

Request for Proposal
No. RFP-20-995
Legal Services Real Estate

Issued By:
The Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri
920 Main Street, Suite 701
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

March 16, 2020

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP-20-995**

THE ABOVE NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL RESPONSES AND RELATED CORRESPONDENCE.

REQUEST DATE: March 16, 2020

THIS IS NOT AN ORDER

Proposal Due By:

**March 20, 2020 by 2:00 p.m. CDT
HAKC Admin Office**

Jeff Dunn

**Office of Procurement
and Contracts**

Pre-Bid Conference:

No Pre-Bid Conference

jdunn@hac.org

Ph. (816) 968-4203

Fax (816) 968-4203

**PART ONE
INTRODUCTION AND BID STRUCTURE**

1. This is a request for proposal (RFP) and is not an offer to contract. Instead, this RFP seeks to establish a common framework within which a contract may be reached between the Proposer and the Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri (HAKC). Further, this RFP and your firm's response will be the basis for and be incorporated into any legal contract between HAKC and the successful bidder. Proposals submitted in response to the RFP shall represent a firm offer to contract with the HAKC on the terms and conditions described in such proposals. Each representation of fact and promise of future performance therein will be incorporated into the contract as a warranty or covenant.

2. **MISSION STATEMENT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:** The Mission of the Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri (HAKC) is to develop, rehabilitate and manage decent, safe and sanitary quality affordable housing in a manner that promotes equal opportunity, fair housing and the deconcentrating of race and poverty. In accomplishing this goal, HAKC is committed to maintaining its developments as affordable housing assets that can meet the needs of low-income households in the long term and serve as viable community resources promoting economic independence and self-sufficiency for its residents.

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3. For the convenience of the bidder, this solicitation is structured as follows:

Part I Introduction and Proposal Structure

Part II Scope of Work Description and Terms

- i. Evaluation Criteria
- ii. Scope of Work Requirements
- iii. Section 3 Requirements/Examples
- iv. **Non-Collusive Affidavit**
- v. **Notarized Release of Information**
- vi. **Joint Venture Questionnaire**
- vii. **References**
- viii. **Proposed Sub-Contractors**
- ix. **Statement of Qualifications**
- x. HUD 5370-C General Conditions for Non-Construction
- xi. HUD 5369-B Instructions to Offerors for Non-Construction
- xii. **HUD 5369-C Certification and Representation of Offerors for Non-Construction**
- xiii. Section 3 Brochure
- xiv. Sample of Professional Services Agreement

BOLD indicates forms required to be completed and returned with **every** bid submission.

Failure to provide the indicated forms, may cause your submission to be removed from consideration.

PART TWO

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri (HAKC) is seeking proposals from qualified attorneys/firms to provide legal services in accordance with the specification in this Scope of Services. HAKC desires to retain an attorney/firm that can provide HAKC with legal services as described in the attached Scope of Services.

2. TERM OF CONTRACT

The contract period shall be the date of issuance of the Notice to Proceed through July 1, 2021. Prices stated in the proposal shall be legally binding for the term of the contract. periods.

3. LAWYERS' PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

The contractor must carry professional liability insurance with respect to the delivery of legal services. The contractor will agree to provide the HAKC with a copy of this certificate

4. LAWS TO BE OBSERVED

The contractor shall at all times observe and comply with all applicable State and Local laws, ordinances and regulations of the State or City governments as related to the services described herein.

5. ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTRACT

The contractor shall not enter into any sub-contracts, retain consultants, or assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of the ensuing contract or any or all of its rights, title or interest, or its power to execute such contract to any person, company, or corporation without the written consent of HAKC.

6. PROVISION FOR CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS

If at any time HAKC desires to expand, alter or terminate a portion of the Scope of Services, as defined in the herein, the contract will be amended to reflect these changes at costs/deductions acceptable to both parties. HAKC shall provide thirty (30) days prior written notice to the contractor for any changes to the Scope of Services. The contractor shall not hold HAKC responsible for termination due to no fault of HAKC.

7. PRE-BID

There will be no pre-bid for this RFP.

8. PAYMENT

Invoices for payment shall be submitted on a monthly basis in accordance with the agreement and to be considered complete must include:

- A. Date of Service
- B. Agreement #
- C. Description of Work Performed
- D. Name of Service Provider
- E. Cost

All original invoices must be sent to:

Accounts Payable
Housing Authority of Kansas City, MO
920 Main Street, Suite 701
Kansas City, MO 64105

Electronic copies of invoices may also be sent to ap@hac.org.

Payment for all services shall be Net 30 days from the date of receipt of a completed invoice.

9. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Sealed proposals must be received at the offices of the Housing Authority of Kansas City, MO **no later than 2:00 PM CDT, March 20, 2020**. Proposals must be addressed to the attention of Jeff Dunn, Office of Procurement and Contracts, Housing Authority of Kansas City, MO, 920 Main Street, Suite #701, Kansas City, MO 64105.

Technical Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Legal Services Real Estate". Each response to this RFP must include **one (1) hard copy original, and five (5) bound copies** and be clearly identified as a response to the "Request for Proposals – RFP – 20-995 – "Legal Services Real Estate" Any Submission received later than **2:00 p.m. CDT, March 20, 2020 will not be accepted.**

One (1) Compensation Proposal shall be submitted in a sealed, separate envelope, marked "Compensation Proposal – RFQ-20-995. Copies of Compensation Proposal are NOT to be included with Technical Proposal.

A proposed fee schedule for the cost of the legal services that would include: a) any flat fee (if applicable) for any legal services provided; and b) stated as an hourly fee for legal services provided in this type of matter.

HAKC reserves the right to consider historic information and/or request additional information as part of the evaluation process. HAKC also reserves the right to reject any or all bids; to make partial, multiple or no awards, postpone or cancel the bid process, and to waive minor

technicalities in bids/proposals.

10. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

10.1 Professional Experience – 50 pts

A written statement from the attorney/law firm that describes the professional experience that the attorney/law firm possesses demonstrating experience in the areas of law that relate to this solicitation including but not limited to: the process and purchase of commercial real estate, the creation and review of commercial tenant leases, contracts involving construction, environmental assessment requirements, building maintenance and security contract review. This should also include, but not be limited to, the attorney/firm's resume[s], the resumes of specific attorneys that may be assigned and the experience with; effecting settlements of disputes, alternative dispute resolution, and litigation relating to matters described in the Scope of Services.

10.2 Experience with Public Housing – 15 pts

A written statement from the attorney/law firm that describes the experience and/or knowledge that the attorney/law firm possesses in relation with the Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri and/or public housing authorities and governmental entities.

10.3 Experience with the Court – 15 pts

A written statement from the attorney/law firm that describes the experience that the attorney/law firm possesses with the Jackson County Missouri Circuit Court and the United States District Court, Western District of Missouri.

