



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

For

Insurance Broker of Record

For the

PALM BEACH COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

AND

AFFILIATED ENTITIES

RFQ#: FY2018-INS-002

Interim Executive Director Larry Greenberg

Request for Qualifications for Insurance Broker of Record

The Palm Beach County Housing Authority ("PBCHA") is accepting "Qualification Statements" from licensed Brokers of Record for comprehensive insurance services and providers of risk management consulting services. Comprehensive insurance services include liability, property, auto, and workers' compensation, but excludes employee benefits. PBCHA invites qualified agencies to submit a proposal based upon the scope of services outlined in this Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

The Request for Qualifications can be obtained by calling 561-684-2160 or online at www.pbchaf1.org

Notice: Contact with members of the PBCHA Board of Commissioners, or PBCHA officers and employees other than the contact person listed herein, by any prospective Respondent, after publication of the RFQ and prior to the execution of a contract with the successful Respondent(s) could result in disqualification of your proposal. In fairness to all prospective Respondent(s) during the RFQ process, an addendum will be issued to address all questions to insure no Respondent has a competitive advantage over another. A pre-submission conference will be held on Monday, November 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at 3432 West 45th Street, West Palm Beach, Florida 33407. Responses to all of the questions raised at the pre-submission conference will be posted on the website. The final date for written questions from prospective responders related to the RFQ must be submitted by November 19, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Responses to all questions received by November 19, 2018 will be posted on the PBCHA website. All proposals should be submitted by Monday, December 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Proposals received after the deadline will **NOT** be considered.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AT A GLANCE

DATE ISSUED	November 12, 2018
NON-MANDATORY PRE-SUBMISSION CONFERENCE	November 16, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. PBCHA Central Office, 3432 W 45 th Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33407
LAST DATE FOR QUESTIONS	November 19, 2018
PROPOSAL DUE DATE	December 17, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. PBCHA Procurement Dept. 3432 W 45 th Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33407
NOTICE OF AWARD	January 7, 2018
ANTICIPATED APPROVAL BY THE BOARD	January 21, 2019

The sole point of contact for this solicitation is:

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INTRODUCTION

The Palm Beach County Housing Authority (PBCHA) is a special district of the State of Florida; a public body corporate and politic created in 1969 pursuant to Chapter 421 Laws of the State of Florida. PBCHA administers public and affordable housing programs to serve eligible individuals and families within Palm Beach County. PBCHA is governed by a five (5) member Board of Commissioners (BOC). The Commissioners are appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida and exercise all powers granted to the Authority pursuant to Florida Statutes.

As a recipient and sub-recipient of funding awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) through an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC), PBCHA owns and operates 428 public housing dwelling units, located in its 4 multi-family communities, including 42 scattered site single-family dwelling units and several acres of vacant land throughout Palm Beach County. Additionally, PBCHA administers 2,639 Section 8 Vouchers under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, 75 Mainstream 5-year Vouchers and 221 Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids, owns 148 affordable (non-federally assisted) housing units and 6 NSP homes. SPECTRA Organization is an instrumentality of PBCHA.

As a landlord, property manager, voucher administrator, and real estate developer, PBCHA is a key player in the provision, preservation and production of affordable housing in the state of Florida. PBCHA has embarked on an ambitious program of development and redevelopment to create economically diverse communities and neighborhoods. PBCHA is one of the most innovative housing authorities in the nation and is actively pursuing non-governmental sources of financing to, among other things and create affordable housing.

In addition to providing quality housing PBCHA actively helps its residents grow both personally and professionally through a variety of economic development and self-sufficiency programs. PBCHA works cooperatively with social service providers to facilitate resident access to supportive services. The housing authority’s local leadership role and its innovative approaches to sustaining its mission have made it a reputable leader in its field.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

1.0 OVERVIEW

The Palm Beach County Housing Authority and its affiliated entities (PBCHA) is requesting qualifications (RFQ) from firms to provide Insurance Brokerage and Risk Management Services to the for the 2018 and 2019 Fiscal Year. It is the intention of the Palm Beach County Housing Authority to appoint a Broker of Record for a period of one year with 2 one-year renewal options. The successful firm must be a licensed insurance producer, must have a minimum of ten (10) years' experience representing governmental entities and must have access to various competitive insurance markets.

