



ATTACHMENT NO. 1
OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE

OFFER

TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA:

The undersigned hereby offers and agrees to perform in compliance with all terms, conditions, specifications and amendments of this solicitation and any written exceptions in the offer. Signature also acknowledges receipt of all pages indicated in the Table of Contents.

Boston Global Management LLC		Terrell L. Carr	
Offeror (Company) Name		Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Offer	
233 E. Southern Ave. #27517		Terrell Lee Carr	
Address		Printed Name	
Tempe AZ 85285		Date 9-21-2016	
City Zip State		Title	
global-bridge@aol.com		(918)607-3772	
Email Address		Phone Number	
Company Email Address		n/a	
global-bridge@aol.com		Fax Number	

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER (FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY)

The Contractor is now bound to perform based upon Contract Number _____ including all terms, conditions, specifications, amendments, etc., and the Contractor's offer as accepted by the state.

The Contractor is hereby cautioned not to commence any billable work or provide any material, service or construction under this contract until contractor receives a purchase order document.

State of Arizona

Effective this _____ day of _____

20

Date

Stacy Wiesner

Awarded

As Procurement Officer and not personally

State of Arizona)
) ss
County of Maricopa)

Terrell Lee Carr
(Affiant)

the President of Sales & Marketing
(Title)

of Boston Global Management LLC
(Contractor)

the persons, corporation, or company who makes the accompanying Proposal, having first been duly sworn, deposes and says:

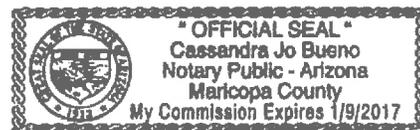
That such Proposal is genuine and not sham or collusive, nor made in the interest or behalf of any person not herein named, and that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to put in a sham bid, or any other person, firm, or corporation to refrain from bidding, and that the Bidder has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure for itself an advantage over any other Bidder.

Terrell L. Carr
(Signature)

President of Sales & Marketing
(Title)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
21st Day of September, 2016

Cassandra Jo Bueno
Signature of Notary Public in and for



the County of Maricopa

State of Arizona

All materials submitted as part of a response to a solicitation are subject to Arizona public records law and will be disclosed if there is an appropriate public records request at the time of or after the award of the contract. Recognizing there may be materials included in a solicitation response that is proprietary or a trade secret, a process is set out in A.A.C. R2-7-103 (attached) that will allow qualifying materials to be designated as confidential and excluded from disclosure. For purposes of this process the definition of "trade secret" will be the same as that set out in A.A.C. R2-7-101(52).

This form must be completed and returned with the response to the solicitation and any supporting information to assist the State in making its determination as to whether any of the materials submitted as part of the solicitation response should be designated confidential because the material is proprietary or a trade secret and therefore not subject to disclosure.

All offerors must select one of the following:

My response **does not** contain proprietary or trade secret information. I understand that my entire response will become public record in accordance with A.A.C. R2-7-C317.

My response **does** contain trade secret information because it contains information that:

1. Is a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique or process, **AND**
2. Derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; **AND**
3. Is the subject of efforts by myself or my organization that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.

Please note that failure to attach an explanation may result in a determination that the information does not meet the statutory trade secret definition. All information that does not meet the definition of trade secret as defined by A.A.C. R2-7-101(52) will become public in accordance with A.A.C. R2-7-C317. The State reserves the right to make its own determination of Proposer's trade secret materials through a written determination in accordance with A.A.C. R2-7-103.

If the State agrees with the proposer's designation of trade secret or confidentiality and the determination is challenged, the undersigned hereby agrees to cooperate and support the defense of the determination with all interested parties, including legal counsel or other necessary assistance.

By submitting this response, proposer agrees that the entire offer, including confidential, trade secret and proprietary information may be shared with an evaluation committee and technical advisors during the evaluation process. Proposer agrees to indemnify and hold the State, its agents and employees, harmless from any claims or causes of action relating to the State's withholding of information based upon reliance on the above representations, including the payment of all costs and attorney fees incurred by the State in defending such an action.

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R2-7-103. Confidential Information

- A. If a person wants to assert that a person's offer, specification, or protest contains a trade secret or other proprietary information, a person shall include with the submission a statement supporting this assertion. A person shall clearly designate any trade secret and other proprietary information, using the term "confidential". Contract terms and conditions, pricing, and information generally available to the public are not considered confidential information under this Section.
- B. Until a final determination is made under subsection (C), an agency chief procurement officer shall not disclose information designated as confidential under subsection (A) except to those individuals deemed by an agency chief procurement officer to have a legitimate state interest.
- C. Upon receipt of a submission, an agency chief procurement officer shall make one of the following written determinations:
 - 1. The designated information is confidential and the agency chief procurement officer shall not disclose the information except to those individuals deemed by the agency chief procurement officer to have a legitimate state interest;
 - 2. The designated information is not confidential; or
 - 3. Additional information is required before a final confidentiality determination can be made.
- D. If an agency chief procurement officer determines that information submitted is not confidential, a person who made the submission shall be notified in writing. The notice shall include a time period for requesting a review of the determination by the state procurement administrator.
- E. An agency chief procurement officer may release information designated as confidential under subsection (A) if:
 - 1. A request for review is not received by the state procurement administrator within the time period specified in the notice; or
 - 2. The state procurement administrator, after review, makes a written determination that the designated information is not confidential.

Legislation has been enacted to prohibit the State from contracting with companies currently engaged in a boycott of Israel. To ensure compliance with A.R.S. §35-393.01, this form must be completed and returned with the response to the solicitation and any supporting information to assist the State in making its determination of compliance.

As defined by A.R.S. §35-393:

1. "Boycott" means engaging in a refusal to deal, terminating business activities or performing other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel or with persons or entities doing business in Israel or in territories controlled by Israel, if those actions are taken either:
 - (a) In compliance with or adherence to calls for a boycott of Israel other than those boycotts to which 50 United States Code section 4607(c) applies.
 - (b) In a manner that discriminates on the basis of nationality, national origin or religion and that is not based on a valid business reason.
2. "Company" means a sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company or other entity or business association, and includes a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate.
3. "Direct holdings" means all publicly traded securities of a company that are held directly by the state treasurer or a retirement system in an actively managed account or fund in which the retirement system owns all shares or interests.
4. "Indirect holdings" means all securities of a company that are held in an account or fund, including a mutual fund, that is managed by one or more persons who are not employed by the state treasurer or a retirement system, if the state treasurer or retirement system owns shares or interests either:
 - (a) together with other investors that are not subject to this section.
 - (b) that are held in an index fund.
5. "Public entity" means this State, a political subdivision of this STATE or an agency, board, commission or department of this state or a political subdivision of this state.
6. "Public fund" means the state treasurer or a retirement system.
7. "Restricted companies" means companies that boycott Israel.
8. "Retirement system" means a retirement plan or system that is established by or pursuant to title 38.

