* NOTE: Any MBE or VSBE named and listed on this spreadsheet must also be listed on the MBE Forms - Attachment D or VSBE Forms - Attachment E required to be submitted with the**

The State is aware that circumstances change during the course of a contract that requires substitutions among subcontractors. Thus, this second tab of the form is to capture all subcontractors actually utilized during the life of the contract. For example, if you modified the contract to add or change a MBE or VSBE from the original named MBE(s) or VSBE(s), or added any subcontractors, including MBE, VSBE, SBR certified firms that were not fulfilling a subcontracting goal.

- The second tab - "Actual Subcontractors" is to be completed and submitted as required by the procurement officer and/or contract monitor/project manager during the contract performance period with
- The following information must be filled out at the top of the second spreadsheet prior to submitting the attachment when requested and at contract close out:
  - Prime Contractor Name: (Bidder/Offeror Awarded the Contract that performed as the Prime Contractor)
  - Agency and Program Name: (Copied from the first spreadsheet)
  - Contract Name / Number: (Copied from the first spreadsheet)
  - Overall MBE % Goal for Contract: (Copied from the first spreadsheet)
  - Overall VSBE % Goal for the Contract: (Copied from the first spreadsheet)
  - Contract Term (Start Date - End Date): (The actual start and end dates of the Contract)
  - Total Amount Invoiced to/Paid by the State to the Prime Contractor: (Total amount paid to the Prime Contractor by the State)
  - Prime Contractor Signature: (The Contractor's representative with the power to sign a State of Maryland contract and affirm the statement below:  
"By my signature above, I affirm that the list below contains all subcontractors that were used to fulfill the contract requirements and the total amount paid to each subcontractor to close out the contract.")
- The following information must be filled out in the body of the second spreadsheet for all subcontractors that worked on the contract during the time period requested and at contract close out:
  - Subcontractor Name (The Subcontractor Company's Name that has an agreement with the Prime to work on the contract)
  - MBE/VSBE/SBR - State of Maryland Certification # or NA (If the Subcontractor is a MBE, VSBE, or SBR list their Maryland certification number found on their eMMA profile or MDOT MBE)
  - Brief Description of Work to be Performed (For MBEs and VSBEs, ensure the work being identified is work they are certified to perform) \*
  - Individual MBE/VSBE % Goal or NA (If you are utilizing more than one MBE or VSBE to meet the overall goals identified at the top of the spreadsheet, enter the percentage that this particular
  - Total \$\$ Paid to Subcontractor (Total amount invoiced by the Subcontractor and paid by the Prime to the Subcontractor during the life of the contract with the State of Maryland) \*\*

**\*\* NOTE: Any MBE or VSBE named and listed on this spreadsheet must also be listed on the MBE Forms - Attachment D or VSBE Forms - Attachment E submitted with the bid/proposal or by**

- These spreadsheets are not protected, so you may modify the forms to enter the information required and add rows as needed for additional subcontractors.





**ATTACHMENT K**  
**CORPORATE PROFILE**

**Consultant Corporate Profile**

**Firm Contact Information**

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Firm Background Information**

Year Firm Founded: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the firm MDOT MBE Certified? Yes/No

If certified, provide the certification number and minority status.

\_\_\_\_\_

Primary Business / Service Provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years Performing Services: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Full Time Employees (Corporate / Regional Office): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a brief narrative outlining the firm's history.

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Provide a brief narrative outlining what services the firm intends to self-perform.

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Provide a brief narrative outlining what services the firm intends to subcontract to others.

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Provide a brief narrative outlining the firm's familiarity with standards, laws and conditions as they apply to the work to be performed under this project.

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Provide a brief narrative clarifying the firm's capacity to perform services as outlined in the RFP.

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Provide sales volume and project completion data for the most recently completed three-year period. Note that information provided is to be for the regional / local office that would be responsible for completing work under this solicitation.