The successful candidate will provide the Palm Beach County Housing Authority with insurance including, but not necessarily limited to the following:

1. Procuring and providing property and casualty insurance coverage's and any additional coverage's as may be usual and customary to Housing Authority's.
2. Reviewing, marketing, placing and procuring such other insurance coverage's as may be requested by Palm Beach County Housing Authority, subject to the PBCHA review and approval of the premiums for same.
3. Assisting the PBCHA in developing and maintaining the underwriting information necessary to market the insurance coverage's.
4. Assisting the PBCHA in developing insurable values for all real and personal property.
5. Monitoring the financial rating of the carriers and advising the PBCHA of any reduction or exhaustion of the aggregate limits in any insurance policy. In the event of any aggregate limit impairment, advising the PBCHA of any limit reinstatement options available.
6. Issuing certifications of insurance as required in a timely manner.
7. Attending meeting as requested.
8. Monitoring the claims services provided by the insurers and assisting PBCHA in preparation of proofs of loss.

2.0 Qualifications

1. Broker shall be licensed by, and in good standing with, the State of Florida. Department of Insurance license shall be for all lines of property and casualty insurance.
2. Broker shall be sufficiently experienced in property and casualty insurance and risk management services to provide expert, efficient, effective, and reliable services to PBCHA.
3. Broker shall have extensive and continuous relationships with insurance markets necessary to provide the PBCHA with superior insurance alternatives that meet the Agency needs and are favorably priced relative to the risk and the market.
4. Broker shall provide continuity of services, by assigning a primary broker and a back-up broker who will be:
 - a. Knowledgeable in the principles and practices of risk management, and specifically risk financing for government entities.
 - b. Familiar with the PBCHA as a risk
 - c. Accessible to the PBCHA on short notice, and
 - d. Thoroughly knowledgeable and competent in insurance alternatives in order to provide superior services to the Agency.
5. Broker shall maintain the highest integrity in business relationship and practices and shall make full and timely disclosure to the PBCHA of any conflicts of interest.
6. Broker shall be insured for general liability, vehicle liability, professional errors and omissions, and workers' compensation; Broker shall be responsible for all employer taxes and social security due to the state and federal governments.
7. Broker shall be responsible for all funds handled by Broker on behalf of the PBCHA and shall carry a bond sufficient to cover any losses of this nature.
8. Broker shall not sub-contract work without the prior written permission of the Palm Beach County Housing Authority.
9. Broker shall work with the PBCHA to evaluate the current plan of insurance policies and recommend appropriate or advantageous changes; renewals shall be affected in a timely manner, to meet the Agency internal time requirements and also maintain coverage.
10. Broker shall maintain office hours consistent with the PBCHA core business hours (Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Alternative to maintaining these core business hours will be considered if they include provisions for responding to requests for contact within one business day.

11. Broker shall keep written records of marketing efforts and shall make this information available to the Palm Beach County Housing Authority upon request.
12. Brokers' recommendations to purchase insurance shall be made in writing and shall be sufficiently detailed to explain alternatives and support the recommended decision.
13. The Palm Beach County Housing Authority wishes to contract broker services for one year with (2) one-year optional renewals (at PBCHA discretion), for a total contract term of up to 3 years. At the end of the three-year period, or earlier if annual renewal is not executed, the PBCHA may use a competitive process to solicit broker services, if such services are required at that time.
14. Broker shall provide full disclosure of fees, commissions, and income to be derived from services to the PBCHA. Such disclosure shall also include payment terms and compensation and billing that will result in cost savings, particularly if they also maintain or improve broker services.
15. In addition to insurance brokerage services, the PBCHA requires:
 - a. Risk management services specific to governmental entities in Florida.
 - b. Loss Control services consisting of reviewing underwriter's recommendations, including periodic site visits.
 - c. Broker shall describe qualifications for risk management consulting, loss control, and claims audits and shall indicate costs attributed to each area.

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3.0 Proposal Stipulations

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

1. **ALL** questions are to be submitted via email to the attention of the Contracted and Procurement Manager notes on Page 4 of these specifications.
2. The PBCHA reserves the right to modify or cancel this RFQ after issuance.
3. Any proposal received via facsimile will **NOT** be accepted. Proposals must be submitted in hard copy.
4. **One original and FIVE** copies of the proposal are required.
5. Information will become public record.
6. The PBCHA will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by the firm in preparing in submitting proposals.
7. Respondents will be prohibited from assigning, transferring, conveying, subletting or otherwise disposing of this RFQ or any resultant agreement or its rights, title or interest therein or its power to execute such agreement to any other person, agent, broker, company or corporation without the previous written approval of the PBCHA.
8. The PBCHA reserves the right to select the proposal or proposals, which, at the sole discretion of the PBCHA, is determined to meet the needs of the PBCHA. Each proposal waives any claim against the PBCHA should the PBCHA fail to select their proposal.
9. Proposals are to be delivered to the Palm Beach County Housing Authority Attn: LaQuavial Pace by **4 PM, Monday, December 17, 2018**. All proposals received after the deadline will **NOT** be considered.