10.4 Costs – 20 pts

A proposed fee schedule for the cost of the legal services that would include: a) any flat fee (if applicable) for any legal services provided; and b) stated as an hourly fee for legal services provided in this type of matter.

11. EVALUATION PROCESS

The HAKC will consider a proposal non-responsive when critical information is lacking, or the submission represents a major deviation from the requirements of the RFP. Minor omissions or informalities may be waived at the sole option and discretion of the HAKC.

11.1 Responsive proposals will be evaluated in the following manner:

- a. An evaluation committee will review, rank-order and score all proposals individually on their technical merits and according to the criteria established in Section 10 of this RFP. The committee may contact respondent(s) if any

clarification is needed on the proposal.

- b. Based on the rankings of the evaluation committee, respondents whose proposals are in the competitive range may be asked to participate in negotiations to discuss factors to ensure a mutual understanding of both HAKC's requirements and the bidder's proposal. Negotiations may be conducted either in person or by telephone.
However, HAKC may determine that negotiations are not necessary and make an award based on the initial proposals received in response to this solicitation.
- c. If negotiations are to occur the HAKC will establish a date and time for negotiations. Once negotiations have concluded, HAKC may request Best and Final offers. Best and Final offers will be submitted only once unless the Director of Procurement and Contracts makes a written determination that is in HAKC's best interest to conduct additional negotiations or change HAKC's requirements and request another submission of best and final offers. After Best and Final offers are received, a final round of evaluations may occur.
- d. The responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the HAKC may be recommended for award. If a contract is awarded, it will be awarded to the firm that provides HAKC with the best value and service based on the evaluation criteria.

12. QUESTIONS

Questions relating to the proposal content or procedures for submission must be submitted in writing to:

Jeff Dunn, Office of Contracts and Procurement
FAX – 816-968-4117
EMAIL – jdunn@hac.org

Deadline for questions is 5:00 pm CDT March 18, 2020.

13. SECTION 3 REQUIREMENTS

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, requires, to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for job training and employment be given to lower income residents of the federally funded area, and contracts for work in connection with the Section 3 covered project be awarded to business concerns which are located in, or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the Section 3 area. Section 3 requires that a recipient/contractor take affirmative steps to give preference to qualified Section 3 area residents and business concerns in providing training, employment and contracting in connection with Section 3 covered projects. As a recipient of HUD funding, HAKC maintains an aggressive Section 3 policy, which emphasizes employment of public housing residents, or other low-income residents on contracts let by the Authority and that affirmative efforts be taken to contract with

Section 3 business concerns, which includes resident-owned businesses. HAKC believes that Section 3 is an effective tool for advancing economic development and self-sufficiency opportunities for public housing residents. HAKC requires the contractor to emphasize resident hiring for new positions required because of this contract. See “Section 3 Program” attachment for additional information on compliance with Section 3 requirements.

HAKC reserves the right to consider historic information whether gained from the proposal, references, or any other source, in the evaluation process. HAKC also reserves the right to reject all bids/proposals, make no award, multiple or partial awards, and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in the bids/proposals received in response to this solicitation. In addition, failure to submit the required items listed above may be grounds for considering your bid non-responsive.

14. REQUIRED CONTENT AND SUBMITTAL FORMS

Respondents must submit the following documents with the proposal:

1. Information requested on evaluation criteria
2. Cost Proposal
3. Required Contract Documents (Attachments)
4. References

NOTE: No information is available between the public opening of bids and award of a contract. Once the contract has been awarded, all information submitted in response to this solicitation will be available for public inspection in compliance with Federal, State and local laws.

15. KEY DATES IN THIS RFP PROCESS ARE AS FOLLOWS

- RFP Issued: March 16, 2020
- Deadline for Questions: March 18, 2020
- Proposals Due: March 20, 2020

<p style="text-align: center;">SCOPE OF SERVICES RFP-20-995 Purchase, Construction, & Contract Related Legal Services</p>

DESCRIPTION OF LEGAL SERVICES REQUIRED/ANTICIPATED

Background

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Purpose

The purpose of this Scope of Services (SOS) is to define the responsibilities of legal representation and legal services needed to assist HAKC in the purchase, remodel, and leasing of an office space for HAKC headquarters, situated at 1W Armour Blvd, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri and the auxiliary parking lot on four parcels at 101 West Armour and 3508-12 Baltimore, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Legal counsel will be trained in the skills and duties for the job and will have substantial experience related to the purchase and remodel of commercial real estate.

Description of Services

The legal services and representation that HAKC seeks would involve all aspects of subject matter and all issues that could arise from such an effort by an owner of land that seeks this type of commercial purchase, construction, and commercial leasing. This representation may include representing HAKC in litigation and/or alternative dispute resolution.

The attorney or law firm demonstrating experience in the areas of law that relate to this solicitation including but not limited to the following will be considered in determining the successful respondent:

- Participation in meetings and phone conferences as needed;
- Advise the HAKC office relocation team as needed;
- The purchase of commercial real estate including title review and title insurance requirements;
- The review of environmental assessment requirements;
- The review of real tax assessment regarding HAKC as government owner
- The review of contracts involving construction and contractor disputes;
- The review of commercial leasing agreements and related acquisition due diligence documents;
- The review of construction loan agreements and related underwriting documents;
- The review of existing commercial leases and the generation of new leases with HAKC as government owner;
- Tenant disputes;
- Building management, maintenance, and security contract review and disputes;
- effecting settlements of disputes/alternative dispute resolution,
- litigation relating to matters referenced above; *and*
- Other duties as assigned in relation to the purchase, rehabilitation, and management of 1 West Armour Boulevard and auxiliary parcels, or other suitable office space for HAKC headquarters.

Proposals will be solicited, and an award of a contract will be made to the attorney/firm whose proposal is most advantageous to HAKC's objectives, with price and other factors considered as set forth below.

The successful respondent shall be required to sign the HAKC Professional Services Agreement. In addition, the contractor shall sign the addendum to the engagement agreement for legal services in accordance with the HUD Handbook, 1530.1, Rev-4.

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

_____ being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is _____.
(Partner, Officer of Firm, Corp., etc.)

The party making the foregoing proposal or bid and attests to the following:

1. That no part of the contract price received by affiant was paid or will be paid to any person, or corporation, firm association, or other organization for soliciting the contract, other than the payment of their normal compensation to persons regularly employed by the affiant who services in connection with the construction of the public building or project were in the regular course of their duties for affiant: and

2. That such proposal or bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said bidder 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, or to fix an overhead, profit or cost element of said bid price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said proposal or bid are true.