All offerors must select one of the following:

My company **does not** participate in, and agrees not to participate in during the term of the contract a boycott of Israel in accordance with A.R.S. §35-393.01.

My company **does** participate in a boycott of Israel as defined by A.R.S. §35-393.

By submitting this response, offeror agrees to indemnify and hold the State, its agents and employees, harmless from any claims or causes of action relating to the State's action based upon reliance on the above representations, including the payment of all costs and attorney fees incurred by the State in defending such an action.

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A bidder or offeror must submit the appropriate Buy America certification (below) with all bids or offers on FHWA funded contracts, except those subject to a general waiver. Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification must be rejected as nonresponsive. This requirement applies to lower tier subcontractors.

Certification requirement for procurement of steel, iron, or manufactured products.

Certificate of Compliance with 23 U.S.C 313 - The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it will meet the requirements of 23 USC 313 and the applicable regulations in 23 CFR 635.410

Signature Tyrell H. Can Date 9-21-2016

Company Name Boston Global Management LLC

Title President of Sales & Marketing

Certificate of Non-Compliance with 23 U.S.C 313

The bidder or offeror hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 23 U.S.C 313 and 23 CFR 635.410, but it may qualify for an exception pursuant to 23 CFR 635.410 (c)(1).

Signature _____ Date _____

Company Name _____

Title _____

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LOBBYING CERTIFICATION
CERTIFICATION FOR FEDERAL AID CONTRACTS

Applies to: Federal-aid contractors, and consultants, as well as lower tier sub-contractors and sub-consultants

The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

✓ (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The prospective participant also agrees by submitting his or her bid or proposal that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000, and that all such sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Merrell L. Carr

SIGNATURE

9-21-2016

DATE

Boston Global Management LLC

TITLE

Descriptive Literature:

Standard Economy Bicycle Helmets (ProRider Brand)

- Stylish and lightweight
- Features top Polycarbonate Shell and 10 large vents for maximum ventilation
- Quick release buckles/Cam Lock Levers

Certified: Meets the CPSC Bicycle Helmet Standard

- Black or White Foam
- Extra Pads & Removable Pads
- Assorted Colors

Available Sizes (20-26) Inches: Child age 5+, Youth age 8+, Adult S/M, Adult M/L

- High quality

***Bike Helmets with Turn-Ring Retention** for fit adjustment (*Optional unit that is offered with no price changes)

14 vents

CPSC Certified

If awarded the attached solicitation, vendor promises to supply and deliver the requested quantity of bicycle helmets according to the product details and specifications hereinabove, which are greater than or equal to what is requested in the bid solicitation. All helmets & accessories are CPSC Certified.



STATE OF ARIZONA
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
1739 W. Jackson St., Ste. A
Phoenix, AZ 85007

INVITATION FOR BID

SOLICITATION NUMBER: ADOT17-00006649

DESCRIPTION: Bicycle Accessories – Bicycle Helmets

QUESTIONS: Inquiries regarding the solicitation are to be submitted online through ProcureAZ using the Q&A Tab.

OFFERORS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO READ THE ENTIRE SOLICITATION.

Stacy Wiesner
Procurement Officer
Phone: 602.712.6939
Email: swiesner@azdot.gov

This solicitation is issued in accordance with A.R.S. §41-2533 and A.C.C. R2-7-B301 et seq., Competitive Sealed Bidding.

“An Equal Opportunity Agency”

The Arizona Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252.42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award

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1. Statement of Need

- 1.1. Pursuant to the Arizona Procurement Code, A.R.S. §41-2501 et seq., the State of Arizona Department of Transportation (Department), has a requirement for Bicycle Helmets.

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1. This Invitation for Bid (IFB) is to establish a contract with a company, herein referenced to as the Contractor, for the use of Maricopa County Department of Public Health Safe Routes To School Program (SRTS). This is a products only contract.

3. Specific Requirements

3.1. Specifications

- 3.1.1. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Bicycle (specific) Certified
- 3.1.2. The helmet shall have Polycarbonate Shell
- 3.1.3. Integrated mechanism that full encompasses your head with adjustability ensuring a perfect, secure, fit
- 3.1.4. Cam Lock Levers
- 3.1.5. Ten (10) Vents (minimum)
- 3.1.6. Black foam
- 3.1.7. Removable Pads
- 3.1.8. Available in four (4) sizes: Child age 5+, Youth age 8+, Adult S/M, Adult M/L
- 3.1.9. Available in Assorted Colors

1. **TERM OF CONTRACT**

The term of any resultant contract shall commence on the effective day of award and shall continue for a period of thirty-six months (36) thereafter, unless terminated or cancelled.

2. **CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Not Applicable

3. **ELIGIBLE AGENCIES**

This contract shall be for the exclusive use of the County as solicited by the Arizona Department of Transportation.

4. **NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT**

This contract shall be for the sole convenience of the County. The County reserves the right to obtain like goods or services from another source when necessary. The Off-Contract Purchase Authorization and subsequent procurement shall be consistent with the Arizona Procurement Code.

5. **ORDERING PROCESS**

The County shall issue a purchase order to the Contractor. Each purchase order must cite the contract number. This purchase order shall be the only document required for the County to order and the Contractor to deliver the material and/or service.

Any attempts to represent any material and/or service not specifically awarded as being under contract is a breach of the contract and a violation of the Arizona Procurement Code. Any such action is subject to the legal and contractual remedies available to the State inclusive of but not limited to contract cancellation, suspension and/or debarment of the Contractor.

6. **SHIPPING TERMS**

Delivery shall be F.O.B. Destination, Freight Prepaid, to the location designated on the purchase order. Contractor shall retain title and control of all goods until they are delivered. All risk of transportation and related charges shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. All claims for visible or concealed damage shall be filed by the Contractor. The County will notify the Contractor promptly of any damaged goods and shall assist the Contractor in arranging for inspection.

The minimum order to receive F.O.B. Destination, Freight Prepaid shall be 100 ea. Orders below this minimum may be F.O.B. Destination, Freight Prepaid and Charged Back at **actual shipping costs with no markup.**

7. DELIVERY

All equipment shall be delivered to the location specified on the purchase order within a maximum of twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of an order (ARO). Deliveries are accepted during normal business hours only. Deliveries are not normally accepted on weekends and holidays.