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4.0 Proposal Requirements

ALL SUBMISSIONS SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM INFORMATION:

1. A complete PBCHA Request for Qualifications Questionnaire.
2. A statement concerning the ability of the firm to perform tasks assigned by the PBCHA in a timely fashion.
3. A statement describing your firm's experience with Housing Authorities or Governmental Agencies.
4. A statement describing how you will communicate loss control resources that may be available.
5. A statement describing your procedures and time frames for communicating claim status and policy issues.
6. An hourly rate for providing additional risk management consulting and loss control services as may be requested by the PBCHA.
7. A copy of your firm's latest annual report **or** other information which describes your firm's activities and services.
8. A copy of a Certificate of Insurance, issued by an insurance carrier licensed in the State of Florida, for the firm showing the amount of professional liability insurance and all other insurance coverage's in place as of January 1, 2018

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5.0 Questionnaire

Response to all questions is required and should be limited to the specific information requested.

GENERAL AGENCY INFORMATION

1. List the firm's name and address from which the PBCHA's account will be handled.
2. What is the size of your firm, i.e. number of employees / locations?
3. How long has your organization been in business?
4. Web-site address.
5. Percentage of commercial vs. personal lines of coverage written.
6. Total property and casualty premiums placed annually by your firm.
7. List of top 5 commercial insurers with whom you place business.

GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY EXPERIENCE

1. How many governmental entity accounts does your firm currently represent? Of these accounts, how many Housing Authorities accounts does your firm currently represent? Please include: Contact individual; phone number; lines of coverage written; years of service to that account for **at least** three (3) of your accounts (preferably Housing Authorities accounts).
2. List same information as in question 1 for accounts outside of Florida.
3. List all the insurance companies you would anticipate approaching to seek bids to meet the

PBCHA's general liability insurance needs.

Include:

- Each company's insurance rating.
 - Will the insurance company be accessed directly or via a broker or wholesaler?
 - Does your agency currently have any governmental accounts with the insurance company?
4. Are you members of any organizations or do you participate in any seminars that directly relate to governmental or Housing Authority entity risk?

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BROKER SERVICES / FEES

1. List the service team that would be assigned to the PBCHA's account. Include their physical location, years of experience and any experience they have specifically with Housing Authority Department risks.
2. How does your firm track and communicate changes in the status of clients' insurers, such as negative ratings changes or other negative developments?
3. What is your annual fee for the services outlined in these specifications.
4. If this agreement is renewed for one or more consecutive years, will the annual service fee be guaranteed?
5. If selected as the PBCHA's Broker what services will you provide the Agency as part of your Broker fee? What "value added" services do you offer, and what is the additional fee for those services?
6. If selected as an exclusive Broker, how can you assure Palm Beach County Housing Authority that you have provided the most comprehensive and competitive?

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Exhibit I

Coverage Breakdown		
Insurance Needs	PBCHA PORTFOLIO	NON-PROFIT PORTFOLIO
Property & Wind	x	x
Inland Marine	x	
Boiler and Machinery	x	
Workers Compensation	x	x
General Liability	x	x
Public Officials Errors and Omissions	x	
Director's Officers & Employment Practice		x
Employee Benefit Liability	x	
Mold or Other Fungus	x	
Pesticide Liability	x	
Employment Practice	x	
Automobile	x	x
Storage Tank Third Party Liability	x	
Crime	x	X
Flood	x	X
Surety Bond		X
Professional Liability		X
	Limit of	
Property and Wind	Liability	
PBCHA PORTFOLIO	43,412,073	
Flood	1,000,000	
583 units		
54 locations		
Boiler & Machinery		
PBCHA PORTFOLIO	43,412,073	
583 Units		
54 locations		
General Liability		
PBCHA PORTFOLIO	3,000,000	
583 Units		
54 locations, plus 51 vacant lots		
Property and Wind		
NON-PROFIT PORTFOLIO	1,850,000	
Flood	500,000	
1 Unit (Commercial building)		