Volume	Annual Sales	Completed Projects	Largest Project
2021	_____	_____	_____
2022	_____	_____	_____
2023	_____	_____	_____
2024	_____	_____	_____



**Firm References**

Provide three (3) references. Note that references are to be from different projects; that is, only one reference per project is allowed. **MSA staff members cannot be considered as a firm's reference.**

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Disclosure of Contract Issues; Litigation; Criminal Investigations**

In the last five years, list and discuss any alleged prior or ongoing contract failures (potential judgment/settlement in excess of \$100,000), contract breaches (potential judgment/settlement in excess of \$100,000), other significant civil litigation, and all criminal litigation or investigations, which involved your firm.

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**Failure to Complete**

In the last five (5) years, disclose any projects that your firm was involved with that were not completed.

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**Insurance**

Include current certificates of insurance showing the limits of liability maintained by your firm in each of the following categories: workers' compensation, employer's liability, commercial general liability, automobile liability, umbrella or excess liability, and property insurance.

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**Prepared By:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ATTACHMENT L**  
**MBE SEARCH FACTORS**

**Exhibit 1. MBE Research Factors Template**

**Solicitation Title: Code Compliance Services for Various Built to Learn Act School Projects**

**eMMA Solicitation No. BPM047939**

This exhibit serves as a summary of the factors the State used, in conjunction with guidance from the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women’s Business Affairs, to determine:

1. The expected degree of Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation for the procurement contract, including subcontracting opportunities identified for the project, any applicable North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes linked to the subcontracting opportunities, and the number of certified MBEs in those industries.
2. The expected degree of Veteran-owned Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) participation for the procurement contract, including subcontracting opportunities identified for the project, any applicable United Nations Standard Products and Services Codes (UNSPSC) [identified in eMaryland Marketplace Advantage (eMMA) as Categories] linked to the subcontracting opportunities, and the number of certified VSBEs in those industries; and
3. If this procurement is for a Statewide Master Contract where secondary competition may occur, the expected degree of Small Business Reserve (SBR) participation for the secondary competition agreement (such as a task order agreement or purchase order agreement) to be designated as an SBR, including opportunities identified for the secondary competition agreement, any applicable UNSPSCs linked to the subcontracting opportunities, and the number of certified SBRs in those industries.

**Disclaimer:** This summary’s research results are not all inclusive and do not exclude any other subcontracting opportunities that the Bidder/Offeror may identify in preparing a Bid/Proposal to submit in response to the solicitation.

<b>MBE Research by NAICS Code</b>		
<b>NAICS Codes</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b># MBEs in MDOT Directory</b>
541310	Architectural/Engineering Services	0
541330	Engineering Services	1
541611	General Management Consulting Services	0
541618	Other Management Consulting Services	0
<b>MBE Research by Keywords</b>		
<b>Keywords</b>		<b># MBEs in MDOT Directory</b>
Code Consulting		1

**ATTACHMENT M**  
**CORPORATE DIVERSITY ADDENDUM AND AFFIDAVIT**

## CORPORATE DIVERSITY ADDENDUM

Effective August 18, 2022

**Instructions:** Pursuant to § 11-101 of the Tax-Property Article, certain entities must provide a Corporate Diversity Addendum, which contains certain diversity data specified by Code of Maryland Regulation (“COMAR”) 24.01.07. To determine whether you must provide the Corporate Diversity Addendum, please complete Worksheet A.

Failure to complete the Addendum or failure to meet the criteria therein, may prohibit you from receiving certain State benefits. For more information, refer to COMAR 24.01.07.

Please be aware, the information you include in the Corporate Diversity Addendum may be shared with other Maryland State agencies.

### Worksheet A

1. Are you an entity that is required to be in good standing with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (“SDAT”), and meets the following definition:

(1) A commercial enterprise or business that is formed in the State or registered with SDAT to do business in the State; or (2) a corporation, foundation, school, hospital, or other legal entity for which none of the net earnings inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual holding an interest in the entity?

Yes – Proceed to Question 2

No – STOP. You are not required to complete the Corporate Diversity Addendum. Complete Affidavit (I) on Page 2 and submit with the application for a State benefit.