(Name of Firm)

(Signature of Bidder)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day _____, 20__

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: _____

REFERENCE FORM

(Duplicate as needed – **3 Required* for Similar Work**)

For: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contract Value: _____

Dates of Contract: _____

Scope of Contract: _____

THIS SPACE FOR HAKC USE ONLY

***Failure to provide required references may result in removal from
consideration for contract award***

LISTING OF PROPOSED SUB-CONTRACTORS

COMPANY	TRADE	MBE/WBE (Y/N)	ESTIMATE OF CONTRACT

**The following information will be required from
any/all sub-contractors:**

- Registry Verification – Secretary of State of Missouri
- Complete Contact Information (to include email)
- Waiver & Release of Lien
- Copy of Contract between GC and Sub-contractor
- References for similar work

General Contractor _____

By _____

Title _____

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

All questions must be answered in a clear and comprehensive manner. Responses may be provided on separate attached sheet(s).

1. Name of Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

2. Name of Owner(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

3. Date Company was Established: _____

4. Are you a Sole Proprietorship?: _____

Partnership?: _____

Joint Venture?: _____

Corporation? _____

If a corporation, please enclose a copy of corporation papers and corporate seal.

5. How Many years have you been engaged in business under your present firm or trade name? _____

6. Give the name and address of any other contract firm under which the owners or partners have operated. Include dates:

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE

7. Current contracts: (Give name, address, phone number, amount of each contract, and appropriate anticipated date of starting and completion.)

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	AMOUNT	START	COMPLETE

8. General scope of work performed by your Company, (i.e., general contracting, specialty in any particular trade).

9. Are you minority owned? _____. If so, are you certified as an MBE/WBE with the City or State? _____. Are you a Section 3 certified business? _____ If yes, please attach a copy of all certifications. Resident owned business? _____.

10. If so, provide the information below:

NAME	% of OWNERSHIP	RACE	SEX	TITLE

11. Are you registered to do business in the State of Missouri? _____.
(Enclose a copy)

12. Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you? _____ If so, when, where and why?

13. Have you ever defaulted on a contract? _____ If so, when, where and why?

14. List contracts held by your company that are similar in scope to this RFP. State the approximate cost for each, and the length of contract. Include the name, address, phone and email of each party.

NAME	ADDRESS	EMAIL	PHONE	START	COMPLETE

15. List name, address, background and experience of the principal members of your organization, including the officers (if needed, use additional sheets).

NAME	ADDRESS	BACKGROUND EXPERIENCE

16. Has the company ever been party to or involved in any complaints, litigation or regulatory investigation related to discrimination based upon race, nationality, sex, or religion? _____
_____ If so, give full details:

17. Social Security Number: _____

18. Federal I.D. Number: _____

19. Insurance Company: _____

Amount of Insurance: _____

Bonding Agent: _____

Amount of Bond: _____

Include a copy of a current insurance certificate.

**(A copy of the insurance certificate showing
the Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri as Additional Insured
will be required before a Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be issued)**

20. Are you certified by any other agencies? _____

Names of Agencies:

21. Please sign the following Authorization for Release of Information authorizing the HAKC to verify your references and all other information provided in your response.

JOINT VENTURE QUESTIONNAIRE

The following questionnaire must be fully completed and submitted concurrently with the Contractor's Statement of Occupation by all Contractors submitted as a joint venture.

Names of Firms involved in the Joint Venture: _____

1. Specify the percent of Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business enterprise (MBE/WBE) ownership in terms of profit and loss sharing.
2. Describe the Capital Contributions by each Joint Venturer.
3. Describe the financial controls of the Joint Venture: Who will keep the books, how will expenses to be reimbursed what is the authority of each Joint Venturer to commit to obligate the others?
4. Explain the relationship of ownership, options for ownership or loans between the Joint Venturers.
5. How and by whom will the on-site work be supervised?
6. Who will be responsible for material purchases and how will the purchases be financed?
7. Who will provide the equipment, the estimated cost thereof and how will the equipment be financed?
8. How and from whom will bonding be acquired; insurance; name of company(s) providing bonding and insurance.
9. Describe the experience and business qualifications of each Joint Venturer.
10. Submit copies of any Joint Venture Agreement.

Signature of Affiant

Date

Signature of Affiant

Date

Signature of Affiant

Date

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts Section I – (With or without Maintenance Work) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing Office of Labor Relations OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (exp. 1/31/2017) Public Reporting Burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.08 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Reports Management Officer, Office of Information Policies and Systems, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C. 20410-3600; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (2577-0157), Washington, D.C. 20503. Do not send this completed form to either of these addressees.

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

- 1) **Non-construction contracts** (*without* maintenance) **greater than \$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 I - Clauses for All Non-Construction Contracts greater than \$100,000

1. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this contract:

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

2. Changes

- (a) The HA may at any time, by written order, and without notice to the sureties, if any, make changes within the general scope of this contract in the services to be performed or supplies to be delivered.
- (b) If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the hourly rate, the not-to-exceed amount of the contract, or the time required for performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, or otherwise affects the conditions of this contract, the HA shall make an equitable adjustment in the not-to-exceed amount, the hourly

rate, the delivery schedule, or other affected terms, and shall modify the contract accordingly.

- (c) The Contractor must assert its right to an equitable adjustment under this clause within 30 days from the date of receipt of the written order. However, if the HA decides that the facts justify it, the HA may receive and act upon a proposal submitted before final payment of the contract.
- (d) Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute under clause Disputes, herein. However, nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed.
- (e) No services for which an additional cost or fee will be charged by the Contractor shall be furnished without the prior written consent of the HA.

3. Termination for Convenience and Default

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

4. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

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

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

5. Rights in Data (Ownership and Proprietary Interest)

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

6. Energy Efficiency

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

7. Disputes

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

8. Contract Termination; Debarment

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

9. Assignment of Contract

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

10. Certificate and Release

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

11. Organizational Conflicts of Interest

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

12. Inspection and Acceptance

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

- product of work shall be deemed accepted as submitted if the HA does not issue written comments and/or required corrections within 30 days from the date of receipt of such product from the Contractor.
- (b) The Contractor shall make any required corrections promptly at no additional charge and return a revised copy of the product to the HA within 7 days of notification or a later date if extended by the HA.
- (c) Failure by the Contractor to proceed with reasonable promptness to make necessary corrections shall be a default. If the Contractor's submission of corrected work remains unacceptable, the HA may terminate this contract (or the task order involved) or reduce the contract price or cost to reflect the reduced value of services received.

13. Interest of Members of Congress

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

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

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

15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (i) An individual who is appointed to a position in the Government under title 5, U.S.C., including a position under a temporary appointment;

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

"Person" means an individual, corporation, company, association, authority, firm, partnership, society, State, and local government, regardless of whether such entity is operated for profit or not for profit. This term excludes an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or other Indian organization with respect to expenditures specifically permitted by other Federal law. "Recipient" includes all contractors, subcontractors at any tier, and subgrantees at any tier of the recipient of funds received in connection with a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. The term excludes an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or any other Indian organization with respect to expenditures specifically permitted by other Federal law.

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

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

(b) Prohibition.

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

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

(1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Professional and technical services.

