



Oakland Housing
Authority

October 19, 2015

Gentlemen/Ladies:

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal (IFB) NO. 15-014 Process Server Services

The Oakland Housing Authority invites proposals from qualified and experienced contractors who can provide process server services.

Proposals will be accepted on the first floor at 1801 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA. until 10 a.m. (local time), November 25, 2015. Offers received after this date and time will be rejected without consideration.

Questions of a procedural nature may be directed to Courtney Creswell at (510) 587-2165.

We look forward to receiving your proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric Johnson
Executive Director
Oakland Housing Authority
1619 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612



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INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

#15-014

Process Server Services

IFB Issued	October 19, 2015
Pre-Bid Conference:	November 3, 2015 at 10:00 AM 1801 Harrison Street 1 st Floor Oakland, CA 94612
Questions Due	November 10, 2015 by 10:00 AM
Email to:	ccgs@oakha.org (Indicate above IFB# in "Subject")
Addendum Issued (if applicable)	November 18, 2015
Bids Due	November 25, 2015 @ 10:00 AM

**Contract Compliance & General Services (CCGS) Department
Oakland Housing Authority
1801 Harrison St. 1st Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
e-mail: CCGS@oakha.org**

Contact person for the above IFB: Courtney Creswell @ 510-587-2165

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Process Server Services

IFB Introduction: The Oakland Housing Authority (“the Authority”) invites proposals from qualified and experienced contractors who can provide process server services. The Authority currently provides subsidized housing to over 15,000 families. The selected contractor(s) shall provide process server services for the Authority (“Process Server service” is defined herein as delivery of process or legal papers”). The selected contractor(s) will also provide courier or messenger services on an as-needed basis by the request of the Authority (“courier or messenger services” are defined herein as filing documents at the Alameda County Superior court or personal deliveries that are not required for legal process”). The required services are: Service of legal notices (notices to pay or quit & notices to quit); Service of subpoena; and Service of Summons and Complaints. Monthly average service request are approximately 25-45 request a month.

The Authority will award contracts based upon the proposers submitted cost and the minimum qualifications outlined within this RFP. Cost will be evaluated using the submitted Grand Total (Attachment A – Bid Form).

How to obtain Bid Documents:

- 1) Bid Documents are available to download on the Oakland Housing Authority’s website: **www.oakha.org**. Select “Business Opportunities”, “Open RFPs and Bid Status”, “Active Bids”, and select the corresponding bid number.

OR

- 2) The bid documents are available to the public for review at the Oakland Housing Authority Contract Compliance Office, 1801 Harrison Street, First Floor, Oakland, CA 94612. Please contact Courtney Creswell @510-587-2165 to schedule a time to review.

For further information and/or updates on this bid or any other Oakland Housing Authority projects, you may go to Oakland Housing Authority website at www.oakha.org.

Bids will be accepted until 10:00 AM, on November 25, 2015. (No late bids will be accepted!)

Sealed bids must have the following information clearly marked and visible on the outside of the envelope (LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED):

1. Name of Company
2. Address
3. Phone Number
4. Bid Number

(Faxed or emailed bids will not be accepted, and postmarks will not be used to determine timeliness of bids.)

Please submit sealed bids to:

Oakland Housing Authority - Contract Compliance and General Services Division
1801 Harrison Street, First Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

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1.	Bid Form	√
2.	Section 3 Business Certification and Action Plan (Within Contractor's Summary Guide to Section 3 Compliance)	√
3.	Profile and Certification Form	√
4.	Qualifications Statement	√
5.	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders (Form HUD-5369-A)	√
6.	Subcontractor Form	√
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

IFB Introduction:

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Oakland Housing Authority Reservation of Rights:

- The Oakland Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informality in the IFB process, or to terminate the IFB process at any time, if deemed by the Oakland Housing Authority to be in its best interests.
- The Oakland Housing Authority reserves the right not to award a contract pursuant to this IFB.
- The Oakland Housing Authority reserves the right to terminate a contract awarded pursuant to this IFB, at any time for its convenience.
- The Oakland Housing Authority reserves the right to determine the days, hours and locations that the successful proposer(s) shall provide the services called for in this IFB.
- The Oakland Housing Authority reserves the right to negotiate the fees proposed by the proposer entity.
- The Oakland Housing Authority reserves the right to reject and not consider any proposal that does not meet the requirements of this IFB, including but not necessarily limited to incomplete proposals and/or proposals offering alternate or non-requested services.
- The Oakland Housing Authority shall reserve the right to at any time during the IFB or contract process to prohibit any further participation by a proposer or reject any proposal submitted that does not conform to any of the requirements detailed herein.
- By accessing and/or by downloading this document, each prospective proposer is thereby agreeing to abide by all terms and conditions listed within this document, and further agrees that he/she will inform the CCGS Contact Person in writing within 5 days of the discovery of any item listed herein or of any item that is issued thereafter by the Oakland Housing Authority that he/she feels needs to be addressed. Failure to abide by this time frame shall relieve the Oakland Housing Authority, but not the prospective proposer, of any responsibility pertaining to such issue.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The selected contractor will provide the following services:

- Serve the following documents: service of legal notices (notices to pay or quit & notices to quit); Service of subpoena; and Service of Summons and Complaints;
- Services of documents will be completed within two (2) days for local and three (3) days for non-local area. If the services are unsuccessful, the contractor will notify the Authority within two (2) days;
- Same-day response required (email and/or phone);
- Weekend services required;
- Services of process will be attempted within five (5) days in California and within seven (7) days out of State but in any case, 21 days before the scheduled court appearance. Contractor is required to respond to the Authority's services request within 24 hours;
- Contractor will return completed proofs of services and, in the case of sub-service, declarations of due diligence within five (5) days after service. Five (5) attempts satisfies due diligence. Proof of service must be completed correctly. Request corrections must be returned within five (5) business days of notice of error;
- The contractor must be available to testify at court hearings;
- Contractor will pay all postage or mailings expenses associated with the contract;
- Serve all documents with Due Diligence according to the California Code of Civil Procedure 415.20 or to satisfy Alameda County's requirements to obtain a Judicial Order under CCP 415.45;
- Provide "stake out" services (waiting at a location for the arrival of some person in order to effect services).

Minimum Qualifications:

- A. Bidder(s) shall be regular and continuously engaged in the business of providing service of process for at least ten (10) years in the specific area of unlawful detainer. Bidder must submit proof of this within their proposal.
- B. Bidder(s) must be in possession of a permanent identification card issued by the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder Office. Pursuant of Business and Professions code, Section 22355 (a) process server applicants are required to submit their fingerprint card along with their application. The Clerk-Recorder's Office issues a permanent identification card to the process server applicant after The Clerk-Recorder has received clearance on an applicant's background check. Bidder(s) must submit a copy of their identification card issued by Alameda County with their proposal.
- C. Contractor(s) and employees who perform Service of Process in California must be registered and bonded in the State of California (State). Process Servers outside California must be licensed and/or registered according to the appropriate law in the State where service is attempted. Bidder(s) must submit proof of this with their proposal.

- D. Contractor must be able to provide professional Service of Process of court documents in compliance with all local, State and Federal laws.
- E. Provide three (3) references.

3. **BID PROCESS**

Pre-bid Conference/Walkthrough:

The scheduled pre-bid conference is, pursuant to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulation, not mandatory. Many prospective bidders have previously responded to an IFB and feel comfortable in doing so without attending the pre-conference. Typically, such conferences last one hour or less, though such is not guaranteed. The purpose of this conference is to assist prospective bidders to have a full understanding of the IFB documents so that they feel confident in submitting an appropriate bid; therefore, at this conference the Oakland Housing Authority will conduct a brief overview of the IFB documents, including the attachments. Prospective bidders may also ask questions, though the Contract Specialist, which may require that some such questions are delivered in writing by the specified deadline for questions prior to a response being delivered. Whereas the purpose of this conference is to review the IFB documents, attendees should bring a copy of the IFB documents to this conference; the Oakland Housing Authority may or may not distribute at this conference any copies of the IFB documents.

Questions:

All questions must be submitted via email no later than the specified date and time on the cover to:

E-mail address: CCGS@oakha.org (Please indicate the IFB# in the "Subject")

Questions Due: November 10, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Questions must be emailed to:
CCGS@oakha.org (*Please indicate the IFB# in the 'Subject'*)

Addendum:

All questions will be answered and responded to in writing by the specified date on the cover. The addendum will be posted on the Oakland Housing Authority's website at www.oakha.org Select Business Opportunities/ Open RFPs and Bid Status/ Active Bids/ Select the desired Bid#. No questions will be responded to after the question and answer period has expired.

During the IFB solicitation process, the Oakland Housing Authority Contract Specialist will NOT conduct any *ex parte*, a substantive conversation—"substantive" meaning, when decisions pertaining to the IFB are made—between the Oakland Housing Authority and a prospective bidder, or engage in any conversations that may give one prospective bidder an advantage over other prospective bidders. This does not mean that prospective bidders may not call the Contract Specialist—it simply means that the Contract Specialist's fiduciary responsibility is to direct inquiring parties to where the answers should be in the IFB; the absence of such answer(s) potentially being grounds for an IFB amendment.

Addendum Issued: November 18, 2015

D. Bid Submission Requirements

The following items must be submitted with your bid in the following order:

- A. Bid Form
The form must be completed and signed.
- B. Section 3 Business Certification and Action Plan
(Within Contractor's Summary Guide to Section 3 Compliance). The form must be completed and signed.
- C. Profile and Certification Form
The form must be completed and signed.
- D. Qualifications Statement
The form must be completed and signed.
- E. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Representations, Certifications and other Statements of Bidders Representations of Offerors (Form HUD-5369A). The form must be completed and signed.
- F. Business License
- G. Subcontractor Form

The selected Contractor may require the services of sub-contractors. The Authority will reserve the right to audit the financial records of the contractors and its sub-contractors. (Please submit the **Sub-Contractor Form** in the attached forms if applicable).
- H. Addendum Acknowledgement Form (attached to Addendum if issued)
All applicable addendum acknowledgement form(s) must be submitted with the bid.
- I. Submit proof of providing services of process for at least 10 years.
- J. Submit copy of ID card issued by Alameda County as outlined in the minimum qualifications.
- K. Submit proof of registration and bonding with the state of California as outlined in the minimum qualifications.
- L. Submit 3 references.