The contractor shall acknowledge an order. This acknowledgement should restate what was ordered and when the County can expect delivery. A late shipment can be grounds for rejection of the shipment, suspend the contract, cancel the contract, or utilize another supplier.

Deliveries shall be completed in accordance with the requirements of this contract.

Delivery of the product does not constitute acceptance.

8. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

Each item delivered shall be subject to a complete inspection by the County within fourteen (14) days after delivery. Inspection criteria shall include, but not be limited to, conformity to the specifications, workmanship, quality and materials.

If the delivered product is not accepted and returned for corrective action, an additional fifteen (15) calendar days shall be allowed for inspection of the corrected or replacement product.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the transport of the material to and from the Department for the correction of items or workmanship not in compliance with the specifications.

Product returned for corrective action may delay payment. Invoices will be processed for payment only after the product is accepted.

9. INVOICING AND PAYMENT

Separate invoices are required for each shipment of product or delivery of service and shall include at a minimum:

- Department Location's Name and Address
- Vendor Name, Remit to Address and Contact Information
- Contract Number
- Purchase Order Number
- Invoice Number and Date
- Date the items were shipped to the County
- Contract Line Item Number
- Line Item Description or Item or Service
- Quantity Purchased
- Line Item Unit of Measure
- Price per Unit and Total per Unit
- Catalog or Other Discount (if applicable)
- Net Unit Price and Total per Unit (if applicable)

- Applicable Taxes
- Applicable Shipping/Freight Charges
- Total Invoice Amount Due

Invoices not sent to the proper address, or not containing the necessary and required information may delay payment. A Contractor whose payments are delayed due to improper invoicing shall make no claim against the County, the Department or the State for late or finance charges.

The County will make every effort to process payment for the purchase of product within thirty (30) calendar days after the Department has conducted the necessary reviews, inspections and acceptance as described herein.

Payment due dates, including discount periods, will be computed from the date of acceptance or date of correct invoice (whichever is later) to the date the warrant is mailed.

10. ESTIMATED USAGE

The quantities shown are estimates and may be adjusted. The County reserves the right to increase or decrease actual quantities ordered as circumstances may require with Department approval. No guarantees are made concerning actual purchases under this contract.

11. PRICE REDUCTION

A price reduction adjustment may be offered at any time during the term of a contract and shall become effective upon notice through a written contract amendment.

12. PRICE INCREASE

Not Applicable

13. SAFETY STANDARDS

Items supplied under this contract shall comply with all current applicable safety standards and regulations including the Occupational Safety and Health Standards of the State of Arizona Industrial Commission, the National Electric Code and the National Fire Protection Association Standards.

14. WARRANTY

The Contractor Warrants:

- All Items** – That all items furnished hereunder shall conform to the requirements of this contract and shall be free from defects in design materials and workmanship. Any and all defective items shall be fully corrected by the Contractor (including parts and labor) without cost to the County.
- The warranty period on workmanship and materials shall be based on a minimum of twelve (12) months from the time of acceptance by the County.

15. CURRENT PRODUCTS

All products supplied under this contract shall be in current and ongoing production; shall have been formally announced for general marketing purposes; shall be a model or type currently functioning in a user (paying customer) environment and capable of meeting or exceeding all specifications and requirements set forth in the contract.

16. PRODUCT DISCONTINUANCE

In the event that a product or model is discontinued by the manufacturer, the Department at its sole discretion may allow the Contractor to provide a substitute for the discontinued item. The Contractor shall request authorization to substitute a new product or model and provide the following:

1. A formal announcement from the manufacturer that the product or model has been discontinued.
2. Documentation from the manufacturer that names the replacement product or model.
3. Documentation that provides clear and convincing evidence that the replacement meets or exceeds all specifications required by the original solicitation.
4. Documentation that provides clear and convincing evidence that the replacement will be compatible with all the functions or uses of the discontinued product or model.
5. Documentation confirming that the price for the replacement is the same as or less than the discontinued product or model.

17. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

The Contractor shall contact the assigned Procurement Officer for guidance or direction in matters of contract interpretation or questions regarding the terms, conditions or scope of the contract.

18. NOTICES

All notices, requests, demands, consents, approvals, and other communications which may or are required to be served or given hereunder (for the purposes of this provisions collectively called "Notices"), shall be in writing and shall be sent by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, or by any other method that provides evidence of receipt, addressed to the party or parties to receive such notice as follows:

- a. If intended for the State, to:

Arizona Department of Transportation, Procurement Group
1739 W. Jackson Street, MD 100P
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3276

- b. If intended for the Contractor, to the address is identified in the Contractor's electronic vendor profile.

Or to such other address as either party may from time to time furnish in writing to the other by notice hereunder. Any notice so mailed shall be deemed to have been given as of the date such notice is received as shown on the return receipt. Furthermore, such notice may be given by delivering personally such notice, if intended for the State, to the Arizona Department of Transportation, Procurement Officer and, if intended for the Contractor, to the person named on the Offer & Contract Award of this contract, or to such other person as either party may from time to time furnish in writing to the other by notice hereunder. Any notice so delivered shall be deemed to have been given as of the date such notice is personally delivered to the other party.

19. CANCELLATION FOR POSSESSION OF WEAPONS ON ADOT PROPERTY

This contract may be cancelled if Contractor or any subcontractors or others in the employ or under the supervision of the Contractor or subcontractors is found to be in possession of weapons.

Possession of weapons (firearms, explosive device, knife or blade of more than three inches, or any other instrument designed for lethal or disabling use) is prohibited on ADOT property.

Further, if the Contractor or any subcontractors or others in the employ or under the supervision of the Contractors or subcontractors are asked by an ADOT official to leave the ADOT property, they are advised that failure to comply with such a request shall result in cancellation of the contract and anyone who refuses, whether armed or not, is subject to prosecution under A.R.S. § 13-1502, "Criminal trespass in the third degree; classification."

20. INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents, and employees (hereinafter referred to as "Indemnitee") from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses, or expenses (including court costs, attorneys' fees, and costs of claim processing, investigation and litigation) (hereinafter referred to as "Claims") for bodily injury or personal injury (including death), or loss or damage to tangible or intangible property caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the negligent or willful acts or omissions of Contractor or any of its owners, officers, directors, agents, employees or subcontractors. This indemnity includes any claim or amount arising out of, or recovered under, the Workers' Compensation Law or arising out of the failure of such Contractor to conform to any federal, state, or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, or court decree. It is the specific intention of the parties that the Indemnitee shall, in all instances, except for Claims arising solely from the negligent or willful acts or omissions of the Indemnitee, be indemnified by Contractor from and against any and all claims. It is agreed that Contractor will be responsible for primary loss investigation, defense, and judgment costs where this indemnification is applicable. In consideration of the award of this contract, the Contractor agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the State of Arizona, its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from the work performed by the Contractor for the State of Arizona.