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

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

(ii) Any reasonable payment to a person, other than an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action if the payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid,

proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action. Persons other than officers or employees of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action include consultants and trade associations.

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

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

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

(iii) Selling activities by independent sales representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16. Equal Employment Opportunity

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

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

17. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information

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

18. Contractor's Status

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

19. Other Contractors

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

20. Liens

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

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

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

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

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

22. Procurement of Recovered Materials

- (a) In accordance with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Contractor shall procure items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition. The Contractor shall procure items designated in the EPA guidelines that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable unless the Contractor determines that such items: (1) are not reasonably available in a reasonable period of time; (2) fail to meet reasonable performance standards, which shall be determined on the basis of the guidelines of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, if applicable to the item; or (3) are only available at an unreasonable price.
- (b) Paragraph (a) of this clause shall apply to items purchased under this contract where: (1) the Contractor purchases in excess of \$10,000 of the item under this contract; or (2) during the preceding Federal fiscal year, the Contractor: (i) purchased any amount of the items for use under a contract that was funded with Federal appropriations and was with a Federal agency or a State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State; and (ii) purchased a total of in excess of \$10,000 of the item both under and outside that contract.

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Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

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

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

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.

- (a) 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 by 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.

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- (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 the 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 data of mailing 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.

(As described in the HA's IFB/RFP)

Certifications and Representations of Offerors

Non-Construction Contract

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This form includes clauses required by OMB's common rule on bidding/offering procedures, implemented by HUD in 24 CFR 85.36, and those requirements set forth in Executive Order 11625 for small, minority, women-owned businesses, and certifications for independent price determination, and conflict of interest.

The form is required for nonconstruction contracts awarded by Housing Agencies (HAs). The form is used by bidders/offerors to certify to the HA's Contracting Officer for contract compliance. If the form were not used, HAs would be unable to enforce their contracts. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a benefit or to retain a benefit. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality.

1. Contingent Fee Representation and Agreement

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

(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.

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

(c) Any misrepresentation by the bidder/offeror shall give the PHA the right to (1) terminate the resultant contract; (2) at its discretion, to deduct from contract payments the amount of any commission, percentage, brokerage, or other contingent fee; or

(3) take other remedy pursuant to the contract.

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

The bidder/offeror 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 small business concern. "Women-owned," as used in this provision, means a small business that is at least 51 percent owned by a woman or women who are U.S. citizens and who also control and operate the business.

(c) is, is not a minority enterprise which, pursuant to Executive Order 11625, is defined as a business which is at

least 51 percent owned by one or more minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least

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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)

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

3. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

(a) The bidder/offeror certifies that—

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

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

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

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

(1) Is the person in the bidder/offeror'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/offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the bidder/offeror'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/offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph (a)2 above, the bidder/offeror must furnish with its bid/offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Certification

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

(i) Award of the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage;

(ii) The Contractor’s objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired; or

(iii) That the Contractor has disclosed all relevant information and requested the HA to make a determination with respect to this Contract.

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

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

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

5. Authorized Negotiators (RFPs only)

The offeror represents that the following persons are authorized to negotiate on its behalf with the PHA in connection with this request for proposals: (list names, titles, and telephone numbers of the authorized negotiators):

6. Conflict of Interest

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

7. Offeror's Signature

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

Signature & Date:

Typed or Printed Name:

Title:

EXAMPLE - PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

Agreement No.

This **Agreement** is made this ____ day of _____, 2020 by and between, the **Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri, (HAKC)**, a Missouri Municipal Corporation, created pursuant to RSMo. §99.040, having its principal place of business at **920 Main St., Kansas City, Missouri, 64105**, and _____, having its principal place of business at _____.

1. **DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 "HAKC" means the Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri, its Receiver, Special Master, Board, Commissioners, Directors, Managers and employees.
- 1.2 "HUD" means the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 1.3 "**Agreement**" means this **SERVICE AGREEMENT** dated _____, 2020 entered into between HAKC and Professional. This **Agreement** also includes the following component parts/documents: 1) the **Proposal submitted by the Professional**, in response to the solicitation, 2) the **Scope of Work**, 3) the Specifications, if any and 4) Form HUD 5370-C. "Agreement" also includes any written and signed changes to any of these documents, by Addendum, Change Order, or other written and signed modification.
- 1.4 "Professional" means the person or other entity entering into this **Agreement** with HAKC to perform all of the Services of Work required under this **Agreement**.
- 1.5 "Contracting Officer" means the authorized person who signed this **Agreement** for HAKC.
- 1.6 "Day" means a calendar day unless otherwise indicated.
- 1.7 "Default" means the failure of the Professional's to fulfill the contract obligations.
- 1.8 "Services" means the promises, tasks, responsibilities, and duties that Professional promises to perform and deliver to HAKC as set forth in this **Agreement** and specifically described in the **Request for Proposal** and further described in Part two, **Scope of Work** and the **Professional's Written Proposal**.
- 1.9 "Work" means the Services performed by the Professional pursuant to this **Agreement**.

2. **TERM OF AGREEMENT**

- 2.1 The term of this **Agreement** shall begin as of the date of the **Notice to Proceed and shall be through July 1, 2021**. At the sole option of HAKC, this contract may be renewed for up to one, one year period.

3.0 **SERVICES**

- 3.1 Pursuant to the terms of this **Agreement**, the Professional shall perform the services as described in the **Scope of Work**, including all written amendments to the **Scope of Work** and the **Professional's Written Proposal** incorporated herein by this reference.
- 3.2 Unless otherwise specified in the **Scope of Work**, the Professional shall furnish all tools, material, labor, and equipment to perform the required services to be delivered under this **Agreement**. All work is to be completed free of defects in material, workmanship, and performed according to the **Scope of Work** and specifications, if any.
- 3.3 The Professional is acting at all times as an independent Professional, not as an employee of HAKC.
- 3.4 The Professional shall exercise sound business judgment in performing under the terms of this **Agreement** and shall comply with all applicable federal laws, state laws, HUD regulations, and HAKC directives, and policies.

4. **PRICING, BILLING AND PAYMENT**

4.1 HAKC agrees to pay, and Professional agrees to accept as compensation for the performance of the Services and in accordance with the attached schedule of prices, a not-to-exceed amount of _____ Dollars, (\$ _____).

4.2 For purposes of billing for the performance of the Services performed under this **Agreement**, the Professional shall submit an original and two (2) copies of each request, on a monthly basis, for payment to HAKC's Office of Procurement and Contracts and a copy to be emailed to _____. All requests for payment must contain the following information: Professional's name, address, telephone number, tax identification number, this **Agreement** number, detailed description of the services performed broken down by property and the signature of an authorized company official.