General Liability	
NON-PROFIT PORTFOLIO (\$2,000,000 Aggregate)	1,000,000
1 Unit, 2 vacant lots	
3 locations	
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS	2,639
Ancillary Lines of Business - PBCHA PORTFOLIO	
Worker's Compensation - 40 Employees	1,000,000
Inland Marine	250,000
Automobile - \$100,000/ \$300,000 - 15 vehicles	1,000,000
Storage Tank - Third Party Liability (2,000,000)	
Aggregate	1,000,000
Public Officials Errors & Omissions	1,000,000
Employee Benefit Liability	25,000
Mold or Other Fungus	100,000
Pesticide Liability	50,000
Employment Practice	1,000,000
Crime	250,000
Ancillary Lines of Business - NON-PROFIT PORTFOLIO	
Worker's Compensation - 4 Employees	500,000
Automobile - 2 Vehicles	500,000
Directors/Officers and Employment Practice	1,000,000
Surety Bond	5,456
Professional Liability (Inspection services)	1,000,000
Crime	200,000

Unit Breakdown			
Location	Building Values	Content	Total
Public Housing	26,682,419	328,300	27,010,719
PH Additional -SFH	3,537,752		3,537,752
Banyan	11,032,182	130,500	11,162,682
Day Care	862,720	83,400	946,120
NSP1 Homes	754,800		754,800
Total Property Schedule	42,869,873	542,200	43,412,073
Single Family Homes	1,768,876		
Add 2x value	3,537,752		
PBCHA PORTFOLIO	Property & Wind	Assessed Value	
Public Housing - 428	30,548,471		
Banyan - 148	11,162,682		
NSP1 - 6	754,800		
Day Care - 1	946,120		
Vacant Land C Hill - 48			
Vacant Land - Gateway		14,865	
Vacant Land - 2.50 acres		470,000	
Vacant Land 7.48 acres	0	1,496,000	
	43,412,073	1,980,865	
PBCHA PORTFOLIO	Locations	Units	
Schall	1	76	
Dyson	1	134	
Lantana	1	76	
Drexel	1	100	
Scattered	42	42	
Banyan	1	148	
NSP1	6	6	
Day Care	1	1	
Vacant Lot - Gateway	1	0	
Vacant Lots - C Hill (48)	48	0	
Vacant Land 2.5 acres WB	1	0	
Vacant Land 7.48 acres WB	1	0	
Total	105	583	
NON-PROFIT PORTFOLIO			
Commercial bldg.- 45th St.	1	1	
Vacant Lots - Boynton Bch	2	2	
Total	3	3	

**ATTACHMENT A HUD Form Forms and
Conflict of Interest Certification**

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

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

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

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

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

6. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Offers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Contract Award

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

(b) The HA may

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

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

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

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

8. Service of Protest

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

9. Offer Submission

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

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

[Describe bid or proposal preparation instructions here:]

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section 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. 1/01/2014)

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.**

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Section I - Clauses for All Non-Construction Contracts greater than \$100,000
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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 therefrom, but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

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

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

15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Prohibition.

- (i) Section 1352 of title 31, U.S.C. provides in part that no appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered Federal actions: the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (ii) The prohibition does not apply as follows:

(1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.

(a) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in paragraph (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.

ATTACHMENT G-4
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

PART I. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. In accordance with the regulations of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), neither the Palm Beach County Housing Authority (PBCHA) nor any of its contractors or their subcontractors may enter into any contract or arrangement in connection with a project in which any of the following classes of people has an interest, direct or indirect, during his or her tenure or for one year thereafter:

a. Any present or former member or officer of the governing body of PBCHA or any member of the immediate family of such member or officer. There shall be excepted from this prohibition any present or former tenant commissioner who does not serve on the governing body of a resident corporation, and who otherwise does not occupy a policy-making position with the resident corporation, PBCHA or a business entity.

b. Any employee of PBCHA who formulates policy or who influences decisions with respect to the project(s), or any member of the employee's immediate family, or the employee's partner.

c. Any public official, member of the local governing body, or State or local legislator, or any member of such individual's immediate family, who exercises functions or responsibilities with respect to the project(s) or PBCHA.

2. For purposes of this section, the term, "immediate family member" means the spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, or child of a covered class member (whether related as a full blood relative, or as a "half" or "step" relative, e.g. a half-brother or stepchild).

3. As provided in Chapter 421 of the laws of the State of Florida, a commissioner or employee of PBCHA may not acquire any interest direct or indirect in any housing project or in any property included or planned to be included in any project, nor shall he/she have any interest direct or indirect in any contract or proposed contract for materials or services to be furnished or used in connection with any housing project.

4. No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States of America or any representative of PBCHA shall be admitted to any share or part of any contract or to any benefits which may arise from it.