This indemnity shall not apply if the contractor or sub-contractor(s) is/are an agency, board, commission or university of the State of Arizona.

21. INSURANCE

The contractor shall furnish a **Certificate of Insurance** inclusive of the following requirements to the Department. Certificate(s) shall be received within five (5) calendar days of notification of tentative award by the Procurement Officer and prior to contract execution.

Contractor (Vendor) shall procure and maintain, until all of their obligations, including any warranty periods under this Contract, are satisfied, insurance against claims for injury to persons or damage to property that may arise from or in connection with the purchase and or use of the commodity.

The insurance requirements herein are minimum requirements for this Contract and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained in this Contract. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the minimum limits contained herein are sufficient to protect the Vendor from liabilities that might arise out of the purchase and use of the commodities sold under this Contract by the Vendor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors and Vendor is free to purchase such additional insurance as may be determined necessary.

A. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMITS OF INSURANCE

Contractor shall provide coverage at least as broad and with limits of liability not less than those stated below:

1. Commercial General Liability – Occurrence Form

Policy shall include bodily injury, property damage, personal and advertising injury and broad form contractual liability.

- General Aggregate \$2,000,000
- Products – Completed Operations Aggregate \$1,000,000
- Personal and Advertising Injury \$1,000,000
- Damage to Rented Premises \$ 50,000
- Each Occurrence \$1,000,000

- a. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement, as required by this written agreement, in favor of the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

2. Business Automobile Liability

Bodily Injury and Property Damage for any owned, hired, and/or non-owned vehicles used in the performance of this Contract.

- Combined Single Limit (CSL) \$1,000,000

- a. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement as required by this written agreement in favor of the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

- b. Automobile Liability should be required only if the commodity is being delivered to the State of Arizona by the vendor. If the commodity is being shipped by common carrier, automobile liability will not be required.

- 3. Worker's Compensation and Employee's Liability
 - Workers' Compensation Statutory
 - Employers' Liability
 - Each Accident \$1,000,000
 - Disease – Each Employee \$1,000,000
 - Disease – Policy Limit \$1,000,000

 - a. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement, as required by this written agreement, in favor of the State of Arizona, and its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities, officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

 - b. This requirement shall not apply to each Contractor or subcontractor that is exempt under A.R.S. § 23-901, and when such Contractor or subcontractor executes the appropriate waiver form (Sole Proprietor or Independent Contractor).

22. ADDITIONAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The policies shall include, or be endorsed to include, as required by this written agreement, the following provisions:

- a. The Contractor's policies shall stipulate that the insurance afforded the Contractor shall be primary insurance and that any insurance carried by the Department, its agents, officials, employees or the State of Arizona shall be excess and not contributory insurance, as provided by A.R.S. § 41-621 (E).

- b. Coverage provided by the Contractor shall not be limited to the liability assumed under the indemnification provisions of this Contract

23. NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

For each insurance policy required by the insurance provisions of this Contract, the Contractor must provide to the State of Arizona, within two (2) business days of receipt, a notice if a policy is suspended, voided, or cancelled for any reason. Such notice shall be mailed, emailed, hand delivered or sent by

facsimile transmission to (Enter Contracting Agency Representative's Name, Address, and Fax Number Here).

24. ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS

Contractor's insurance shall be placed with companies licensed in the State of Arizona or hold approved non-admitted status on the Arizona Department of Insurance List of Qualified Unauthorized Insurers. Insurers shall have an "A.M. Best" rating of not less than A- VII. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the above-required minimum insurer rating is sufficient to protect the Contractor from potential insurer insolvency.

25. VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE

Contractor shall furnish the State of Arizona with certificates of insurance (valid ACORD form or equivalent approved by the State of Arizona) as required by this Contract. An authorized representative of the insurer shall sign the certificates.

- a. All certificates and endorsements, as required by this written agreement, are to be received and approved by the State of Arizona before work commences. Each insurance policy required by this Contract must be in effect at, or prior to, commencement of work under this Contract. Failure to maintain the insurance policies as required by this Contract, or to provide evidence of renewal, is a material breach of contract.
- b. All certificates required by this Contract shall be sent directly to the Department. The State of Arizona project/contract number and project description shall be noted on the certificate of insurance. The State of Arizona reserves the right to require complete copies of all insurance policies required by this Contract at any time.

26. SUBCONTRACTORS

Contractor's certificate(s) shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring and/or verifying that all subcontractors have valid and collectable insurance as evidenced by the certificates of insurance and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to the minimum Insurance Requirements identified above. The Department reserves the right to require, at any time throughout the life of the Contract, proof from the Contractor that its subcontractors have the required coverage.

27. APPROVAL AND MODIFICATIONS

The Contracting Agency, in consultation with State Risk, reserves the right to review or make modifications to the insurance limits, required coverages, or endorsements throughout the life of this contract, as deemed necessary. Such action will not require a formal Contract amendment but may be made by administrative action.

28. EXCEPTIONS

In the event the Contractor or subcontractor(s) is/are a public entity, then the Insurance Requirements shall not apply. Such public entity shall provide a certificate of self-insurance. If the Contractor or subcontractor(s) is/are a State of Arizona agency, board, commission, or university, none of the above shall apply.

29. USAGE REPORT

Not Applicable

30. CONTRACT ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

In the event of a conflict in the provisions of the Contract, as accepted by the Department and as they may be amended, the following shall prevail in the order set forth below:

- Federal Terms and Conditions;
- Special Terms and Conditions;
- Uniform Terms and Conditions;
- Technical Specifications
- Attachments;
- Exhibits;
- Documents referenced or included in the Solicitation

EXHIBIT 1
Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances
Appendix A

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the *Federal Highway Administration*, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performance by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the *Federal Highway Administration* to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the Recipient or the *Federal Highway Administration*, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the *Federal Highway Administration* ,may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
 - b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with request to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the *Federal Highway Administration* 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 by a subcontractor or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

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EXHIBIT 2
Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances
Appendix E

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1687 *et seq.*).

EXHIBIT NO. 3
CERTIFICATION OF FINAL PAYMENTS

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) CERTIFICATION OF FINAL PAYMENTS
Construction Contracts
(Submit one form for each DBE involved in the contract)

The undersigned Contractor on Contract No. _____ hereby, certifies that full payment was made, to the firm indicated for material and/or work performed under this project's contract as follows:

DBE firm AZ UTRACS Vendor Registration Number _____.