Respondents must submit all documents and information as stated above as the required. These must be submitted in envelopes or boxes marked with the appropriate IFB number and description. Failure to submit the specified number of bids and/or to clearly mark the bids may result in delay of bid submission and may be deemed as a late bid.

Bid Submittal Binding Method:

It is preferable and recommended that the bidder bind the bid submittals in such a manner that the Oakland Housing Authority can, if needed, remove the binding or remove the pages from the cover to make copies then conveniently return the bid submittal to its original condition if necessary.

Bid Submission:

Responses to this solicitation will be accepted at the following location:

Contract Compliance and General Services (CCGS) Office
Oakland Housing Authority
1801 Harrison Street, First Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Respondents must provide **one (1) original copy**, clearly marked "ORIGINAL," and **two (2) copies**, clearly marked "COPY," of the required submission. These must be submitted in envelopes or boxes marked with the appropriate IFB number and description. Failure to submit the specified copies and/or to clearly mark the bid may result in delay of bid acceptance.

Late bids will not be accepted. Postmarks will not be considered in determining if a proposal is submitted on time. Bids will be date and time stamped by CCGS staff and a receipt provided for the bid. Bids received after the published deadline will not be considered.

The Oakland Housing Authority will not provide any reimbursement for the cost of developing, presenting or providing any response to this IFB.

Submission Conditions:

DO NOT MAKE ANY ADDITIONAL MARKS, NOTATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS ON THE DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED! Bidders are not allowed to change any requirements or forms contained herein, either by making or entering onto these documents or the documents submitted any revisions or additions; and if any such additional marks, notations or requirements are entered on any of the documents that are submitted to the Oakland Housing Authority by the bidder, such may invalidate that bid. If, after accepting such a bid, the Oakland Housing Authority decides that any such entry has not changed the intent of the bid that the Oakland Housing Authority intended to receive, the Oakland Housing Authority may accept the bid and the bid shall be considered by the Oakland Housing Authority as if those additional marks, notations or requirements were not entered on such. By accessing this procurement, registering and downloading these documents, each prospective bidder that does so is thereby agreeing to confirm all notices that the Oakland Housing Authority delivers to him/her as instructed, and by submitting a bid, the bidder is thereby agreeing to abide by all terms and conditions published herein and by addendum pertaining to this IFB.

Bidder's Responsibilities—Contact With the Oakland Housing Authority:

It is the responsibility of the bidder to address all communication and correspondence pertaining to this IFB process to the Contract Specialist only. Bidders must comply with the requirements set forth in the IFB documents and/or any applicable addendum in writing.

D. BID OPENING

Public Opening:

At the set date and time, all bids received will be opened and publicly read aloud by the Contract Specialist, including the name of the bidder and the total calculated costs proposed. At the bid opening the Oakland Housing Authority will only disclose the following information: (a) The company name of each bidder; (b) the calculated total amount bid; and (c) the identity of the apparent lowest bidder. A copy of the bid tabulation or recap recorded may be made available to each member of the public attending such opening and to anyone who requests such afterwards. The bids will not be made available for inspection by anyone at this time; the Oakland Housing Authority will, at a later time, review all bids in detail and will, in a timely manner, notify all bidders of any bidder that is, as a result of the more detailed inspection of bids submitted, ruled to be non-responsive or not-responsible (please remember, as detailed within Section 8(d) of form HUD-5369 and Section 7(b)(3) of form HUD-5369-B, the Oakland Housing Authority reserves the right to, as determined by the Oakland Housing Authority, "waive informalities and minor irregularities" in the offers received. The results shall be posted on the Oakland Housing Authority website at [www.oakha.org/ Select Business Opportunities/ Open RFPs and Bid Status/ Active Bids/ Select the desired Bid#](http://www.oakha.org/Select%20Business%20Opportunities/Open%20RFPs%20and%20Bid%20Status/Active%20Bids/Select%20the%20desired%20Bid#).

Responsive Evaluation:

After the public opening the "hard copy" bid submittals received will be evaluated in private for responsiveness (i.e. meets the minimum of the requirements). Firms not meeting the minimum qualifications and/or failing to submit all required documents will be deemed non-responsive and will be notified of such in writing by the Oakland Housing Authority in a timely manner.

Responsible Evaluation:

The Oakland Housing Authority will evaluate the apparent lowest responsive bidder to ensure that they are responsible (i.e. a firm that is qualified, responsible and able to provide to the Oakland Housing Authority the required materials and services). If the Oakland Housing Authority ascertains that such firm has the required ability, capability, experience, knowledge, licensing, insurance and resources to provide the required materials and services, the Oakland Housing Authority may proceed with award. If the Oakland Housing Authority determines that such firm is deemed to be not responsible, such firm will be notified of such in writing by the Oakland Housing Authority in a timely manner; in such case the Oakland Housing Authority may proceed with the noted Responsive and Responsible Evaluations with the next lowest bidder.

Depending on the amount of the award (typically for awards greater than \$50,000), the Oakland Housing Authority may take such contract award to the Oakland Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (BOC) for approval of the award prior to executing a contract with the apparent successful bidder.

Restrictions: Any and all persons having ownership interest in a bidder entity or familial (including in-laws) and/or employment relationships (past or current) with principals and/or employees of a bidder entity will be excluded from participation in the evaluation of the bid.

D. CONTRACT AWARD

Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder:

Award of an IFB is made to the responsive and responsible bidder that submits the lowest bid/cost.

Contract Award Procedure:

If a contract is awarded pursuant to this IFB, the following detailed procedures will be followed:

- The selected Contractor will receive a Purchase Order/Contract. For contract amounts above \$50,000, BOC approval must be obtained. Therefore, there may be a period of time between the bid due date and issuance of the Purchase Order. Work may NOT commence without a Purchase Order and Notice to Proceed. (See 'Notice to Proceed' section below.)
- By completing, executing and submitting the Bid Form and required documents, the bidder is thereby agreeing to "abide by all terms and conditions pertaining to this IFB as issued by the Oakland Housing Authority, either in hard copy or on the noted Internet System, including any applicable contract agreement. Accordingly, the Oakland Housing Authority has no responsibility to conduct after the submittal deadline any negotiations pertaining to the contract clauses already published; and in any case the Oakland Housing Authority has no power or authority to negotiate any clauses contained within any attached HUD documents.

Contract Terms and Conditions:

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

Contract Form: For all project that are federally funded (using HUD Funds), the contract must comply with all applicable HUD requirements specified in HUD-5370-C General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts – Section I. The Contractor must also comply with all Oakland Housing Authority requirements as applicable based on contract size which will be incorporated into any contracts awarded.

The Oakland Housing Authority will not execute a contract on the successful bidder's form—contracts will only be executed on the required Oakland Housing Authority and/or HUD form(s), and by submitting a bid the successful bidder agrees to abide thereto (please note that the Oakland Housing Authority reserves the right to amend the form(s) as the Oakland Housing Authority deems necessary). However, the Oakland Housing Authority will, during the IFB process (prior to the submittal deadline) consider any contract clauses that the bidder wishes to include therein and submits in writing a request for the Oakland Housing Authority to do so; but the failure of the Oakland Housing Authority to include such clauses does not give the successful bidder the right to refuse to execute the Oakland Housing Authority's contract form. It is the responsibility of each prospective bidder to notify the Oakland Housing Authority, in writing, prior to submitting a bid, of any contract clause that he/she is not willing to include in the final executed contract and abide by. The Oakland Housing Authority will consider and respond to such written correspondence, and if the prospective bidder is not willing to abide by the Oakland Housing Authority's response (decision), then that prospective bidder shall be deemed ineligible to submit a bid.

Please note that the Oakland Housing Authority has no legal right or ability to (and will not) at any time negotiate any clauses contained within ANY of the HUD forms included as a part of this IFB.

Workmanship Warranty: The bidder shall warrant that the product quality conforms to the contract requirements, industry minimum standards, and manufacturer product standards per manufacturer warranty period. The dealer shall remedy, at the dealer's expense, any failure to conform, or any defect of equipment or workmanship. Failure to correct the defect will result in the bidder being determined to be "non-responsible" and may be disqualified by Oakland Housing Authority for future projects.

Warranty/Guarantee: All work provided by any bidder pursuant to any contract that ensues from this IFB shall be warranted or guaranteed by that bidder for a period of time of not less than three years.

Assignment of Personnel:

The Housing Authority shall retain the right to demand and receive a change in personnel assigned to the work if the Oakland Housing Authority believes that such change is in the best interest of the Oakland Housing Authority and the completion of the contracted work.

Unauthorized Sub-Contracting Prohibited:

The successful bidder shall not assign any right, nor delegate any duty for the work proposed pursuant to this IFB (including, but not limited to, selling or transferring the contract) without the prior written consent of the Contract Officer. Any purported assignment of interest or delegation of duty, without the prior written consent of the Contract Officer shall be void and may result in the cancellation of the contract with the Oakland Housing Authority, or may result in the full or partial forfeiture of funds paid to the successful bidder as a result of the proposed contract; either as determined by the Contract Officer.

Licensing and Insurance Requirements:

Prior to award (but not as a part of the bid submission) the *successful bidder* will be required to provide:

- A copy of the bidder's business license allowing that entity to provide such materials and services within the appropriate jurisdiction.
- A copy of the bidder's ID Card issued by Alameda County.
- A copy of registration and bonding with the state.