4.3 HAKC shall pay the Professional within thirty (30) calendar days following receipt of the request(s) for payment.

5.0 **PERSONNEL**

5.1 The contact person representing the Professional shall be _____, _____. All communication between HAKC and the Professional's personnel on the project shall be through _____. The Professional shall not replace this contact person without the agreement of HAKC that the substitute person(s) is/are of equal or greater skill and experience. The contact person representing the HAKC shall be _____, _____. Mr. _____ can be reached at 816- _____ (_____ @hakc.org).

5.2 The Professional shall be responsible for the conduct and discipline of his/her employees. Each person assigned to perform services under this **Agreement** must have sufficient knowledge, skill, and experience to perform properly the work assigned to them. Any employee, who does not perform his work in a skillful manner, appears to be incompetent, or acts in a disorderly or intemperate manner, shall be removed from the job by the Professional's point of contact at the written request of HAKC.

6. **RECORD KEEPING**

The Professional shall maintain at least one copy of any and all written changes, modifications, or amendments to the Scope of Work, the specifications, or this Agreement that may be agreed to by the parties. These documents shall be made available to the HAKC for inspection and copying upon the request of the HAKC.

7. **CHANGES**

7.1 HAKC may at any time, by written order agreed to by the Professional, make changes within the **Scope of Work** of this **Agreement** in the services to be performed.

7.2 If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the prices charged, the maximum amount of the **Agreement**, or the time required for performance of any part of the work under this **Agreement**, whether or not changed by the order, or otherwise affects the conditions of this **Agreement**, the HAKC shall make an equitable adjustment in the maximum amount, the price(s), the delivery schedule, or other affected terms and shall modify the **Agreement** accordingly.

7.3 No services for which an additional cost or fee will be charged by the Professional shall be furnished without the prior written consent of the HAKC.

8. **CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS**

8.1 Only the Contracting Officer has authority to modify any term or condition of this **Agreement** on behalf of the HAKC. Any modifications shall be agreed to by the parties in writing and signed by the Contracting Officer. The Professional specifically agrees and understands that no verbal modifications are allowed to this **Agreement**.

8.2 The HAKC may modify the **Agreement** unilaterally under the following circumstances: (1) pursuant to a specific authorization as stated in the **Agreement** (e.g., Changes); or (2) for administrative matters which do not change the rights or responsibilities of the parties (e.g., change in HAKC's address). All other modifications shall be in the form of supplemental agreements signed by the Professional and the Contracting Officer.

9. **DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION; RETENTION OF RECORDS**

9.1 The Professional hereby agrees that no information or material shall be disseminated or disclosed to the general public, the news media or any person or organization, without the prior expressed written approval of the HAKC.

9.2 The HAKC, HUD, or the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives

shall, for three (3) years after final payment under this **Agreement**, have access to and the right to examine any of the Professional's directly pertinent books, documents, papers, or other records involving transactions related to this **Agreement** for the purpose of performing audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

10. DISPUTES

- 10.1** All disputes arising under or relating to this **Agreement**, including any claims for damages for the alleged breach thereof, which are not disposed of by agreement, shall be resolved under this provision.
- 10.2** All claims by the Professional shall be made in writing and submitted to the HAKC. A claim by the HAKC against the Professional shall be made by a written decision by the HAKC.
- 10.3** The HAKC shall, with reasonable promptness, but in no event in more than thirty, (30) days, render a decision concerning any claim hereunder. The Professional has thirty days, (30), after receipt of the HAKC decision to notify the HAKC in writing that it takes exception to such decision. After that time period, the decision shall be final and conclusive.
- 10.4** If the Professional takes exception to the HAKC's decision and the parties cannot arrive at a mutually acceptable resolution of the dispute, then the parties may agree to present the matter to mediation or other form of alternative dispute resolution. Otherwise either party may present the matter to the Jackson County Circuit Court for a decision.

11. TERMINATION AND DEFAULT

- 11.1** This **Agreement** will terminate immediately if the Professional becomes ineligible to contract with HUD, under applicable laws and regulations.
- 11.2** The HAKC may terminate this **Agreement** in whole, or in part, at the convenience of the HAKC or for the failure of the Professional to fulfill its obligations by default. The HAKC shall terminate this **Agreement** by delivering to the Professional a Notice of Termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of the notice, the Professional shall: (1) immediately discontinue all services affected, unless the notice directs otherwise, and deliver to the HAKC all information, reports, papers, and other materials accumulated or generated in performing this **Agreement**, whether completed or in process.
- 11.3** If the termination is for the convenience of the HAKC, the HAKC shall be liable only for payment for services rendered before the effective date of the termination.
- 11.4** If the termination is due to the failure of the Professional to perform its obligations under this **Agreement** by default, the HAKC may require the Professional to deliver, in the manner and to the extent directed by the HAKC, any work as described in ¶11.2. The Professional's compensation shall be determined in accordance with ¶10.0 DISPUTES and payment of the reasonable value of any services rendered through the date of termination. HAKC may withhold payments to the Professional, for the purposes of set-off or partial payment, as the case may be, of amounts owed to the HAKC by the professional, if any..
- 11.5** If, after termination for failure to fulfill its obligations by default, it is determined that the Professional had not failed, said termination shall be deemed to have been for the convenience of the HAKC, and the Professional shall be entitled to payment as described in ¶ 11.3.
- 11.6** Upon the termination of this **Agreement** for any reason, the Professional shall be obligated to cooperate with the HAKC so that a smooth transition of responsibilities, including immediate delivery to the HAKC, or its designee, all files, papers and records related to the Professional's performance of this **Agreement**.
- 11.7** Any disputes with regard to this clause are expressly subject to the terms of ¶10.0 Disputes.

12. ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 12.1** The Professional warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, it does not have any organizational conflict of interest, defined as a situation in which the nature of work under this Agreement and a the Professional's organizational, financial, contractual or other interests are such that:

12.1.1 Award of the **Agreement** may result in an unfair competitive advantage; or

12.1.2 The Professional's objectivity in performing the services required under the **Agreement** may be impaired.

12.2 The Professional agrees that after award of this **Agreement**, it discovers an organizational conflict of interest the Professional shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer, which shall include a description of the action, which the Professional has taken or intends to take to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. The HAKC may, however, terminate the **Agreement** for the convenience of the HAKC if it deems such termination is in the best interest of the HAKC.

12.3 In the event the Professional was aware of an organizational conflict of interest before the award of this **Agreement** and intentionally did not disclose the conflict to the Contracting Officer, then HAKC may terminate this **Agreement** for default.

12.4 The provisions of these paragraphs shall be included in all subcontracts and consulting agreements, if any, wherein the work to be performed is similar to the service provided by the Professional. The Professional shall include in all such subcontracts and consulting agreements, any and all provisions necessary to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interests.

13. **INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS**

13.1 The Professional agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the HAKC, it's directors, commissioners, officers, managers, and employees against any and all claims, demands, losses and liabilities (including attorney's fees, costs and expenses of defending against such claims) arising out of; 1.) Any act or omission by or on behalf of the Professional outside the scope of this **Agreement**, and 2) Any act or omission determined to constitute negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct by the Professional or the Professional's agents, employees, representatives, and assigns in the performance of this **Agreement**.