Name of DBE Firm _____ was paid the amount of _____.

This certificate is made under Federal and State Laws concerning false statement. Supporting documentation for this payment is subject to audit and should be retained for a minimum of three years from project acceptance date. In the event the DBE was not paid in accordance with affidavits submitted by the prime contractor, all documentation supporting the contractor's position should be submitted.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY IN THE SECOND DEGREE, AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE STATE OR FEDERAL LAWS; THAT THE STATEMENT MADE ON THIS DOCUMENT ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Contractor Company Name:

Check One: Prime Contractor Subcontractor

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The undersigned subcontractor/supplier/manufacturer for the above named project hereby certifies that payments were received and/or justification by contractor is correct.

Contractor Company Name:

Check One: Subcontractor/Supplier/Manufacturer Lower-tier Subcontractor/Supplier/Manufacturer

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

UNIFORM TERMS AND CONDITIONS
Version 9

1. Definition of Terms

As used in this Solicitation and any resulting Contract, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

- 1.1. *"Attachment"* means any item the Solicitation requires the Offeror to submit as part of the Offer.
- 1.2. *"Contract"* means the combination of the Solicitation, including the Uniform and Special Instructions to Offerors, the Uniform and Special Terms and Conditions, and the Specifications and Statement or Scope of Work; the Offer and any Best and Final Offers; and any Solicitation Amendments or Contract Amendments.
- 1.3. *"Contract Amendment"* means a written document signed by the Procurement Officer that is issued for the purpose of making changes in the Contract.
- 1.4. *"Contractor"* means any person who has a Contract with the State.
- 1.5. *"Days"* means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- 1.6. *"Exhibit"* means any item labeled as an Exhibit in the Solicitation or placed in the Exhibits section of the Solicitation.
- 1.7. *"Gratuity"* means a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value is received.
- 1.8. *"Materials"* means all property, including equipment, supplies, printing, insurance and leases of property but does not include land, a permanent interest in land or real property or leasing space.
- 1.9. *"Procurement Officer"* means the person, or his or her designee, duly authorized by the State to enter into and administer Contracts and make written determinations with respect to the Contract.
- 1.10. *"Services"* means the furnishing of labor, time or effort by a contractor or subcontractor which does not involve the delivery of a specific end product other than required reports and performance, but does not include employment agreements or collective bargaining agreements.
- 1.11. *"Subcontract"* means any Contract, express or implied, between the Contractor and another party or between a subcontractor and another party delegating or assigning, in whole or in part, the making or furnishing of any material or any service required for the performance of the Contract.
- 1.12. *"State"* means the State of Arizona and Department or Agency of the State that executes the Contract.
- 1.13. *"State Fiscal Year"* means the period beginning with July 1 and ending June 30.

2. Contract Interpretation

- 2.1. Arizona Law. The Arizona law applies to this Contract including, where applicable, the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted by the State of Arizona and the Arizona Procurement Code, Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) Title 41, Chapter 23, and its implementing rules, Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) Title 2, Chapter 7.
- 2.2. Implied Contract Terms. Each provision of law and any terms required by law to be in this Contract are a part of this Contract as if fully stated in it.
- 2.3. Contract Order of Precedence. In the event of a conflict in the provisions of the Contract, as accepted by the State and as they may be amended, the following shall prevail in the order set forth below:
 - 2.3.1. Special Terms and Conditions;
 - 2.3.2. Uniform Terms and Conditions;
 - 2.3.3. Statement or Scope of Work;
 - 2.3.4. Specifications;
 - 2.3.5. Attachments;
 - 2.3.6. Exhibits;
 - 2.3.7. Documents referenced or included in the Solicitation.
- 2.4. Relationship of Parties. The Contractor under this Contract is an independent Contractor. Neither party to this Contract shall be deemed to be the employee or agent of the other party to the Contract.
- 2.5. Severability. The provisions of this Contract are severable. Any term or condition deemed illegal or invalid shall not affect any other term or condition of the Contract.
- 2.6. No Parole Evidence. This Contract is intended by the parties as a final and complete expression of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall supplement or explain any terms used in this document and no other understanding either oral or in writing shall be binding.
- 2.7. No Waiver. Either party's failure to insist on strict performance of any term or condition of the Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of that term or condition even if the party accepting or acquiescing in the nonconforming performance knows of the nature of the performance and fails to object to it.

3. Contract Administration and Operation

- 3.1. Records. Under A.R.S. § 35-214 and § 35-215, the Contractor shall retain and shall contractually require each subcontractor to retain all data and other "records" relating to the acquisition and performance of the Contract for a period of five years after the completion of the Contract. All records shall be subject to inspection and audit by the State at reasonable times. Upon request, the Contractor shall produce a legible copy of any or all such records.

- 3.2. Non-Discrimination. The Contractor shall comply with State Executive Order No. 2009-09 and all other applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 3.3. Audit. Pursuant to ARS § 35-214, at any time during the term of this Contract and five (5) years thereafter, the Contractor's or any subcontractor's books and records shall be subject to audit by the State and, where applicable, the Federal Government, to the extent that the books and records relate to the performance of the Contract or Subcontract.
- 3.4. Facilities Inspection and Materials Testing. The Contractor agrees to permit access to its facilities, subcontractor facilities and the Contractor's processes or services, at reasonable times for inspection of the facilities or materials covered under this Contract. The State shall also have the right to test, at its own cost, the materials to be supplied under this Contract. Neither inspection of the Contractor's facilities nor materials testing shall constitute final acceptance of the materials or services. If the State determines non-compliance of the materials, the Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of all costs incurred by the State for testing and inspection.
- 3.5. Notices. Notices to the Contractor required by this Contract shall be made by the State to the person indicated on the Offer and Acceptance form submitted by the Contractor unless otherwise stated in the Contract. Notices to the State required by the Contract shall be made by the Contractor to the Solicitation Contact Person indicated on the Solicitation cover sheet, unless otherwise stated in the Contract. An authorized Procurement Officer and an authorized Contractor representative may change their respective person to whom notice shall be given by written notice to the other and an amendment to the Contract shall not be necessary.
- 3.6. Advertising, Publishing and Promotion of Contract. The Contractor shall not use, advertise or promote information for commercial benefit concerning this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.
- 3.7. Property of the State. Any materials, including reports, computer programs and other deliverables, created under this Contract are the sole property of the State. The Contractor is not entitled to a patent or copyright on those materials and may not transfer the patent or copyright to anyone else. The Contractor shall not use or release these materials without the prior written consent of the State.
- 3.8. Ownership of Intellectual Property. Any and all intellectual property, including but not limited to copyright, invention, trademark, trade name, service mark, and/or trade secrets created or conceived pursuant to or as a result of this contract and any related subcontract ("Intellectual Property"), shall be work made for hire and the State shall be considered the creator of such Intellectual Property. The agency, department, division, board or commission of the State of Arizona requesting the issuance of this contract shall own (for and on behalf of the State) the entire right, title and interest to the Intellectual Property throughout the world. Contractor shall notify the State, within thirty (30) days, of the creation of any Intellectual Property by it or its subcontractor(s). Contractor, on behalf of itself and any subcontractor(s), agrees to execute any and all document(s) necessary to assure ownership of the Intellectual Property vests in the State and shall take no affirmative actions that might have the effect of vesting all or part of the Intellectual Property in any entity other than the State. The Intellectual Property shall not be disclosed by contractor or its subcontractor(s) to any entity not the