Contract Service Standards:

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

7. PAYMENT

All invoices to Authority shall be itemized in the following manner:

1. The Oakland Housing Authority's purchase order #;
2. Site address;
3. The Oakland Housing Authority's project manager;
4. Material description and part #;
5. Quantity of material;
6. Cost of material;
7. Delivery/Freight cost;
8. Date of delivery; and
9. Contact name and information.

The Oakland Housing Authority's payment terms are net-30.

8. CONTRACT TERM

The Oakland Housing Authority intends to enter into a three (3) year agreement with the selected vendor(s), with the option to renew for two (2) additional one year options.

ATTACHMENTS
(FORMS / DOCUMENTS)

[As Indicated in the Table of Contents]

ATTACHMENT A
BID FORM
IFB #15-014 Process Server Services

Vendors Name: _____

The Bidder is responsible for supplying all labor, equipment and materials to perform the services as identified in the scope of work. Bidder pricing as detailed below, shall be firm through the entire term of the awarded contract.

A. Description	B. Estimated Quantity	C. Price	D. Total (Estimated Quantity x Price)
Service of legal notices (notice to pay or quit & notice to quit) <i>(includes all attempts necessary to effect Due Diligence necessary to either effect Substituted Service as defined by California Code of Civil Procedure 415.20 or to satisfy Alameda County's requirements to obtain a judicial Order under CCP 415.45.)</i>	100	\$ _____	\$ _____
Service of Subpoena, including all necessary attempts to effect service	10	\$ _____	\$ _____
Service of Summons & Complaints	100	\$ _____	\$ _____
RUSH Processor Service within twenty-four (24) hours on an as needed basis	10	\$ _____	\$ _____
Skip tracing service on an as "needed" basis	10	\$ _____	\$ _____
Certified Mailings as required to effect service per such Judicial Order under CCP 415.45	30	\$ _____	\$ _____
"Stake Out" services ("stake out" means waiting at a location for the arrival of some person in order to effect service)	10	\$ _____	\$ _____
Courier/Messenger Services	10	\$ _____	\$ _____
Grand Total: \$ _____ (Add all totals in column D)			
Written Grand Total : _____ (Write in the words corresponding with the grand total)			

The undersigned having examined the specifications, and being familiar with all conditions surrounding the goods and services of the proposed project; hereby proposes to perform all work required, in strict accordance with the Oakland Housing Authority's specifications and contract requirements, within the time specified for rates listed above:

Print name

Title

Signature

Date



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Contractor's Summary Guide to Section 3 Compliance

The purpose of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (section 3), and 24 CFR Part 135, is to ensure that training, employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing federal, state and local laws and regulations, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns, which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons." **For the complete text of the Section 3 regulations, visit www.hud.gov/section3.**

Oakland Housing Authority's Section 3 Economic Opportunities Policy (included in bid documents)

Oakland has one of the highest unemployment rates in the Bay Area. Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) residents make up over 10% of Oakland's population. OHA developed its **Economic Opportunities Policy** (EOP) to comply with the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 3 regulations and ensure that, to the greatest extent feasible, economic opportunities are provided to low- and very low-income persons and to Section 3 business concerns within the city of Oakland. All contractors undertaking Section 3 covered projects and activities on behalf of OHA are expected, to the greatest extent feasible, to meet the numerical goals set forth below. The policy does not apply to contractors who furnish only materials or supplies and do not undertake installation of materials or supplies. The **EOP** is also available from OHA's website www.oakha.org/procurement/sec3EcoOpportPolicy.pdf.

Section 3 Requirement for All Bidders

As part of the application or bidding process, a Section 3 Business Preference and Action Plan are included in bid documents. Contractors have the option to request Certification as a Section 3 business; however, every proposer **MUST** complete the Action Plan and submit it with their bid, even if no hires are projected.

Certification for Business Seeking Section 3 Business Preference form: Everyone must complete the top portion (check one box, name of business etc.) and sign at the bottom. Fill in the other parts **ONLY** if you are claiming Section 3 business status.

Action Plan (3 pages): Everyone must complete the top portion listing your company etc., where applicable, and sign every page. If you **do not** anticipate new hires, note that in the table on page 1 and 3. If you **do** anticipate new hires, then use page 1 to detail the job categories and page 3 to describe how you will fill those positions.

Section 3 Requirements for Awardees

Baseline Reporting and Hiring Projections Form

Prior to the Notice to Proceed, the contractor/subcontractor will be responsible for documenting the current workforce (baseline) and providing more accurate hiring projections per job classification than those described in the Action Plan. The Plan that is approved will become part of the contractual agreements.

Hiring Goals

The Section 3 requirement is triggered when there is a need for **new** economic opportunities, such as individual employment, contracting, or subcontracting. The regulation requires that contractors and subcontractors provide, **to the greatest extent feasible**, economic opportunities (training, employment, and contracting) to low and very-low income residents Section 3 businesses.

Contractors and subcontractors are required to make every effort to the greatest extent feasible to meet the OHA's numerical hiring goals of having Section 3 qualified employees make up **30% of their total new-hires**. **Firms must seek to maintain this percentage throughout the life of the project.** If these goals are not met, the contractors are expected to show documentation demonstrating their efforts to hire Section 3 candidates by exhausting all available hiring sources. While a contractor receives credit for hiring low-income residents of Oakland, **first priority should be given to residents of the Oakland Housing Authority**. This includes residents in both the public housing and Section 8 programs.

Hiring Priorities

First priority (OHA residents): Residents of the development where the work is being performed
Second priority (OHA residents): Other residents of Oakland Housing Authority owned or managed properties
Third priority (Oakland residents): Other residents within the city of Oakland that meet the low-income requirements (see definition of **Section 3 Resident** below).

Resident Referral Process

OHA is committed to working with general contractors and subcontractors to help them reach their Section 3 goals. Therefore, we have established a pre-screening and referral process to identify qualified OHA residents who satisfy the first and second hiring priorities (above). This process ensures that each candidate is in good standing with the housing authority and has a background that qualifies him/her to perform the essential functions of the job.

To ensure the best possible match, it is important that contractors communicate their hiring needs to OHA well in advance of the project start date. We request at least 2 business days' notice before the employee's start date, but earlier notice is preferred. We will work with you to identify a pool of candidates for each position. If we cannot provide you with a candidate, we will grant you a waiver to document your efforts to meet the Section 3 goals.

Union Contractors: OHA's Family and Community Partnerships department (FCP) has established a list of current OHA residents in construction trade unions that is sent to contractors on a regular basis. If there is no candidate that meets your hiring needs, you are encouraged to consider sponsoring an OHA resident who is not a member of a trade union to meet your Section 3 hiring goals.

Please contact OHA at S3hire@oakha.org or 510-587-5160 for a list of qualified residents, to request a candidate, or verify the Section 3 eligibility of any prospective hire. For more information about providing economic opportunities to OHA resident's contact:

Employment Development Coordinator
Family & Community Partnerships Department
Phone: 510.587.5160
Fax: 510.587.5141
Email: S3hire@oakha.org

New Hire Section 3 Information Form

General contractors and subcontractors will be provided this form upon award. Every **new hire** should be requested to complete the form. The form provides the means to determine Section 3 eligibility of the employee. The forms should be submitted to OHA as soon as possible after hiring for verification of Section 3 status.

Monthly Reports

OHA requires monthly reports listing all new hires and Section 3 hires from all contractors and subcontractors on Section 3 covered projects. A sample report will be provided. Reports shall be due on the fifth day of each month for the preceding month. These reports shall be submitted to:

Rufus Davis, Labor and Section 3 Compliance Officer
Office of Program Administration
Phone: 510.587.7131
Fax: 510.587.2124
Email: rdavis@oakha.org

Record Maintenance and Documentation

All projects and activities that are subject to Section 3 requirements shall maintain comprehensive documentation of their Section 3 outreach efforts and implementation activities. Section 3 documentation files should be clearly maintained and be available for review by Oakland Housing Authority and/or HUD officials.

Compliance Reviews

OHA staff will conduct regular compliance reviews, which consist of comprehensive analysis and evaluation of the contractor's compliance with Section 3. Where noncompliance is found, OHA will notify the contractor of the deficiency and make recommendations for corrective actions.

Useful Definitions

Business Concern

A business entity formed in accordance with state law, and which is licensed under state, county or municipal law to engage in the type of business activity for which it was formed.

“Greatest Extent Feasible”

Recipients of Section 3 financial assistance must make every effort within their disposal to meet the regulatory requirements. For instance, this may mean going a step beyond normal notification procedures for employment and contracting opportunities by developing strategies that will specifically target Section 3 residents and businesses for these new economic opportunities.

Household Income Levels

Low and very-low income limits are determined annually by HUD. These limits are typically established at 80 percent and 50 percent of the median income for each locality by household size or number of people residing in one house. HUD income limits can be obtained from www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html.

New Hire

A new hire means a full-time employee for a new permanent, temporary, or seasonal position that is created as a direct result of the expenditure of federal funds on Section 3 covered projects. Any employee that is not on the payroll of a contractor or developer on the day [i.e., that a purchase order is issued or the day a contract is signed or agreed upon] that the Section 3 covered assistance was provided, is considered a new hire.