14. **FORCE MAJEURE**

14.1 Either party may be excused for any delays or default resulting from circumstances beyond its control, including without limitation, riot, war, fire, act of God or other casualty beyond its control.

15. **STANDARD OF CONDUCT; QUALIFICATIONS**

15.1 The provisions of 24 Code of Federal Regulations 85 are applicable to this **Agreement** and govern the Professional's standard of conduct and qualifications. A copy of this regulation is available upon request.

16. **ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT**

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

17. **INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**

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

18. **INTEREST OF MEMBERS, OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES AND FORMER MEMBERS, OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES**

18.1 No member, officer, or employee of the HAKC, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the project is situated, no member of the governing body in which the HAKC was activated, and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the project, shall during his or her tenure, or for one (1) year thereafter, have any interest, direct or indirect, in this **Agreement** or the proceeds thereof.

19. **NOTICES**

19.1 Any notice, payment, demand or communication required or permitted to be given by any provision of this **Agreement** must be in writing and will be deemed to have been given when delivered, by whatever means, to the party designated to receive such notice, or on the date following the day sent by overnight courier, or on the third business day after the same is sent by United States Postal Service, postage and charges prepaid, directed to the

addresses noted above, or to such other or additional addresses as either party might designate by written notice to the other party. Electronic facsimile transmission is permitted, but only if a signed original is concurrently mailed first class in the United States postal service as provided herein.

20. COUNTERPARTS

20.1 This **Agreement** may be executed at different times and in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original document, but all of which will constitute a single document. This document will not be binding upon or constitute evidence of a contract between the parties until such time as a counterpart of this document has been executed, by both parties and a copy thereof delivered to the other party to this **Agreement**.

21. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Professional, at the Professional's sole cost and expense, agrees to procure and maintain during the term of this **Agreement** or any extension thereof, Professional Liability Insurance Coverage. A copy of such coverage shall be provided to the HAKC.

22. APPLICABLE LAW/RECEIVERSHIP COURT JURISDICTION

22.1 The laws of the State of Missouri and any applicable Federal statutes and regulations shall govern this **Agreement**. During the period of time that the HAKC operates under the supervision of the United States District Court, Western District of Missouri (Receivership Court) the Receivership Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all causes of action asserted by or against the HAKC which shall arise out of or relate to this **Agreement**. Once the HAKC is no longer operating under the supervision of the Receivership Court, then the parties agree that a court of competent jurisdiction in Jackson County, Missouri shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all causes of action asserted by or against the HAKC, which arise out of or relate to this **Agreement**.

23. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; SEVERABILITY

23.1 This **Agreement**, and the materials incorporated herein by reference, including any exhibits and attachments, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. There are no agreements, understandings, warranties or representations between the parties except as set forth herein. No change or modification of this **Agreement** shall be valid unless in writing and signed by the Contracting Officer of the HAKC. If any provision of this **Agreement** is determined to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. It is the intention of the parties that if any such provision is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, there will be added in lieu thereof a provision as similar in terms to such provision as is possible which is legal, valid and enforceable.

24. INCORPORATION OF HUD FORM 5370-C

This **Agreement** shall also include HUD Form 5370-C, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. In the event of a contradiction or inconsistency between any term or provision of this **Agreement** (or any of its component parts) and HUD Form 5370-C, the parties agree that HUD Form 5370-C, shall govern and control with respect to the subject term or provision.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, EACH PARTY HAS SIGNED OR CAUSED THIS INSTRUMENT TO BE SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY ITS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

By: _____ Date _____

Name: **Edwin T. Lowndes**

Title: **Executive Director**

Address: 920 Main Street, Suite 701
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

PROFESSIONAL: _____

By: _____ Date: _____

- Printed Name: _____ Federal Tax I.D. Number: _____

Title: _____

- Address: _____

ADDENDUM TO ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

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1. The [name of Public Housing Agency] (PHA) and [name of legal service individual or firm] (LSP) engaged to provide professional legal services to the PHA in connection with [briefly and precisely describe the nature, scope and limits of the legal services to be provided by the LSP] agree that the provisions of this Addendum to the Engagement Agreement are hereby incorporated into PHA and LSP's engagement agreement as if they had been set forth at length therein.

2. During the pendency of the legal services engagement, LSP shall not, without HUD approval, represent any officer or employee of PHA, in her/his individual capacity, in connection with potential civil liability or criminal conduct issues related to PHA operations.

3. LSP has an obligation not to, and shall not, interfere with, disrupt, or inappropriately delay or hinder any authorized monitoring, review, audit, or investigative activity of HUD (including the Office of Inspector General), the General Accounting Office (GAO), or the officers and employees of HUD and GAO. Any and all representation by LSP cannot be inconsistent with the foregoing obligation. Specifically, LSP shall not deny access to HUD, GAO, or the officers and employees of HUD and GAO, to PHA records in response to document demands by HUD, GAO, or the officers and employees of HUD and GAO, notwithstanding possible discovery privileges that would otherwise be available to PHA. HUD requires public housing agencies to provide HUD, GAO, or the officers and agents of HUD and GAO, with "full and free" access to all their books, documents, papers and records. See 24 CFR. §85.42(e)(1); HUD Handbook 7460.7 REV-2, §1-2(B)(2).

4. PHA and LSP shall make available for inspection and copying, by HUD (including the Office of Inspector General), GAO, and the officers and employees of HUD and GAO, all invoices, detailed billing statements, and evidence of payment thereof relating to LSP's engagement. Such records constitute "PHA records" and are subject to section 3, above.

5. If HUD or PHA determines that LSP is violating any provision of this Addendum to the Engagement Agreement, it shall timely notify LSP of such violation. LSP will have 48 hours following its receipt of the notice of violation to cease and desist from further violation of the addendum. If LSP fails to adequately cure the noticed violation within 48 hours: (A) HUD, in its discretion, may demand that PHA terminate the professional legal services engagement for breach, or, henceforth, satisfy all costs associated with the engagement with non-Federal funds; and/or (B) PHA, in its discretion, may terminate the professional legal services engagement for breach. Additionally, HUD may sanction LSP pursuant to 24 CFR. Part 24.

6. Should any part, term, or provision of this Addendum to the Engagement Agreement be declared or determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or invalid, the validity of the remaining parts, terms, and provisions shall not be affected.

Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri

Edwin Lowndes, Executive Director

Date

(Legal Services Name)

Name of LSP key partner

Date

Section 3 Brochure

What is Section 3?

It is a means by which HUD fosters local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency. Section 3 is the legal basis for providing jobs for residents and awarding contracts to businesses in areas receiving certain types of HUD financial assistance.

Under Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, wherever HUD financial assistance is expended for housing or community development, to the greatest extent feasible, economic opportunities will be given to Section 3 residents and businesses in that area.