State without the express written authorization of the agency, department, division, board or commission of the State of Arizona requesting the issuance of this contract.

- 3.9. Federal Immigration and Nationality Act. The contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local immigration laws and regulations relating to the immigration status of their employees during the term of the contract. Further, the contractor shall flow down this requirement to all subcontractors utilized during the term of the contract. The State shall retain the right to perform random audits of contractor and subcontractor records or to inspect papers of any employee thereof to ensure compliance. Should the State determine that the contractor and/or any subcontractors be found noncompliant, the State may pursue all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to; suspension of work, termination of the contract for default and suspension and/or debarment of the contractor.
- 3.10. E-Verify Requirements. In accordance with A.R.S. § 41-4401, Contractor warrants compliance with all Federal immigration laws and regulations relating to employees and warrants its compliance with Section A.R.S. § 23-214, Subsection A.
- 3.11. Offshore Performance of Work Prohibited.
Any services that are described in the specifications or scope of work that directly serve the State of Arizona or its clients and involve access to secure or sensitive data or personal client data shall be performed within the defined territories of the United States. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the specifications, this paragraph does not apply to indirect or 'overhead' services, redundant back-up services or services that are incidental to the performance of the contract. This provision applies to work performed by subcontractors at all tiers.

4. **Costs and Payments**

- 4.1. Payments. Payments shall comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Titles 35 and 41, Net 30 days. Upon receipt and acceptance of goods or services, the Contractor shall submit a complete and accurate invoice for payment from the State within thirty (30) days.
- 4.2. Delivery. Unless stated otherwise in the Contract, all prices shall be F.O.B. Destination and shall include all freight delivery and unloading at the destination.
- 4.3. Applicable Taxes.
 - 4.3.1. Payment of Taxes. The Contractor shall be responsible for paying all applicable taxes.
 - 4.3.2. State and Local Transaction Privilege Taxes. The State of Arizona is subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes. Transaction privilege taxes apply to the sale and are the responsibility of the seller to remit. Failure to collect such taxes from the buyer does not relieve the seller from its obligation to remit taxes.
 - 4.3.3. Tax Indemnification. Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay all Federal, state and local taxes applicable to its operation and any persons employed by the Contractor. Contractor shall, and require all subcontractors to hold the State harmless from any responsibility for taxes, damages and interest, if applicable, contributions required under Federal, and/or state and local laws and

regulations and any other costs including transaction privilege taxes, unemployment compensation insurance, Social Security and Worker's Compensation.

4.3.4. IRS W9 Form. In order to receive payment the Contractor shall have a current I.R.S. W9 Form on file with the State of Arizona, unless not required by law.

4.4. Availability of Funds for the Next State fiscal year. Funds may not presently be available for performance under this Contract beyond the current state fiscal year. No legal liability on the part of the State for any payment may arise under this Contract beyond the current state fiscal year until funds are made available for performance of this Contract.

4.5. Availability of Funds for the current State fiscal year. Should the State Legislature enter back into session and reduce the appropriations or for any reason and these goods or services are not funded, the State may take any of the following actions:

4.5.1. Accept a decrease in price offered by the contractor;

4.5.2. Cancel the Contract; or

4.5.3. Cancel the contract and re-solicit the requirements.

5. **Contract Changes**

5.1. Amendments. This Contract is issued under the authority of the Procurement Officer who signed this Contract. The Contract may be modified only through a Contract Amendment within the scope of the Contract. Changes to the Contract, including the addition of work or materials, the revision of payment terms, or the substitution of work or materials, directed by a person who is not specifically authorized by the procurement officer in writing or made unilaterally by the Contractor are violations of the Contract and of applicable law. Such changes, including unauthorized written Contract Amendments shall be void and without effect, and the Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim under this Contract based on those changes.

5.2. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract under this Contract for the performance of this contract without the advance written approval of the Procurement Officer. The Contractor shall clearly list any proposed subcontractors and the subcontractor's proposed responsibilities. The Subcontract shall incorporate by reference the terms and conditions of this Contract.

5.3. Assignment and Delegation. The Contractor shall not assign any right nor delegate any duty under this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer. The State shall not unreasonably withhold approval.

6. **Risk and Liability**

6.1. Risk of Loss: The Contractor shall bear all loss of conforming material covered under this Contract until received by authorized personnel at the location designated in the purchase order or Contract. Mere receipt does not constitute final acceptance. The risk of loss for nonconforming materials shall remain with the Contractor regardless of receipt.

6.2. Indemnification

6.2.1. Contractor/Vendor Indemnification (Not Public Agency) The parties to this contract agree that the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall be indemnified and held harmless by the contractor for the vicarious liability of the State as a result of entering into this contract. However, the parties further agree that the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall be responsible for its own negligence. Each party to this contract is responsible for its own negligence.

6.2.2. Public Agency Language Only Each party (as 'indemnitor') agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party (as 'indemnitee') from and against any and all claims, losses, liability, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'claims') arising out of bodily injury of any person (including death) or property damage but only to the extent that such claims which result in vicarious/derivative liability to the indemnitee, are caused by the act, omission, negligence, misconduct, or other fault of the indemnitor, its officers, officials, agents, employees, or volunteers."

6.3. Indemnification - Patent and Copyright. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State against any liability, including costs and expenses, for infringement of any patent, trademark or copyright arising out of Contract performance or use by the State of materials furnished or work performed under this Contract. The State shall reasonably notify the Contractor of any claim for which it may be liable under this paragraph. If the contractor is insured pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-621 and § 35-154, this section shall not apply.