Section 3 Business Concern

A business concern that meets one or more of the following requirements:

- 51% or more owned by Section 3 residents
- 30% or more of permanent, full-time workforce consists of Section 3 residents
- Provides evidence to subcontract at least 25% of the dollar awarded to qualified Section 3 businesses

Section 3 Resident

- (1) An Oakland Housing Authority public housing resident or Section 8 voucher holder; or
- (2) An individual who resides in the service area (Oakland) in which the Section 3 covered assistance is expended, and whose income status is as follows:

Number of People in Household	Annual Household Income Limits <small>(Source: 24 CFR 570.3)</small>
1	\$47,500 or less
2	\$53,950 or less
3	\$60,400 or less
4	\$66,800 or less
5	\$72,000 or less
6	\$77,150 or less
7	\$82,300 or less
8	\$87,450 or less

(Income limits eff. 01/02/2015)

Questions regarding the Oakland Housing Authority
Section 3 Program should be addressed to:

Rufus Davis, Labor and Section 3 Compliance Officer
Oakland Housing Authority
1801 Harrison Street
Oakland, CA 94612
Phone: 510.587.2176
Fax: 510.587.2124
Email: rdavis@oakha.org



Section 3 Business Certification and Action Plan

Section 3 Business Certification – 1 page

Check this box if you are **not** claiming Section 3 business status. Complete Section 1 and the signature block at the bottom of this page and proceed to the **Section 3 Action Plan**.

SECTION 1

Company Name _____

Address _____

Type of Business (Check One): Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietorship Other

Project (Bid/RFP #) _____ Business Activity _____

SECTION 2

Current Section 3 Status: The undersigned bidder/proposer hereby certifies that it is a Section 3 business concern and attaches relevant documentation, **as applicable**, to support such claim.

Select only one option.

1. A business claiming status as a Section 3 resident-owned business concern (ROB):

Initial here to select this option _____

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> OHA resident lease | <input type="checkbox"/> List of owners/stockholders and % of each |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of receipt of public assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Latest board minutes appointing officers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other evidence of income status | <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of incorporation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fictitious or Assumed Business Name Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organization chart with names and titles and brief job description | |

2. A business claiming Section 3 status because at least 30% of its permanent full-time employees are currently Section 3 residents or, within 3 years of the date of first employment with the business concern, were Section 3 residents. If a business claims this option, the 30% employment requirement must be maintained for the entire project. **Initial here to select this option** _____

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> List of all current full time employees | <input type="checkbox"/> List of all employees claiming Section 3 status |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OHA residential lease (less than 3 years from date of employment) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other evidence of Section 3 status (less than 3 years from date of employment) |

3. A business claiming Section 3 status by subcontracting 25% or more of the dollar award to qualified Section 3 businesses (as set forth in Options 1 and 2). **Initial here to select this option** _____

- Provide a list of intended Section 3 business subcontractors with subcontract amount.
- Include this Section 3 Certification form and all supporting documentation for each planned Section 3 business subcontractor.

If you are or become certified as a Section 3 business, do you grant OHA permission to share your business contact information with firms seeking to contract with Section 3 businesses? Yes No

I attest that the above information is true and correct.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date



Section 3 Action Plan (2 pages)

All firms and individuals bidding on any Section 3 covered contract with the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) **MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS ACTION PLAN WITH THE BID, OFFER, OR PROPOSAL.** Any solicitation response that does not include this document (completed and signed) will be considered non-responsive and not eligible for award.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF CURRENT WORKFORCE AND HIRING NEEDS

THIS PLAN OUTLINES YOUR COMMITMENT TO OHA'S SECTION 3 HIRING GOALS

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PROJECT (BID/RFP#): _____ GENERAL SUBCONTRACTOR

JOB CATEGORY: EXAMPLES ADMINISTRATIVE ASST., OFFICE MANAGER, CLERK, PROJECT MANAGER, EQUIPMENT MECHANIC, JANITORIAL, HOUSING MANAGEMENT, LABORER, LANDSCAPER, GLAZIER-JOURNEYMAN, GLAZIER-APPRENTICE, PLUMBER-JOURNEYMAN, PLUMBER-APPRENTICE	(A) # of CURRENT Employees (Core Staff)	(B) PROJECTED # of New Hires FOR THIS PROJECT	(C) PROJECTED # of Section 3 Hires	(D) PROJECTED Section 3 Hires as a Percentage of NEW HIRES
				%
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				%
				%
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				%
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				%
				%
OTHER, PLEASE LIST.				%

___ (Check here and attach another sheet if applicable)

Check this box if contractor does not anticipate triggering the regulation by the need for new hiring or subcontracting opportunities. Complete the signature block at the bottom of this page.

I attest that the above information is true and correct. The company certifies that the above table represents the appropriate number of employee positions and also represents the number of Section 3 employees that the company proposes to hire.

Signature

Printed Name

Section 3 Action Plan (continued)

EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE

Indicate the efforts your organization will take to direct employment and other economic opportunities, to the greatest extent feasible, to low-income residents. Think about how you can leverage your resources and expertise to foster training and employment opportunities for Section 3 residents. **Examples** include, but are not limited to, the following. Check all that apply.

- Refer to any list of pre-screened job-ready applicants provided by OHA's Department of Family and Community Partnerships (FCP) (*REQUEST A LIST from FCP at S3hire@oakha.org or 510-587-5160*).
- Utilize and manage union privileges such as name-call, transfer, rehire, and sponsorship.
- Financially sponsor OHA resident(s) in trainings, certifications, professional mentorships, etc.
- Distribute flyers door-to-door to OHA owned and managed properties.
- Run multiple advertisements in local media such as newspapers and radio stations, and/or Internet-based job-posting websites announcing the hiring and contracting opportunities.
- Contract with certified Section 3 businesses, in construction and non-construction trades (*REQUEST A LIST from Rufus Davis at OHA, rdavis@oakha.org or 510-587-2176*).
- Post signs at the entrance to the job site stating that it is a Section 3 covered project.
- Sponsor (schedule, advertise, finance, or provide in-kind services) a job informational meeting to be conducted by the housing authority or a contractor representative.
- Undertake job counseling, education and related programs in association with local educational institutions.
- Other: _____

I attest that the above information is true and correct.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

SECTION 3 CLAUSE (24 CFR 135.38)

This contract is subject to the following conditions under Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3).

- A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
- B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the Part 135 regulations.
- C. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor or organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this Section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.
- D. The contractor agrees to include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this Section 3 clause, upon finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.
- E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.
- F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.
- G. With respect to work performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprise. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 and Section 7(b) agree to comply with Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with Section 7(b).

PROFILE AND CERTIFICATION FORM (Page 1 of 2)

- (1) Prime ____ Sub-contractor ____ (This form must be completed by and for each).
- (2) Name of Firm: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
- (3) Street Address, City, State, Zip: _____
- (4) Primary Contact for this Project: _____ Email Address: _____
- (5) Identify Principals/Partners in Firm (Attach **professional resumes** for each):

NAME	TITLE	% OF OWNERSHIP

- (6) Identify the individual(s) that will act as project manager and any other supervisory personnel that will work on project; please attach **professional resumes** for each. (Do not duplicate any resumes required above):

NAME	TITLE

- (7) Bidder Diversity Statement: You must circle all of the following that apply to the ownership of this firm and enter where provided the correct percentage (%) of ownership of each:

- Caucasian American (Male) _____%
 Public-Held Corporation _____%
 Government Agency _____%
 Non-Profit Organization _____%

Resident- (RBE), Minority- (MBE), or Woman-Owned (WBE) Business Enterprise (Qualifies by virtue of 51% or more ownership and active management by one or more of the following:

- Resident-Owned* _____%
 African American _____%
 **Native American _____%
 Hispanic American _____%
 Asian/Pacific American _____%
 Hasidic Jew _____%
 Asian/Indian American _____%
- Woman-Owned (MBE) _____%
 Woman-Owned (Caucasian) _____%
 Disabled Veteran _____%
 Small Business _____%
 Other (Specify): _____%

If applicable, WMBE Certification Number: _____
 Certified by (Agency): _____

- (8) Federal Tax ID No.: _____
- (9) [APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION] Business License No.: _____
- (10) State of _____ License Type and No.: _____

* The undersigned party submitting this bid hereby certifies that the firm can meet and comply with OHA's "Section 3 Requirements" attached hereto. (See 'Section 3 Requirements Form and Action Plan')

PROFILE AND CERTIFICATION FORM (Page 2 of 2)

(11) Insurance Certification: The undersigned party submitting this bid hereby certifies that the firm can meet and comply with OHA's "Insurance Requirements" attached hereto. **(See 'OHA Insurance Requirements' attached)** Copies of insurance certificates may be submitted with the proposal or the information completed below. The insurance policies must name OHA as an additional insured and maintained throughout the term of the contract. The firm(s) must provide OHA with Certificates of Insurance for the preceding coverage. The insurance policies must provide a 30-day notice of cancellation and be primary to any other insurance carried by OHA.

Worker's Compensation Insurance Carrier: _____
Policy No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____
General Liability Insurance Carrier: _____
Policy No. _____ Expiration Date: _____
Professional Liability Insurance Carrier: _____
Policy No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

(12) Debarred Statement: Has this firm, or any principal(s) ever been debarred from providing any services by the Federal Government, any state government, the State of _____, or any local government agency within or without the State of _____? Yes No
If "Yes," please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances and current status.

(13) Disclosure Statement: Does this firm or any principals thereof have any current, past personal or professional relationship with any Commissioner or Officer of the HA? Yes No
If "Yes," please attach a full detailed explanation, including dates, circumstances and current status.

(14) Non-Collusive Affidavit: The undersigned party submitting this bid hereby certifies that such bid is genuine and not collusive and that said bidder entity has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any bidder or person, to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the bid price of affiant or of any other bidder, to fix overhead, profit or cost element of said bid price, or that of any other bidder or to secure any advantage against the OHA or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said bid are true.

(15) Indemnification Certification: The undersigned party submitting this bid hereby certifies that the firm expressly agrees to indemnify, defend and hold OHA, its commissioners, officers, and employees, free and harmless from and against any and all loss, liability, expense, claims, costs, suits, damages, including attorney's fees arising out of the consultant's operation or performance under the resultant contract. The consultant will also indemnify OHA for damages as a result of any act or omission not authorized by OHA on the part of the consultant or any agent or person employed by the consultant."