Section 3 Policy

Congress established the Section 3 policy to guarantee that the employment and other economic opportunities created by Federal financial assistance for housing and community development programs should, if possible, be directed toward low and very-low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing.

Who are Section 3 residents?

Section 3 residents are:

- Public Housing residents
- Low and very-low income persons who live in the metropolitan area or non-metropolitan county where a HUD-assisted project for housing or community development is located.

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
- Median incomes can be found using the **American Fact Finder** at www.factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html

What is a Section 3 business & what types of economic opportunities are available under Section 3?

A business:

- That is at least 51 percent or more owned by Section 3 residents,
- Whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30 percent 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
- That provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to a Section 3 business concern

Type of Opportunities:

- Job training
- Employment
- Contracts

Examples include:

<i>Administrative/ Management</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Construction</i>
accounting payroll research bookkeeping purchasing word processing	appliance repair florists marketing carpet installation janitorial photography catering landscaping printing computer/information manufacturing transportation	architecture bricklaying carpentry cement/masonry demolition drywall electrical elevator construction engineering fencing heating iron works machine operation painting plastering plumbing surveying tile setting

Who will award the economic opportunities?

Recipients of HUD financial assistance and their contractors and subcontractors are required to provide economic opportunities, to the greatest extent possible, consistent with existing Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

Who receives priority under Section 3?

For training and employment:

- Persons in public and assisted housing
- Persons in the area where the HUD financial assistance is expended
- Participants in HUD Youthbuild programs
- Homeless persons

For contracting:

Businesses that meet the definition of a **Section 3 business owner**

How can businesses find Section 3 residents to work for them?

Businesses can recruit in the neighborhood and public housing developments to inform residents about available training and job opportunities. Distributing flyers, posting signs, placing ads, and contacting resident organizations

and local community development and employment agencies to locate potential workers are effective ways of acquiring jobs.

Are recipients, contractors and subcontractors required to provide long-term employment opportunities, and not simply seasonal or temporary employment?

Recipients are required, to the greatest extent feasible, to provide all types of employment opportunities to low and very-low income person, including seasonal and temporary employment, as well as long-term jobs. Employment goals are based on “new hires”, which are defined as full-time employees for permanent, temporary or seasonal employment opportunities.

Recipients and contractors are encouraged to provide long-term employment. At least 30 percent of the permanent, full-time employees hired should be Section 3 residents. After a Section 3 employee has been employed for 3 years, the employee may no longer be counted as a Section 3 employee to meet the 30 percent requirement. This requires recipients to continue hiring Section 3 residents when employment opportunities are available.

How can businesses and low income persons find out more about Section 3?

Contact the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity representative at your nearest HUD Field Office or the HUD Community Builder.

What if it appears an entity is not complying with Section 3?

There is a complaint process. Section 3 residents, businesses, or a representative for either may file complaints if they believe a violation of Section 3 requirements has occurred where a HUD-funded project is planned or underway. Complaints will be investigated; if appropriate, voluntary resolutions will be sought. A complaint that cannot be resolved voluntarily may result in an administrative hearing.

Will HUD require compliance?

Yes. HUD receives annual reports from recipients, monitors the performance of contractors and investigates complaints. HUD examines employment and contract records for evidence of actions taken to train and employ Section 3 residents and to award contracts to Section 3 businesses.

How can businesses or residents pursue an alleged violation of Section 3?

You can file a written complaint with the local HUD Field Office or mail it to:

The Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
ATTN: Office of Economic Opportunity
U.S. Department of housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, S.W.,
Room 5100
Washington, D.C. 20410-2000

A written complaint should contain:

- Name and address of the person filing the complaint
- Name and address of subject of complaint (HUD recipient, contractor or subcontractor)
- Description of acts or omissions in alleged violation of Section 3

- Statement of corrective action sought i.e. training, employment or contracts

Sec. 134.38 Section 3 clause.

All section 3 covered contracts shall include the following clause (referred to as the section 3 clause):

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

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part 135, and agree 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.
- G. With respect to work performed in connection with section 3 covered Indian housing regulations, 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 (i) 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 Enterprises. 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).

I. Examples of Efforts To Offer Training and Employment Opportunities to Section 3 Residents

- (1) Entering into “first source” hiring agreements with organizations representing Section 3 residents.
- (2) Sponsoring a HUD-certified “step-up” employment and training program for Section 3 residents.
- (3) Establishing training programs, which are consistent with the requirements of the Department of Labor, for public and Indian housing residents and other Section 3 residents in the building trades.
- (4) Advertising the training and employment positions by distributing flyers (which identify the positions to be filled, the qualifications required, and where to obtain additional information about the application process) to every occupied dwelling unit in the housing development or developments where category 1 or category 2 persons (as these terms are defined in Sec. 134.34) reside.
- (5) Advertising the training and employment positions by posting flyers (which identify the positions to be filled, the qualifications required, and where to obtain additional information about the application process) in the common areas or other prominent areas of the housing development or developments where category 1 or category 2 persons reside; for all other recipients, post such advertising in the housing development or developments and transitional housing in the neighborhood or service area of the Section 3 covered project.
- (6) Contacting resident councils, resident management corporations, or other resident organizations, where they exist, in the housing development or developments where category 1 or category 2 persons reside, and community organizations in HUD-assisted neighborhoods, to request the assistance of these organizations in notifying residents of the training and employment positions to be filled.
- (7) Sponsoring (scheduling, advertising, financing or providing in-kind services) a job informational meeting to be conducted by an HA or contractor representative or representatives at a location in the housing development or developments where category 1 or category 2 persons reside or in the neighborhood or service area of the Section 3 covered project.
- (8) Arranging assistance in conducting job interviews and completing job applications for residents of the housing development or developments where category 1 or category 2 persons reside and in the neighborhood or service area in which a Section 3 project is located.
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- (9) Arranging for a location in the housing development or developments where category 1 persons reside, or the neighborhood or service area of the project, where

job applications may be delivered to and collected by a recipient or contractor representative or representatives.