6.4. Force Majeure.

6.4.1 Except for payment of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this Contract if and to the extent that such party's performance of this Contract is prevented by reason of force majeure. The term "force majeure" means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Without limiting the foregoing, force majeure includes acts of God; acts of the public enemy; war; riots; strikes; mobilization; labor disputes; civil disorders; fire; flood; lockouts; injunctions-intervention-acts; or failures or refusals to act by government authority; and other similar occurrences beyond the control of the party declaring force majeure which such party is unable to prevent by exercising reasonable diligence.

6.4.2. Force Majeure shall not include the following occurrences:

6.4.2.1. Late delivery of equipment or materials caused by congestion at a manufacturer's plant or elsewhere, or an oversold condition of the market;

6.4.2.2. Late performance by a subcontractor unless the delay arises out of a force majeure occurrence in accordance with this force majeure term and condition; or

6.4.2.3. Inability of either the Contractor or any subcontractor to acquire or

maintain any required insurance, bonds, licenses or permits.

- 6.4.3. If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by force majeure, the delayed party shall notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as is practicable and no later than the following working day, of the commencement thereof and shall specify the causes of such delay in such notice. Such notice shall be delivered or mailed certified-return receipt and shall make a specific reference to this article, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party shall cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and shall notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time of completion shall be extended by Contract Amendment for a period of time equal to the time that results or effects of such delay prevent the delayed party from performing in accordance with this Contract.
- 6.4.4. Any delay or failure in performance by either party hereto shall not constitute default hereunder or give rise to any claim for damages or loss of anticipated profits if, and to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by force majeure.
- 6.5. Third Party Antitrust Violations. The Contractor assigns to the State any claim for overcharges resulting from antitrust violations to the extent that those violations concern materials or services supplied by third parties to the Contractor, toward fulfillment of this Contract.

7. Warranties

- 7.1. Liens. The Contractor warrants that the materials supplied under this Contract are free of liens and shall remain free of liens.
- 7.2. Quality. Unless otherwise modified elsewhere in these terms and conditions, the Contractor warrants that, for one year after acceptance by the State of the materials, they shall be:
 - 7.2.1. Of a quality to pass without objection in the trade under the Contract description;
 - 7.2.2. Fit for the intended purposes for which the materials are used;
 - 7.2.3. Within the variations permitted by the Contract and are of even kind, quantity, and quality within each unit and among all units;
 - 7.2.4. Adequately contained, packaged and marked as the Contract may require; and
 - 7.2.5. Conform to the written promises or affirmations of fact made by the Contractor.
- 7.3. Fitness. The Contractor warrants that any material supplied to the State shall fully conform to all requirements of the Contract and all representations of the Contractor, and shall be fit for all purposes and uses required by the Contract.
- 7.4. Inspection/Testing. The warranties set forth in subparagraphs 7.1 through 7.3 of this paragraph are not affected by inspection or testing of or payment for the materials by the State.
- 7.5. Compliance With Applicable Laws. The materials and services supplied under this

Contract shall comply with all applicable Federal, state and local laws, and the Contractor shall maintain all applicable license and permit requirements.

7.6. Survival of Rights and Obligations after Contract Expiration or Termination.

7.6.1. Contractor's Representations and Warranties. All representations and warranties made by the Contractor under this Contract shall survive the expiration or termination hereof. In addition, the parties hereto acknowledge that pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-510, except as provided in A.R.S. § 12-529, the State is not subject to or barred by any limitations of actions prescribed in A.R.S., Title 12, Chapter 5.

7.6.2. Purchase Orders. The Contractor shall, in accordance with all terms and conditions of the Contract, fully perform and shall be obligated to comply with all purchase orders received by the Contractor prior to the expiration or termination hereof, unless otherwise directed in writing by the Procurement Officer, including, without limitation, all purchase orders received prior to but not fully performed and satisfied at the expiration or termination of this Contract.

8. State's Contractual Remedies

8.1. Right to Assurance. If the State in good faith has reason to believe that the Contractor does not intend to, or is unable to perform or continue performing under this Contract, the Procurement Officer may demand in writing that the Contractor give a written assurance of intent to perform. Failure by the Contractor to provide written assurance within the number of Days specified in the demand may, at the State's option, be the basis for terminating the Contract under the Uniform Terms and Conditions or other rights and remedies available by law or provided by the contract.

8.2. Stop Work Order.

8.2.1. The State may, at any time, by written order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all or any part, of the work called for by this Contract for period(s) of days indicated by the State after the order is delivered to the Contractor. The order shall be specifically identified as a stop work order issued under this clause. Upon receipt of the order, the Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage.

8.2.2. If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled or the period of the order or any extension expires, the Contractor shall resume work. The Procurement Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule or Contract price, or both, and the Contract shall be amended in writing accordingly.

8.3. Non-exclusive Remedies. The rights and the remedies of the State under this Contract are not exclusive.

8.4. Nonconforming Tender. Materials or services supplied under this Contract shall fully comply with the Contract. The delivery of materials or services or a portion of the materials or services that do not fully comply constitutes a breach of contract. On

delivery of nonconforming materials or services, the State may terminate the Contract for default under applicable termination clauses in the Contract, exercise any of its rights and remedies under the Uniform Commercial Code, or pursue any other right or remedy available to it.

- 8.5. Right of Offset. The State shall be entitled to offset against any sums due the Contractor, any expenses or costs incurred by the State, or damages assessed by the State concerning the Contractor's non-conforming performance or failure to perform the Contract, including expenses, costs and damages described in the Uniform Terms and Conditions.

9. Contract Termination

- 9.1. Cancellation for Conflict of Interest. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-511, the State may cancel this Contract within three (3) years after Contract execution without penalty or further obligation if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating the Contract on behalf of the State is or becomes at any time while the Contract or an extension of the Contract is in effect an employee of or a consultant to any other party to this Contract with respect to the subject matter of the Contract. The cancellation shall be effective when the Contractor receives written notice of the cancellation unless the notice specifies a later time. If the Contractor is a political subdivision of the State, it may also cancel this Contract as provided in A.R.S. § 38-511.
- 9.2. Gratuities. The State may, by written notice, terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, if the State determines that employment or a Gratuity was offered or made by the Contractor or a representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of the State for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the procurement or securing the Contract, an amendment to the Contract, or favorable treatment concerning the Contract, including the making of any determination or decision about contract performance. The State, in addition to any other rights or remedies, shall be entitled to recover exemplary damages in the amount of three times the value of the Gratuity offered by the Contractor.
- 9.3. Suspension or Debarment. The State may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate this Contract if the State determines that the Contractor has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from participating in any public procurement activity, including but not limited to, being disapproved as a subcontractor of any public procurement unit or other governmental body. Submittal of an offer or execution of a contract shall attest that the contractor is not currently suspended or debarred. If the contractor becomes suspended or debarred, the contractor shall immediately notify the State.
- 9.4. Termination for Convenience. The State reserves the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part at any time when in the best interest of the State, without penalty or recourse. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall stop all work, as directed in the notice, notify all subcontractors of the effective date of the termination and minimize all further costs to the State. In the event of termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the State upon demand. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for work in progress, work completed and materials accepted before the effective date of the termination. The cost principles and procedures provided in A.A.C. R2-7-701 shall apply.