(16) Section 3 and Labor Compliance: The undersigned party submitting this bid hereby certifies that the firm can meet and comply with OHA's "Section 3 Requirements" and Labor Compliance standards including submission of certified payrolls and paying employees the required prevailing wages. **(Section 3 Information, Economic Opportunities Policy, and Labor Compliance standards may be found on our website at [www.oakha.org/ Procurement](http://www.oakha.org/Procurement).)**

(17) Labor Code Certification: The undersigned party submitting this bid hereby certifies that party submitting this bid hereby is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for worker's compensation or to undertake self insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement".

(18) Verification Statement: The undersigned bidder hereby states that by completing and submitting this form he/she is verifying that all information provided herein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, true and accurate, and agrees that if the HA discovers that any information entered herein is false, that shall entitle the HA to not consider nor make award or to cancel any award with the undersigned party.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Company

OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE & GENERAL SERVICES (CCGS)

QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT (Page 1 of 2)

This statement must be fully completed and submitted with the bid. (It shall be retained on file for one calendar year.)

All questions must be answered, with responses clear and complete. Attach additional pages if needed.

The undersigned certifies under oath that the information provided herein is true and sufficiently complete so as not to be misleading.

Submitted by: _____

(Contact Person)

Company Name: _____

Phone #/Email: _____

Business License #: _____

A. Organization

- How many years has your company been in business in the State of California for the type of work you are submitting a bid for?
- How many years has your company been in business under its present business name in the State of California?
- If your company a corporation, answer the following:
 - i. Date of incorporation:
 - ii. State of incorporation:
 - iii. President's name:
 - iv. Applicable business and trade licenses:
- If your company a partnership, answer the following:
 - i. Date of licensing:
 - ii. Type of partnership:
 - iii. Name(s) of general partner(s):
- If your company individually owned, answer the following:
 - i. Date of licensing:
 - ii. Name of owner:
- How many employees does your company currently employ?

B. Licensing

- List jurisdictions and trade categories in which your company is legally qualified to do business and indicate registration or license numbers, if applicable.

C. Experience:

- List all Claims and Suits within the last five (5) years. (If the answers to any of the questions below are yes, please attach details.)

**OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE & GENERAL SERVICES (CCGS)**

QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT (Page 2 of 2)

- Has your company ever failed to complete any work awarded to it?
 Yes **No**

If yes, what was the name of the contract and what was the reason for default?

- Has your company ever refused to sign a contract after award of the bid?
 Yes **No**

If yes, what was the name of the contract and reason for refusal?

- Has your company or subsidiaries or principals ever been debarred from government contracts?
 Yes **No**

If yes, please identify party and state the reason.

- Are there any judgments, claims, arbitration proceedings or suits pending or outstanding against your company or its officers? If so, please list.
 Yes **No**
- Has your company filed any law suits or requested arbitration with regards to construction contracts within the last five years? If so, please list.
 Yes **No**

D. Insurance/Financial Information:

- Name of Insurance Carrier:
- Name and address of agent:
- Upon request, will you complete a detailed financial statement and furnish any other information required by the Oakland Housing Authority?
 Yes **No**

The undersigned bidder hereby states that by completing and submitting this form he/she is verifying that all information provided herein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, true and accurate, and agrees that if the HA discovers that any information entered herein is false, that shall entitle the HA to not consider nor make award or to cancel any award with the undersigned party.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests any person, firm or corporation to furnish any information request by the Oakland Housing Authority, verifying the declarations included in this Statement of Qualifications.

By: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

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

**Representations, Certifications,
and Other Statements of Bidders**
Public and Indian Housing Programs

Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders

Public and Indian Housing Programs

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1. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

(a) The bidder certifies that--

(1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other bidder or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit a bid, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;

(2) The prices in this bid have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a competitive proposal solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each signature on the bid is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory--

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

(2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.

_____ [insert full name of person(s) in the bidder's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the bidder's organization];

(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.

(c) If the bidder deletes or modifies subparagraph (a)2 above, the bidder must furnish with its bid a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

[] [Contracting Officer check if following paragraph is applicable]

(d) Non-collusive affidavit. (applicable to contracts for construction and equipment exceeding \$50,000)

(1) Each bidder shall execute, in the form provided by the PHA/IHA, an affidavit to the effect that he/she has not colluded with any other person, firm or corporation in regard to any bid submitted in response to this solicitation. If the successful bidder did not submit the affidavit with his/her bid, he/she must submit it within three (3) working days of bid opening. Failure to submit the affidavit by that date may render the bid nonresponsive. No contract award will be made without a properly executed affidavit.

(2) A fully executed "Non-collusive Affidavit" [] is, [] is not included with the bid.

2. Contingent Fee Representation and Agreement

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

"Bona fide employee" means a person, employed by a bidder and subject to the bidder's supervision and control as to time, place, and manner of performance, who neither exerts, nor proposes to exert improper influence to solicit or obtain contracts nor holds out as being able to obtain any contract(s) through improper influence.

"Improper influence" means any influence that induces or tends to induce a PHA/IHA employee or officer to give consideration or to act regarding a PHA/IHA contract on any basis other than the merits of the matter.

(b) The bidder represents and certifies as part of its bid that, except for full-time bona fide employees working solely for the bidder, the bidder:

(1) [] has, [] has not employed or retained any person or company to solicit or obtain this contract; and

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

(c) If the answer to either (a)(1) or (a)(2) above is affirmative, the bidder shall make an immediate and full written disclosure to the PHA/IHA Contracting Officer.

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

3. Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions (applicable to contracts exceeding \$100,000)

(a) The definitions and prohibitions contained in Section 1352 of title 31, United States Code, are hereby incorporated by reference in paragraph (b) of this certification.

(b) The bidder, by signing its bid, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief as of December 23, 1989 that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the awarding of a contract resulting from this solicitation;

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds (including profit or fee received under a covered Federal transaction) have been paid, or will be paid, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with this solicitation, the bidder shall complete and submit, with its bid, OMB standard form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities;" and

(3) He or she will include the language of this certification in all subcontracts at any tier and require that all recipients of subcontract awards in excess of \$100,000 shall certify and disclose accordingly.

(c) Submission of this certification and disclosure is a prerequisite for making or entering into this contract imposed by section 1352, title 31, United States Code. Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under this provision or who fails to file or amend the disclosure form to be filed or amended by this provision, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000, and not more than \$100,000, for each such failure.

(d) Indian tribes (except those chartered by States) and Indian organizations as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450B) are exempt from the requirements of this provision.

4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Certification

The bidder certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, he or she does not have any organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work to be performed under this proposed contract and the bidder's organizational, financial, contractual, or other interests may, without some restriction on future activities:

- (a) Result in an unfair competitive advantage to the bidder; or,
- (b) Impair the bidder's objectivity in performing the contract work.

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

5. Bidder's Certification of Eligibility

(a) By the submission of this bid, the bidder certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief, neither it, nor any person or firm which has an interest in the bidder's firm, nor any of the bidder's subcontractors, is ineligible to:

(1) Be awarded contracts by any agency of the United States Government, HUD, or the State in which this contract is to be performed; or,

(2) Participate in HUD programs pursuant to 24 CFR Part 24.

(b) The certification in paragraph (a) above is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the bidder knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, the contract may be terminated for default, and the bidder may be debarred or suspended from participation in HUD programs and other Federal contract programs.

6. Minimum Bid Acceptance Period

(a) "Acceptance period," as used in this provision, means the number of calendar days available to the PHA/IHA for awarding a contract from the date specified in this solicitation for receipt of bids.

(b) This provision supersedes any language pertaining to the acceptance period that may appear elsewhere in this solicitation.

(c) The PHA/IHA requires a minimum acceptance period of [Contracting Officer insert time period] calendar days.

(d) In the space provided immediately below, bidders may specify a longer acceptance period than the PHA's/IHA's minimum requirement. The bidder allows the following acceptance period: calendar days.

(e) A bid allowing less than the PHA's/IHA's minimum acceptance period will be rejected.

(f) The bidder agrees to execute all that it has undertaken to do, in compliance with its bid, if that bid is accepted in writing within (1) the acceptance period stated in paragraph (c) above or (2) any longer acceptance period stated in paragraph (d) above.

7. Small, Minority, Women-Owned Business Concern Representation

The bidder represents and certifies as part of its bid/ offer that it --

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

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

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

(Check the block applicable to you)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Americans | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific Americans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Americans | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian Americans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Americans | <input type="checkbox"/> Hasidic Jewish Americans |

8. Indian-Owned Economic Enterprise and Indian Organization Representation (applicable only if this solicitation is for a contract to be performed on a project for an Indian Housing Authority)

The bidder represents and certifies that it:

(a) is, is not an Indian-owned economic enterprise. "Economic enterprise," as used in this provision, means any commercial, industrial, or business activity established or organized for the purpose of profit, which is at least 51 percent Indian owned. "Indian," as used in this provision, means any person who is a member of any tribe, band, group, pueblo, or community which is recognized by the Federal Government as eligible for services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and any "Native" as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

(b) is, is not an Indian organization. "Indian organization," as used in this provision, means the governing body of any Indian tribe or entity established or recognized by such governing body. Indian "tribe" means any Indian tribe, band, group, pueblo, or

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

9. Certification of Eligibility Under the Davis-Bacon Act (applicable to construction contracts exceeding \$2,000)

(a) By the submission of this bid, the bidder certifies that neither it nor any person or firm who has an interest in the bidder's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded contracts by the United States Government by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

(b) No part of the contract resulting from this solicitation shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible to be awarded contracts by the United States Government by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

(c) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U. S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

10. Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities (applicable to contracts exceeding \$10,000)

(a) The bidder's attention is called to the clause entitled **Equal Employment Opportunity** of the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction.

(b) "Segregated facilities," as used in this provision, means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees, that are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.