2. Check the appropriate box if you are any of the following types of entities:

Sole Proprietor

Limited liability company (LLC) owned by a single member

Privately held company if at least 75% of the company’s shareholders are family members

Entity that (1) has an annual operating budget or annual sales less than \$5,000,000; and (2) has not qualified for or applied for, and does not intend to apply for, a State benefit, as defined below

Did you check at least one box?

Yes – STOP. You are not required to complete the Corporate Diversity Addendum. Complete Affidavit (I) on Page 2 and submit with the application for a State benefit.

No – Proceed to the Corporate Diversity Addendum on Page 3.

“State benefit” means (1) a State capital grant funding totaling \$1.0 million or more in a single fiscal year (July 1 – June 30); (2) State tax credits totaling \$1.0 million or more in a single fiscal year (July 1 – June 30); or (3) the receipt of a State contract with a total value of \$1.0 million or more. “State contract” means a contract that (a) resulted from a competitive procurement process and (b) is not federally funded in any way.

**AFFIDAVIT (I)**

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY**, I hereby swear that the entity submitting this report is not required to submit the Corporate Diversity Addendum.

Entity/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN): \_\_\_\_\_

SDAT Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Entity's representative completing this Affidavit (print clearly):

\_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## CORPORATE DIVERSITY ADDENDUM

**Instructions:** If you are required to provide the Corporate Diversity Addendum, completing Affidavit (II) on Page 4 is mandatory. A response to both items is required. Failure to provide a complete response to either of the two items may render the entity ineligible for certain state benefits. For more information, refer to COMAR 24.01.07.

I. A response to Item I is required. However, the content of your response has no bearing on eligibility for State benefits. Select below the underrepresented communities which are represented on this entity's board or in executive leadership. Select all that apply.

- Alaska Native
- Asian-Pacific Islander
- Black or African-American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native American
- Native Hawaiian
- One or more of the racial or ethnic groups listed above
- None of the above

II. Check the box next to the following Corporate Diversity indicators that pertain to this entity. *Note that references to underrepresented communities refers to communities listed in Item I above. The examples provided are intended to be representative, not exclusive.* Select all that apply.

1.  Entity maintains written workforce diversity, equity, and inclusion (“DEI”) policies.
2.  Entity offers DEI training to its workforce.
3.  Entity assigns a senior-level employee as responsible for oversight and direction of the entity's DEI efforts.
4.  Entity reports performance of its workforce DEI programs on its website.
5.  Entity includes DEI objectives in performance plans of its managers.
6.  Entity publishes information on its website about its DEI commitments and efforts.
7.  Entity provides career advancement training/opportunities for employees, including members of underrepresented communities.
8.  Entity collaborates with educational institutions, or is an educational institution, serving significant or predominant student populations or affinity groups from underrepresented communities (e.g., career fairs, scholarships, internships, apprenticeships).
9.  Entity has a supplier diversity policy that provides business opportunities to diverse suppliers, including businesses owned by members of underrepresented communities, such as State-certified Minority Business Enterprises (“MBEs”).
10.  Entity publicizes its procurement opportunities to encourage participation from businesses owned by members of underrepresented communities.
11.  Entity measures percentage of contract dollars awarded to businesses owned by members of underrepresented communities, including MBEs.
12.  Entity provides support and outreach to underrepresented communities and/or organizations that represent underrepresented communities.

Only entities that meet at least 33% (4) of the Corporate Diversity Indicators above, by checking all the applicable boxes, qualify to receive a State benefit.

**AFFIDAVIT (II)**

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY**, I declare that I have examined this Corporate Diversity Addendum, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Entity/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN): \_\_\_\_\_

SDAT Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Entity's representative completing this Affidavit (print clearly):

\_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Penalties for Submitting False Information.** If information provided by the entity in this form or by other means is materially false, the entity and the individual providing the false information may be subject to criminal prosecution for perjury, procurement fraud, and other crimes and may be subject to debarment, and all State benefits or contracts to the entity made in reliance upon the inaccurate form or other information may be void or subject to termination for default. See COMAR 24.01.07.