5. Any member of these classes of persons must disclose the member's interest or prospective interest to PBCHA and HUD.

6. Any Bidder/Responder who submits a bids/proposal(s) in response to a PBCHA solicitation must disclose in its bids/proposals, the interest, direct or indirect, of any member of the classes of persons listed in Paragraph 1, 2, 3, and 4 above in such Bidder/Responder's, and shall also make the disclosures required in Parts II and III below.

7. The Bidder/Responder's shall also disclose any relationship the Bidder/Responder and/or its principals may have with: (a) any named or proposed subcontractor; and (b) any member of a joint-venture team competing for the proposed contract.

PART II. ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST NOTIFICATION

1. It is PBCHA's policy to avoid situations which place a Responder in a position where its judgment may be biased if awarded the contract because of any past, present, or currently planned interest, financial or otherwise, that the Responder may have which relates to the work to be performed pursuant to the proposed contract or where the Responder receives an unfair competitive advantage in submitting a bids/proposals for the proposed contract, such as, for example, a Responder who submits a bids/proposal after acting as a consultant to PBCHA in preparing the specifications or performing a study for the proposed contract. Such situations which may either impair the Responder objectivity in performing the proposed contract work or results in and unfair competitive advantage to the Responder are considered organizational conflicts of interest. .
2. Where a Responder is aware of, or has reason to be aware of an organizational conflict or interest, whether and actual or apparent conflict, the Responder shall provide a statement which describes in a concise manner all relevant facts concerning any past, present, or currently planned interest, financial, contractual, organizational, or otherwise, relating to the work to be performed hereunder and bearing on whether the Responder has possible organizational conflict of interest with respect to:
 - A. being able to render impartial, technical sound, and objective assistance or advice, or
 - B. being given and unfair competitive advantage
3. The Responder may also provide relevant facts that show how its organizational structure and/or management systems limit its knowledge of possible organizational conflicts of interest relating to other divisions of the organization and how that structure or system would avoid or mitigate such organizational conflict.
4. In the absence of any relevant interests referred to above, or any conflict of interest, financial, organizational, contractual or otherwise, Responder shall complete the certification in Part III below, titled Conflict of Interest Certification of Responder.
5. No award shall be made until the disclosure or certification has been evaluated by the Contracting Officer. Failure to provide the disclosure or certification will be deemed to be a minor infraction and the Responder will be permitted to correct the omission within a time frame established by the Contracting Officer.
6. Refusal to provide the disclosure or certification and any additional information as required, or the willful nondisclosure or misrepresentation of any relevant information shall disqualify the Responder.
7. If the Contracting Officer determines that a potential conflict exists, the selected Responder shall not receive an award unless the conflict can be avoided or otherwise resolved as determined by the Contracting Responder.
8. In the event the Responder is aware of an organizational conflict of interest and intentionally does not disclose the existence of such conflict to the Contracting Officer before the award of this contract, PBCHA may terminate the contract for default.

ATTACHMENT G-4
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

1. The Bidder/Responder certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, no member of the classes of persons listed in Part I above has an interest or prospective interest, direct or indirect, financial, contractual, organizational or otherwise, in the Bidder/Responder.

2. The Bidder/Responder certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, it does not have any actual or apparent organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work to be performed under this proposed contract and the Bidder/Responder's organizational, financial, contractual or other interests may:

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

3. The Bidder/Responder agrees that if the contract is awarded to the Bidder/Responder, and after award it discovers and actual or apparent conflict of interest, financial, contractual, organizational or otherwise, with respect to this contract, it shall make an immediate and full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer which shall include a description of the action which the Bidder/Responder has taken or intends to take to eliminate or resolve the conflict. PBCHA may, however, terminate the contract for the convenience of HUD and/or PBCHA.

4. The Bidder/Responder agrees that if the contract is awarded to the Bidder/Responder, the terms of this conflict of interest clause and any necessary provisions to eliminate conflicts of interest shall be included in all subcontracts and consulting agreements resulting from the proposed contract.

5. In the absence of any interest in the Bidder/Responder held by any member of the classes of persons referred to above and in the absence of any actual or apparent conflict, the undersigned Bidder/Responder hereby certifies and affirms under penalties of perjury, that to the best of this Bidder/Responder's knowledge and belief, no actual or apparent conflict of interest exists with regard to this Bidder/Responder's possible performance of the proposed contract. The undersigned official certifies that he/she is authorized to sign this bids/proposals form for the firm.

Name and Address of Responder

Type Name and Title of Authorized Official or Representative of Bidder/Responder

Signature of Authorized Representative or Official of Bidder/Responder

Date