(c) By the submission of this bid, the bidder certifies that it does not and will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not and will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity clause in the contract.

(d) The bidder further agrees that (except where it has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) prior to entering into subcontracts which exceed \$10,000 and are not exempt from the requirements of the Equal Employment Opportunity clause, it will:

- (1) Obtain identical certifications from the proposed subcontractors;
- (2) Retain the certifications in its files; and
- (3) Forward the following notice to the proposed subcontractors (except if the proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods):

Notice to Prospective Subcontractors of Requirement for Certifications of Nonsegregated Facilities

A Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities must be submitted before the award of a subcontract exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Employment Opportunity clause of the prime contract. The certification may be submitted either for each subcontract or for all subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually).

Note: The penalty for making false statements in bids is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

11. Clean Air and Water Certification (applicable to contracts exceeding \$100,000)

The bidder certifies that:

(a) Any facility to be used in the performance of this contract [] is, [] is not listed on the Environmental Protection Agency List of Violating Facilities:

(b) The bidder will immediately notify the PHA/IHA Contracting Officer, before award, of the receipt of any communication from the Administrator, or a designee, of the Environmental Protection Agency, indicating that any facility that the bidder proposes to use for the performance of the contract is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities; and,

(c) The bidder will include a certification substantially the same as this certification, including this paragraph (c), in every nonexempt subcontract.

12. Previous Participation Certificate (applicable to construction and equipment contracts exceeding \$50,000)

(a) The bidder shall complete and submit with his/her bid the Form HUD-2530, "Previous Participation Certificate." If the successful bidder does not submit the certificate with his/her bid, he/she must submit it within three (3) working days of bid opening. Failure to submit the certificate by that date may render the bid nonresponsive. No contract award will be made without a properly executed certificate.

(b) A fully executed "Previous Participation Certificate" [] is, [] is not included with the bid.

13. Bidder's Signature

The bidder hereby certifies that the information contained in these certifications and representations is accurate, complete, and current.

(Signature and Date)

(Typed or Printed Name)

(Title)

(Company Name)

(Company Address)

SUBCONTRACTOR FORM

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The Authority requires all bidders to identify all subcontractors* proposed as part of this bid. Failure to provide all the information herewith requested may result in rejection of the bid.

Subcontractor	Classification	Amount	Location	Ownership (check)		
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(Attach additional page if necessary.)

MBE - Minority Business Enterprise
WBE - Woman Business Enterprise
SBE - Small Business Enterprise

**List Sub-Contractors for work in excess of ½ of 1 percent of Bidders total bid [Reference: California Public Contract Code Section 4104(a)(1)].*

SUBCONTRACTOR FORM

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The Authority requires all bidders to identify all work that is **not** to be performed by a listed subcontractor and identifies who will perform the work, including the estimated cost for completing the specified work. Failure to provide all the information herewith requested may result in rejection of the bid.

Classification/Type of Work	Amount
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Date _____

Name of Bidder _____

By _____

By _____

Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Federal I.D. Number _____

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

**Instructions to Bidders for Contracts
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1. Bid Preparation and Submission

(a) Bidders are expected to examine the specifications, drawings, all instructions, and, if applicable, the construction site (see also the contract clause entitled **Site Investigation and Conditions Affecting the Work** of the *General Conditions of the Contract for Construction*). Failure to do so will be at the bidders' risk.

(b) All bids must be submitted on the forms provided by the Public Housing Agency/Indian Housing Authority (PHA/IHA). Bidders shall furnish all the information required by the solicitation. Bids must be signed and the bidder's name typed or printed on the bid sheet and each continuation sheet which requires the entry of information by the bidder. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the bid. Bids signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority. (Bidders should retain a copy of their bid for their records.)

(c) Bidders must submit as part of their bid a completed form HUD-5369-A, "Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders."

(d) All bid documents shall be sealed in an envelope which shall be clearly marked with the words "Bid Documents," the Invitation for Bids (IFB) number, any project or other identifying number, the bidder's name, and the date and time for receipt of bids.

(e) If this solicitation requires bidding on all items, failure to do so will disqualify the bid. If bidding on all items is not required, bidders should insert the words "No Bid" in the space provided for any item on which no price is submitted.

(f) Unless expressly authorized elsewhere in this solicitation, alternate bids will not be considered.

(g) Unless expressly authorized elsewhere in this solicitation, bids submitted by telegraph or facsimile (fax) machines will not be considered.

(h) If the proposed contract is for a Mutual Help project (as described in 24 CFR Part 905, Subpart E) that involves Mutual Help contributions of work, material, or equipment, supplemental information regarding the bid advertisement is provided as an attachment to this solicitation.

2. Explanations and Interpretations to Prospective Bidders

(a) Any prospective bidder desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, specifications, drawings, etc., must request it at least 7 days before the scheduled time for bid opening. Requests may be oral or written. Oral requests must be confirmed in writing. The only oral clarifications that will be provided will be those clearly related to solicitation procedures, i.e., not substantive technical information. No other oral explanation or interpretation will be provided. Any information given a prospective bidder concerning this solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective bidders as a written amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary in submitting bids, or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective bidders.

(b) Any information obtained by, or provided to, a bidder other than by formal amendment to the solicitation shall not constitute a change to the solicitation.

3. Amendments to Invitations for Bids

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

(b) Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date on the bid form, or (3) by letter, telegram, or facsimile, if those methods are authorized in the solicitation. The PHA/IHA must receive acknowledgement by the time and at the place specified for receipt of bids. Bids which fail to acknowledge the bidder's receipt of any amendment will result in the rejection of the bid if the amendment(s) contained information which substantively changed the PHA's/IHA's requirements.

(c) Amendments will be on file in the offices of the PHA/IHA and the Architect at least 7 days before bid opening.

4. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

(a) The PHA/IHA will award contracts only to responsible prospective contractors who have the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract. In determining the responsibility of a bidder, the PHA/IHA will consider such matters as the bidder's:

- (1) Integrity;
- (2) Compliance with public policy;
- (3) Record of past performance; and
- (4) Financial and technical resources (including construction and technical equipment).

(b) Before a bid is considered for award, the bidder may be requested by the PHA/IHA to submit a statement or other documentation regarding any of the items in paragraph (a) above. Failure by the bidder to provide such additional information shall render the bidder nonresponsible and ineligible for award.

5. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Bids

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

(1) Was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before the date specified for receipt of offers (e.g., an offer submitted in response to a solicitation requiring receipt of offers by the 20th of the month must have been mailed by the 15th);

(2) Was sent by mail, or if authorized by the solicitation, was sent by telegram or via facsimile, and it is determined by the PHA/IHA that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the PHA/IHA after receipt at the PHA/IHA; or

(3) Was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service - Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5:00 p.m. at the place of mailing two working days prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals. The term "working days" excludes weekends and observed holidays.

(b) Any modification or withdrawal of a bid is subject to the same conditions as in paragraph (a) of this provision.

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

(d) The only acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the PHA/IHA is the time/date stamp of PHA/IHA on the proposal wrapper or other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the PHA/IHA.

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

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

(g) Bids may be withdrawn by written notice, or if authorized by this solicitation, by telegram (including mailgram) or facsimile machine transmission received at any time before the exact time set for opening of bids; provided that written confirmation of telegraphic or facsimile withdrawals over the signature of the bidder is mailed and postmarked prior to the specified bid opening time. A bid may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for opening of bids, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the bid.

6. Bid Opening

All bids received by the date and time of receipt specified in the solicitation will be publicly opened and read. The time and place of opening will be as specified in the solicitation. Bidders and other interested persons may be present.

7. Service of Protest

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

"Interested party" means an actual or prospective bidder whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award of the contract.

"Protest" means a written objection by an interested party to this solicitation or to a proposed or actual award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation.

(b) Protests shall be served on the Contracting Officer by obtaining written and dated acknowledgement from —

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

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

8. Contract Award

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Assurance of Completion

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

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

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

[] (3) a 20 percent cash escrow;

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

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

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

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

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

11. Preconstruction Conference (applicable to construction contracts)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(k) The IHA [] does [] does not [Contracting Officer check applicable box] maintain lists of Indian-owned economic enterprises and Indian organizations by specialty (e.g., plumbing, electrical, foundations), which are available to bidders to assist them in meeting their responsibility to provide preference in connection with the administration of contracts and subcontracts.

Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

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



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1. Preparation of Offers

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

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

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

2. Submission of Offers

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

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

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

3. Amendments to Solicitations

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

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

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

4. Explanation to Prospective Offerors

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

5. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

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

6. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Offers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Contract Award

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

(b) The HA may

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

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

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

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

8. Service of Protest

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

9. Offer Submission

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

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

[Describe bid or proposal preparation instructions here:]

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section II – (With Maintenance Work) Office of Labor Relations

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (exp. 01/31/2014)

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

- 1) Non-construction contracts (*without* maintenance) greater than \$100,000 - use Section I;
- 2) Maintenance contracts (including nonroutine maintenance as defined at 24 CFR 968.105) greater than \$2,000 but not more than \$100,000 - use Section II; and
- 3) Maintenance contracts (including nonroutine maintenance), greater than \$100,000 – use Sections I and II.

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

1. Minimum Wages

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

2. Withholding of funds

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

3. Records

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

4. Apprentices and Trainees

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

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

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

5. Disputes concerning labor standards

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

reasons, including any affirmative defenses, with respect to the violations. The request shall be directed to the appropriate HA or HUD official in accordance with instructions contained in the notice of findings or, if the notice does not specify to whom a request should be made, to the Regional Labor Relations Officer (HUD).