- (10) Conducting job interviews at the housing development or developments where category 1 or category 2 persons reside, or at a location within the neighborhood or service area of the Section 3 covered project.
- (11) Contacting agencies administering HUD Youthbuild programs, and requesting their assistance in recruiting HUD Youthbuild program participants for the HA's or contractor's training and employment positions.
- (12) Consulting with State and local agencies administering training programs funded through JTPA or JOBS, probation and parole agencies, unemployment compensation programs, community organizations and other officials or organizations to assist with recruiting Section 3 residents for the HA's or contractor's training and employment positions.
- (13) Advertising the jobs to be filled through the local media, such as community television networks, newspapers or general circulation, and radio advertising.
- (14) Employing a job coordinator, or contracting with a business concern that is licensed in the field of job placement (preferably one of the Section 3 business concerns identified in part 135), that will undertake, on behalf of the HA, other recipient or contractor, the efforts to match eligible and qualified Section 3 residents with the training and employment positions that the HA or contractor intends to fill.
- (15) For an HA, employing Section 3 residents directly on either a permanent or a temporary basis to perform work generated by Section 3 assistance. (This type of employment is referred to as "force account labor" in HUD's Indian Housing regulations. See 24 CFR 905.102, and Sec. 905.201(a)(6).)
- (16) Where there are more qualified Section 3 residents than there are positions to be filled, maintaining a file of eligible qualified Section 3 residents for future employment positions.
- (17) Undertaking job counseling, education and related programs in association with local educational institutions.
- (18) Undertaking such continued job training efforts as may be necessary to ensure the continued employment of Section 3 residents previously hired for employment opportunities.
- (19) After selection of bidders but prior to execution of contracts, incorporating into the contract a negotiated provision for a specific number of public housing or other Section 3 residents to be trained or employed on the Section 3 covered assistance.
- (20) Coordinating plans and implementation of economic development (e.g., job training and preparation, business development assistance for residents) with the planning for housing and community development.

II. Examples of Efforts To Award Contracts to Section 3 Business Concerns

- (1) Utilizing procurement procedures for Section 3 business concerns similar to those provided in 24 CFR part 905 for business concerns owned by Native Americans (see section III of this Appendix).
- (2) In determining the responsibility of potential contractors, consider their record of Section 3 compliance as evidenced by past actions and their current plans for the pending contract.
- (3) Contacting business assistance agencies, minority contractors associations and community organizations to inform them of contracting opportunities and requesting their assistance in identifying Section 3 businesses which may solicit bids or proposals for contracts for work in connection with Section 3 covered assistance.
- (4) Advertising contracting opportunities by posting notices, which provide general information about the work to be contracted and where to obtain additional information, in the common areas or other prominent areas of the housing development or developments owned and managed by the HA.
- (5) For HAs, contacting resident councils, resident management corporations, or other resident organizations, where they exist, and requesting their assistance in identifying category 1 and category 2 business concerns.
- (6) Providing written notice to all known Section 3 business concerns of the contracting opportunities. This notice should be in sufficient time to allow the Section 3 business concerns to respond to the bid invitations or request for proposals.
- (7) Following up with Section 3 business concerns that have expressed interest in the contracting opportunities by contacting them to provide additional information on the contracting opportunities.
- (8) Coordinating pre-bid meetings at which Section 3 business concerns could be informed of upcoming contracting and subcontracting opportunities.
- (9) Carrying out workshops on contracting procedures and specific contract opportunities in a timely manner so that Section 3 business concerns can take advantage of upcoming contracting opportunities, with such information being made available in languages other than English where appropriate.
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- (10) Advising Section 3 business concerns as to where they may seek assistance to overcome limitations such as inability to obtain bonding, lines of credit, financing, or insurance.
- (11) Arranging solicitations, times for the presentation of bids, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules in ways to facilitate the participation of Section 3 business concerns.
- (12) Where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.

- (13) Contacting agencies administering HUD Youthbuild programs, and notifying these agencies of the contracting opportunities.
- (14) Advertising the contracting opportunities through trade association papers and newsletters, and through the local media, such as community television networks, newspapers of general circulation, and radio advertising.
- (15) Developing a list of eligible Section 3 business concerns.
- (16) For Has, participating in the "Contracting with Resident-Owned Business" program provided under 24 CFR part 963.
- (17) Establishing or sponsoring programs designed to assist residents of public or Indian housing in the creation and development of resident-owned businesses.
- (18) Establishing numerical goals (number of awards and dollar amount of contracts) for award of contracts to Section 3 business concerns.
- (19) Supporting businesses which provide economic opportunities to low income persons by linking them to the support services available through the Small Business Administration (SBA), the Department of Commerce and comparable agencies at the State and local levels.
- (20) Encouraging financial institutions, in carrying out their responsibilities under the Community Reinvestment Act, to provide no or low interest loans for providing working capital and other financial business needs.
- (21) Actively supporting joint ventures with Section 3 business concerns.
- (22) Actively supporting the development or maintenance of business incubators which assist Section 3 business concerns.

III. Examples of Procurement Procedures That Provide for Preference for Section 3 Business Concerns

This Section III provides specific procedures that may be followed by recipients and contractors (collectively, referred to as the "contracting party") for implementing the Section 3 contracting preference for each of the competitive procurement methods authorized in 24 CFR 85.36(d).

- (1) **Small Purchase Procedures.** For Section 3 covered contracts aggregating no more than \$25,000, the methods set forth in this paragraph (1) or the more formal procedures set forth in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Section III may be utilized.
 - (i) **Solicitation.** (A) Quotations may be solicited by telephone, letter or other informal procedure provided that the manner of solicitation provides for participation by a reasonable number of competitive sources. At the time of solicitation, the parties must be informed of:
 - the Section 3 covered contract to be awarded with sufficient specificity;
 - the time within which quotations must be submitted; and
 - the information that must be submitted with each quotation.

(B) If the method described in paragraph (i) (A) is utilized, there must be an attempt to obtain quotations from a minimum of three qualified sources in order to promote competition. Fewer than three quotations are acceptable when the contracting party has attempted, but has been unable, to obtain a sufficient number of competitive quotations. In unusual circumstances, the contracting party may accept the sole quotation received in response to a solicitation provided the price is reasonable. In all cases, the contracting party shall document the circumstances when is has been unable to obtain at least three quotations.

(ii) Award. (A) 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, the award shall be made to the source with the lowest quotation. (B) 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. 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 system.

(2) Procurement by sealed bids (Invitation for Bids). Preference in the award of Section 3 covered contracts that are awarded under a sealed bid (IFB) process may be provided as follows:

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(i) 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 and with the lowest responsive bid if that bid --

(A) Is within the maximum total contract price established in the contracting party'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:

X = lesser of:

When the lowest responsive bid is less

10% of that bid or \$9,000

than \$100,000.

When the lowest responsive bid is:

At least \$100,000, but less than \$200,000	9% of that bid, or \$16,000
At least \$200,000, but less than \$300,000	8% of that bid, or \$21,000
At least \$300,000, but less than \$400,000	7% of that bid, or \$24,000
At least \$400,000, but less than \$500,000	6% 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 more -----	1 ½ % of the lowest responsive bid, with no dollar limit.

(ii) If no responsive bid by a Section 3 business concern meets the requirements of paragraph (2)(i) of this section, the contract shall be awarded to a responsible bidder with the lowest responsive bid.

(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) 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) The component of this evaluation factor designed to address the preference for Section 3 business concerns must establish a preference for these business concerns in the order of priority ranking as described in 24 CFR 135.36.

With respect to the second component (the acceptability of the Section 3 strategy), the FRP 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 business concern) whose proposal is determined most advantageous, considering price and all other factors specified in the