- (ii) The HA or HUD official shall, within 60 days (unless otherwise indicated in the notice of findings) after receipt of a timely request for reconsideration, issue a written decision on the findings of violation. The written decision on reconsideration shall contain instructions that any appeal of the decision shall be addressed to the Regional Labor Relations Officer by letter postmarked within 30 calendar days after the date of the decision. In the event that the Regional Labor Relations Officer was the deciding official on reconsideration, the appeal shall be directed to the Director, Office of Labor Relations (HUD). Any appeal must set forth the aspects of the decision that are in dispute and the reasons, including any affirmative defenses, with respect to the violations.
 - (iii) The Regional Labor Relations Officer shall, within 60 days (unless otherwise indicated in the decision on reconsideration) after receipt of a timely appeal, issue a written decision on the findings. A decision of the Regional Labor Relations Officer may be appealed to the Director, Office of Labor Relations, by letter postmarked within 30 days of the Regional Labor Relations Officer's decision. Any appeal to the Director must set forth the aspects of the prior decision(s) that are in dispute and the reasons. The decision of the Director, Office of Labor Relations, shall be final.
- (b) Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of paragraph 6 shall not be subject to paragraph 5(a) of this form HUD-5370C. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the U.S. Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR Parts 5, 6 and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this paragraph 5(b) include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the HA, HUD, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

6. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

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

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

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

(c) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.

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

7. Subcontracts

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

8. Non-Federal Prevailing Wage Rates

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



OHA ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

Oakland Housing Authority Economic Opportunities Policy

Background:

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C, 1701U (hereinafter referred to as "Section 3") requires that economic opportunities generated by certain U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development financial assistance for housing and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be given to low - and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities for these persons.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations implementing Section 3 are found at 24 CFR Part 135. It is the intent of OHA policy to comply fully with Section 3; and by publication of this policy, the OHA provides direction for application of this policy.

This policy shall remain in effect for all covered activities so long as this policy remains consistent with federal regulations or until changed by the Authority. . In any case where it is found that any provision of this policy or of a procedure or program undertaken in furtherance of this policy is found to be inconsistent with Section 3 or 24 CFR Part 135, Section 3 or 24 CFR Part 135 shall prevail.

Policy Statement:

It is the policy of the Oakland Housing Authority to provide to the greatest extent feasible economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons residing in Oakland metropolitan area (as defined in § 135.5 of 24 CFR Part 135 and to businesses meeting the definition of "Section 3 business concern" as defined by 24 CFR Part 135.

A Section 3 resident is :

- A Public housing residents and/or
- An individual who live in the area where a HUD-assisted project is located and who is either low-or very-low income persons as determined by HUD

- **Determining Income Levels:**

- Low income is defined as 80% or below the median income of that area.
- Very low income is defined as 50% or below the median income of that area.

(Income Limits are subject to change. Current Income Limits may be accessed on the OHA website at www.oakha.org.)

Section 3 business concern is a business that:

- Is 51 percent or more owned by Section 3 residents;
- Whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30% of whom are currently section 3 residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business concern were section 3 residents; or
- Provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract to Section 3 business concerns, 25 percent or more of the dollar amount of the awarded contract.

In furtherance of this policy the Oakland Housing Authority shall develop programs and procedures necessary to implement this policy covering all procurement contracts where labor and/or professional services are provided, in order to achieve the goals outlined below. This policy does not apply to routine maintenance, repair or replacement work using HUD housing and community development assistance for housing rehabilitation; nor does it apply to contractors who only furnish materials or supplies

through OHA's procurement program, and do not undertake work, as in the installation of the material or equipment. All covered contracts executed after the adoption of this policy must comply with this policy.

Goals:

All contractors undertaking Section 3 covered projects and Section 3 covered activities on behalf of the Oakland Housing Authority are expected to meet the requirements of Section 3. Any contractor (whether or not it meets the definition of a Section 3 business), shall demonstrate compliance with the "greatest extent feasible" requirement of Section 3, must meet the numerical goals set forth below for providing training, employment and contracting opportunities to Section 3 residents and Section 3 business concerns. In meeting the goals, contractors are to apply a system of priority selection from among those Section 3 residents eligible pursuant to § 135.34, 24 CFR Part 135:

First priority - residents of the development where the work is to be performed.

Second priority - other residents of Oakland Housing Authority properties.

Third priority - other residents of Oakland who are participants of HUD Youth build programs being carried out in the City of Oakland.

Fourth priority - other persons from the Oakland metropolitan area who meet the definition of Section 3 resident contained in § 135.5 of 24 CFR Part 135.

Furthermore, for all construction contracts in excess of \$100,000, contractors and their subcontractors are required to utilize appropriate State-approved apprenticeship programs that have graduated apprentices as a means to meet the Section 3 employment goals.

Employment:

All contractors will seek the greatest extent feasible to achieve a level of 30% of all new hires to be low to very low-income residents of the Oakland metropolitan area.

Preference for Section 3 business concerns:

It is OHA's policy to conduct all procurement transactions in a competitive manner. Within this framework, preference shall be awarded to Section 3 business concerns according to the following system:

Small Purchases:

For Section 3 covered contracts aggregating no more than \$100,000, the Authority shall follow its small purchase procedures as outlined in its procurement policy. *Small Purchases require at least 3 competitive quotes. Purchases under \$2,000 (also known as Micro Purchases) do not require competitive quotes.*

Competitive (Sealed) Bids (IFBs): (IFB=Invitation For Bids)

Where the Section 3 covered contract is to be awarded based upon the lowest price, the contract shall be awarded to the qualified Section 3 business concern with the lowest responsive quotation, if it is reasonable and no more than 10 percent higher than the quotation of the lowest responsive quotation from any qualified source. If no responsive quotation by a qualified Section 3 business concern is within 10 percent of the lowest responsive quotation from any qualified source, the award shall be made to the source with the lowest quotation.

1. Bids shall be solicited from all businesses (Section 3 business concerns and non Section 3 business concerns). An award shall be made to the qualified Section 3 business concern with the highest priority ranking (as defined in 24 CFR Part 135) and with the lowest responsive bid if that bid:
 - A. is within the maximum total contract price established in the Authority's budget for the specific project for which bids are being taken; and
 - B. is not more than "X" higher than the total bid price of the lowest responsive bid from any responsible bidder. "X" is determined as follows:

<u>X = lesser of:</u>
When the lowest responsive bid is less than \$100,00010% of that bid or \$9,000
When the lowest responsive bid is:
At least \$100,000, but less than \$200,0009% of that bid or \$16,000
At least \$200,000, but less than \$300,0008% of that bid or \$21,000
At least \$300,000, but less than \$400,0007% of that bid or \$24,000
At least \$400,000, but less than \$500,0006% of that bid or \$25,000
At least \$500,000, but less than \$1 million . . .5% of that bid or \$40,000
At least \$1 million, but less than \$2 million . .4% of that bid or \$60,000
At least \$2 million, but less than \$4 million . .3% of that bid or \$80,000
At least \$4 million, but less than \$7 million . .2% of that bid or \$105,000
\$7 million or more1 1/2% of the lowest responsive bid, with no dollar limit.

2. If no responsive bid by a Section 3 business concern meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this section, the contract shall be awarded to a responsible bidder with the lowest responsive bid.
3. In both paragraph 1 and 2 above, a bidder, to be considered as responsible, must demonstrate compliance with the "greatest extent feasible" requirement of Section 3.

Competitive Proposals (RFP) (*RFP=Request For Proposals*)

Where the Section 3 covered contract is to be awarded based on factors other than price, a request for quotations shall be issued by developing the particulars of the solicitation, including a rating system for the assignment of points to evaluate the merits of each quotation. The solicitation shall identify all factors to be considered, including price or cost. In accordance to 24CFR135, the rating system shall provide for a range of 15 to 25 percent of the total number of available rating points to be set aside for the provision of preference for section 3 business concerns. The purchase order shall be awarded to the responsible firm whose quotation is the most advantageous, considering price and all other factors specified in the rating systems. Proposals from firms not demonstrating compliance with the "greatest extent feasible" requirement of Section 3 shall not be considered responsible.

In accordance to 24 CFR Part 135.36, Appendix Section III(3)ii:

“(3) Procurement under the competitive proposals method of procurement (Request for Proposals (RFP)).

- (i) *For contracts and subcontracts awarded under the competitive proposals method of procurement (24 CFR 85.36(d)(3)), a Request for Proposals (RFP) shall identify all evaluation factors (and their relative importance) to be used to rate proposals.*
- (ii) *(ii) One of the evaluation factors shall address both the preference for section 3 business concerns and the acceptability of the strategy for meeting the greatest extent feasible requirement (section 3 strategy), as disclosed in proposals submitted by all business concerns (section 3 and non-section 3 business concerns). This factor shall provide for a range of 15 to 25 percent of the total number of available points to be set aside for the evaluation of these two components.”*
- (iii) *With regard to the section 3 strategy, the RFP shall require the disclosure of the contractor’s section 3 strategy to comply with the Section 3 training and employment*

preference, or contracting preference, or both, if applicable. A determination of the contractor's responsibility will include the submission of an acceptable section 3 strategy. The contract award shall be made to the responsible firm (either section 3 or non-section 3) whose proposal is determined most advantageous, considering price and all other factors specified in the RFP.

Other Provisions:

1. Federal labor standards requirements: Certain construction contracts are subject to compliance with the requirement to pay prevailing wages determined under Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a--276a-7) and implementing U.S. Department of Labor regulations in 29 CFR part 5. Additionally, certain HUD-assisted rehabilitation and maintenance activities on public and Indian housing developments are subject to compliance with the requirement to pay prevailing wage rates, as determined or adopted by HUD, to laborers and mechanics employed in this work. Apprentices and trainees may be utilized on this work only to the extent permitted under either Department of Labor regulations at 29 CFR part 5 or for work subject to HUD-determined prevailing wage rates, HUD policies and guidelines.
2. A section 3 business concern seeking a contract or a subcontract must submit evidence to the recipient, contractor, or subcontractor (as applicable), if requested, sufficient to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the party awarding the contract that the business concern is responsible and has the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract.
3. OHA will ensure compliance with section 3 requirements through efforts that may include the following:
 - A. Requiring that contractors submit relevant documentation certifying their eligibility for preference under the section 3 program, and/or demonstrating their compliance with section 3 requirements.
 - B. Conducting ongoing section 3 compliance review of applicable contractors and take appropriate action when they are found to be noncompliant with section 3 requirements.
 - C. Refraining from entering into a contract with any contractor after notification by HUD that the contractor has been found in violation of section 3 regulations.
 - D. Implementing procedures designed to notify section 3 residents about training and employment opportunities generated by section 3 covered assistance and section 3 business concerns about contracting opportunities generated by section 3 covered assistance;
 - E. Notifying potential contractors for section 3 covered projects of the requirements of this part.
4. All OHA section 3 covered contracts shall include the following clause set forth in 24 CFR 135.38:
 - A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the

requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

- B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.
- C. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.
- D. The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.
- E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.
- F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

Definitions:

The Oakland Housing Authority incorporates into this policy the definitions contained in § 135.5 of 24 CFR Part 135 Further, the Oakland Housing Authority makes no representation concerning

interpretation and meaning of Section 3 of the Housing Act of 1968, as amended, and of 24 CFR Part 135 beyond this policy. It is recommended that interest parties refer directly to the law and regulations for a complete understanding of their meaning.

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INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees.

Minimum Scope of Insurance

Coverage shall be as least as board as:

1. Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (occurrence Form CG 0001).
2. Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering Automobile Liability, Code 1 (any auto).
3. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance.
4. Errors and Omissions Liability insurance appropriate to the contractor's profession. Architects' and engineers' coverage is to be endorsed to include contractual liability.

Minimum Limits of Insurance

Contractor shall maintain limits no less than:

1. General Liability: **\$1,000,000** per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either (Including operations, products and completed operations, as applicable.) the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. Automobile Liability: **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
3. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability: **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
4. Errors and Omissions Liability: **\$1,000,000** per occurrence.

Deductible and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the Authority. At the option of the Authority, either; the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the Authority, its officers, officials,

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employees and volunteers; or the Contractor shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to the Authority guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

Other Insurance Provisions

The commercial general liability and automobile liability policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions.

1. The Authority, its commissioners, members, officers, agents, employees and volunteers are to be covered as insureds as respects: liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor.
2. For any claims related to this project, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the Authority, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Authority, its commissioners, members, officers, agents, employees or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled by either party, except after (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, returned receipt requested, has been given to the Authority.
4. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the Authority, its commissioners, members, officers, agents, employees and volunteers.
5. Coverage shall not extend to any indemnity coverage for the active negligence of the additional insured in any case where an agreement to indemnify the additional insured would be invalid under Subdivision (b) of Section 2782 of the Civil Code.

Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Coverage. Insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Authority and its respective commissioners, members, officers, agents and employees for losses arising from work performed by Contractor or for the Authority.

Claims Made Coverage. If General Liability and/or Errors and Omissions coverage are written on a claims-made form:

1. The "Retro Date" must be shown, and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
2. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract work.
3. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a "Retro Date" prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.

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4. A Copy of the claims reporting requirements must be submitted to the Authority for review.

Subcontractors. Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insured under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverage for subcontractors shall be subject to all the requirements stated herein.

Acceptability of Insurers

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VI, unless otherwise acceptable to the Authority. Exception may be made for the State Compensation Insurance Fund when not specially rated.

Verification of Coverage

Contractor shall furnish the Authority with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements evidencing coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the Authority before work commences. The Authority reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by these specifications at any time.

VENDOR PROTESTS AND CLAIMS PROCEDURES

**(As extracted and revised
from Oakland Housing Authority
Contracting and Purchasing Procedures)**

SECTION 1.19 VENDOR PROTESTS AND CLAIMS PROCEDURES

The following are the definitions of terms used in this section.

Definitions:

OHA: The abbreviation for the Housing Authority of the City of Oakland, California.

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Officer: The Executive Director of OHA or the person designated by the Executive Director in writing.

Vendor. The person or firm that is involved in bidding, proposing, or quoting on an OHA material or service requirement, or has contracted with OHA to provide material or perform a service, or a person who has an interest in such matters.

Claim: The assertion of facts which serves as the basis for a demand of payment, reimbursement, or compensation believed by the vendor to be due the vendor. The claim must be submitted in writing, by the affected vendor, on the "Notice of Protest or Claim" form (MMO9501) furnished by OHA (copy attached).

Protest: A written complaint about, or an objection to, an administrative action or decision by OHA. The protest must be submitted, including any and all facts on which it is based, by the affected vendor, on the "Notice of Protest or Claim" form (MMO-9501) provided by OHA (copy attached).

Response to

Solicitation: The vendor's written bid, quotation or proposal submitted in response to OHA's call for bids, quotations or request for proposals.

Who May Submit A Protest or Claim:

Any person as defined above in "Vendor" may submit a protest or claim.

Vendor protests, claims, or disputes shall be resolved using the following procedures:

A. Vendor protests prior to bid, quote or proposal opening:

1. Vendor must submit a written notice of protest to OHA's Contracting Officer eight or more calendar days prior to the date set for the bid, proposal, or quotation opening.
2. Immediately upon receipt of the vendor's notice, the Contracting Officer shall date-stamp the notice and send a letter to the vendor acknowledging receipt of the notice. The Oakland Housing Authority acknowledgement shall indicate if the notice was filed within if required time period. A late notice is not eligible for consideration under this procedure. Any protest received after eight days prior to the date set for the bid, proposal, or quotation opening may be rejected without further consideration or may be considered under paragraph B below at the direction of the Contracting Officer.
3. Contracting Officer shall review the solicitation record to ensure the information provided by the protesting vendor is accurate. Based on a review of the vendor's protest and other relevant information, the Contracting Officer shall prepare a "Finding of Fact."
4. Based upon the "Finding of Fact," the Contracting Officer may elect to:
 - a. Amend the Invitation to Bid by addendum to all prospective vendors. Addendum is to be mailed by registered mail, four or more days prior to the date of scheduled bid opening.
 - b. Terminate the current Invitation to Bid, Quote, or Request for Proposal.
 - c. Reject the claim in writing, detailing reason(s) for the rejection.

B. Protests after the bid, quote, or proposal opening, but prior to award of contract:

1. Vendor must submit a written notice of protest to the Authority's Contracting Officer within three calendar days of the bid opening date.
2. Immediately upon receipt of the vendor's notice, the Contracting Officer shall date-stamp the notice and send a letter to the vendor acknowledging receipt of the notice. The Oakland Housing Authority acknowledgement shall indicate if the notice was filed within the required time period. A late notice is not eligible for consideration under this procedure.
3. The vendor's protest, along with the solicitation's tabulation sheet, scope of work, copies of all responses received, and any other relevant documents shall be provided to the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer shall review the vendor's protest and the circumstances and prepare a "Finding of Fact."

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4. Based upon the "Finding of Fact;" the Contracting Officer may take any of (but is not limited to) the following actions:
 - a. Allow the vendor to withdraw the vendor's response to the solicitation.
 - b. Reject one or more vendor(s) response(s) to the solicitation for failing to be complete, lacking the required guarantee, or failing to conform to the solicitation's instructions.
 - c. Reject all of the responses to the solicitation.
 - d. Disqualify one or more vendor (s) as non-responsible and therefore ineligible for an award of contract.

Note: If the dollar amount of the lowest responsible response to the solicitation is such that the Board of Commissioners must approve the award of the contract, the Contracting Officer shall make a recommendation of action to the Board ratifying this finding (a-d above).

C. Protests or claims after the award of contract (to be utilized in the absence of contractual language governing protests or claims):

1. The vendor must, submit a written notice of protest or claim to OHA's Contracting Officer within seven calendar days. The time period shall start the day immediately following the date of the incident on which the notice is based.
2. Immediately upon receipt of the vendor's notice, the Contracting Officer shall date-stamp the notice and send a letter to the vendor acknowledging receipt of the notice. The Oakland Housing Authority acknowledgement shall indicate if the notice was filed within the required time period. A late notice is not eligible for consideration under this procedure.
3. The Contracting Officer, with reasonable promptness (after obtaining the approval of HUD, if required), shall render a written decision to the vendor. Unless the vendor, within seven calendar days after the receipt of the decision, notifies the Contracting Officer in writing that it takes exception to such decision, the decision shall be final and conclusive.
4. The Contracting Officer's decision shall be final unless the vendor has accomplished all of the following:
 - a. Given the notice of protest or claim within the proper time period, and
 - b. Signed a final release of all claims, other than those unsettled claims listed on the final release with their separately stated amounts, and
 - c. Brought suit against OHA (not later than one year after final payment, or in the absence of a final payment, within one year after a written request by OHA to the vendor to submit a final invoice or release) for a disposition of the protest or claim by a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

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5. Whether or not the vendor presents a protest or claim to the Contracting Officer or takes exception to a decision of the Contracting Officer, the vendor, unless directed otherwise by the Contracting Officer, shall proceed with the work as directed.

D. OHA record requirement:

1. OHA shall maintain a complete and detailed record of all protests and claims. The record shall include all pertinent correspondence, the written or recorded minutes of any meetings with the vendors making the protests or claims, and any information used in determining OHA's actions in the disposition of protests or claims.

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NOTICE OF PROTEST OR CLAIM

CLAIMANT: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AGENT FILING: _____

PHONE: _____

Purchase Order No.:

Invoice No.:

Bid No.:

REASON FOR CLAIM OR PROTEST (ATTACH COPIES OF DETAIL DOCUMENTS IF ANY):

(OHA USE ONLY)

NOTIFICATION: _____

DATE RECEIVED STAMP

CONTRACTING OFFICER: _____

FILING DATE: _____

COMMENTS: _____