9.5. Termination for Default.

9.5.1. In addition to the rights reserved in the contract, the State may terminate the Contract in whole or in part due to the failure of the Contractor to comply with any term or condition of the Contract, to acquire and maintain all required insurance policies, bonds, licenses and permits, or to make satisfactory progress in performing the Contract. The Procurement Officer shall provide written notice of the termination and the reasons for it to the Contractor.

9.5.2. Upon termination under this paragraph, all goods, materials, documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the State on demand.

9.5.3. The State may, upon termination of this Contract, procure, on terms and in the manner that it deems appropriate, materials or services to replace those under this Contract. The Contractor shall be liable to the State for any excess costs incurred by the State in procuring materials or services in substitution for those due from the Contractor.

9.6. Continuation of Performance Through Termination. The Contractor shall continue to perform, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, up to the date of termination, as directed in the termination notice.

10. **Contract Claims**

All contract claims or controversies under this Contract shall be resolved according to A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 23, Article 9, and rules adopted thereunder.

11. **Arbitration**

The parties to this Contract agree to resolve all disputes arising out of or relating to this contract through arbitration, after exhausting applicable administrative review, to the extent required by A.R.S. § 12-1518, except as may be required by other applicable statutes (Title 41).

12. **Comments Welcome**

The State Procurement Office periodically reviews the Uniform Terms and Conditions and welcomes any comments you may have. Please submit your comments to: State Procurement Administrator, State Procurement Office, 100 North 15th Avenue, Suite 201, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.

UNIFORM INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

A. Definition of Terms

As used in these Instructions, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

1. *"Attachment"* means any item the Solicitation requires an Offeror to submit as part of the Offer.
2. *"Best and Final Offer"* means a revision to an Offer submitted after negotiations are completed that contains the Offeror's most favorable terms for price, service, and products to be delivered. Sometimes referred to as a Final Proposal Revision.
3. *"Contract"* means the combination of the Solicitation, including the Uniform and Special Terms and Conditions, and the Specifications and Statement or Scope of Work; the Offer, any Clarifications, and any Best and Final Offers; and any Solicitation Amendments or Contract Amendments.
4. *"Contract Amendment"* means a written document signed by the Procurement Officer issued for the purpose of making changes in the Contract.
5. *"Contractor"* means any person who has a Contract with a state governmental unit.
6. *"Day"* means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
7. *"eProcurement (Electronic Procurement)"* means conducting all or some of the procurement function over the Internet. Point, click, buy and ship Internet technology is replacing paper-based procurement and supply management business processes. Elements of eProcurement also include Invitation for Bids, Request for Proposals, and Request for Quotations.
8. *"Exhibit"* means any document or object labeled as an Exhibit in the Solicitation or placed in the Exhibits section of the Solicitation.
9. *"Offer"* means a response to a solicitation.
10. *"Offeror"* means a person who responds to a Solicitation.
11. *"Person"* means any corporation, business, individual, union, committee, club, or other organization or group of individuals.
12. *"Procurement Officer"* means the person, or his or her designee, duly authorized by the State to enter into and administer Contracts and make written determinations with respect to the Contract.
13. *"Solicitation"* means an Invitation for Bids ("IFB"), a Request for Technical Offers, a Request for Proposals ("RFP"), a Request for Quotations ("RFQ"), or any other invitation or request issued by the purchasing agency to invite a person to submit an offer.

14. *"Solicitation Amendment"* means a change to the Solicitation issued by the Procurement Officer.
15. *"Subcontract"* means any Contract, express or implied, between the Contractor and another party or between a subcontractor and another party delegating or assigning, in whole or in part, the making or furnishing of any material or any service required for the performance of the Contract.
16. *"State"* means the State of Arizona and Department or Agency of the State that executes the Contract.

B. Inquiries

1. Duty to Examine. It is the responsibility of each Offeror to examine the entire Solicitation, seek clarification in writing (inquiries), and examine its Offer for accuracy before submitting an Offer. Lack of care in preparing an Offer shall not be grounds for modifying or withdrawing the Offer after the Offer due date and time.
2. Solicitation Contact Person. Any inquiry related to a Solicitation, including any requests for or inquiries regarding standards referenced in the Solicitation shall be directed solely to the Procurement Officer.
3. Submission of Inquiries. All inquiries related to the Solicitation are required to be submitted in the State's eProcurement system. All responses to inquiries will be answered in the State's eProcurement system. Any inquiry related to the Solicitation should reference the appropriate solicitation page and paragraph number. Offerors are prohibited from contacting any State employee other than the Procurement Officer concerning the procurement while the solicitation and evaluation are in process.
4. Timeliness. Any inquiry or exception to the Solicitation shall be submitted as soon as possible and should be submitted at least seven days before the Offer due date and time for review and determination by the State. Failure to do so may result in the inquiry not being considered for a Solicitation Amendment.
5. No Right to Rely on Verbal or Electronic Mail Responses. An Offeror shall not rely on verbal or electronic mail responses to inquiries. A verbal or electronic mail reply to an inquiry does not constitute a modification of the solicitation.
6. Solicitation Amendments. The Solicitation shall only be modified by a Solicitation Amendment.
7. Pre-Offer Conference. If a pre-Offer conference has been scheduled under the Solicitation, the date, time and location shall appear in the State's eProcurement system . Offerors should raise any questions about the Solicitation at that time. An Offeror may not rely on any verbal responses to questions at the conference. Material issues raised at the conference that result in changes to the Solicitation shall be answered solely through a Solicitation Amendment.

8. Persons With Disabilities. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the Procurement Officer. Requests shall be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

C. Offer Preparation

1. Electronic Documents. The Solicitation is provided in an electronic format. Offerors are responsible for clearly identifying any and all changes or modifications to any Solicitation documents upon submission to the State's eProcurement system. Any unidentified alteration or modification to any Solicitation, attachments, exhibits, forms, charts or illustrations contained herein shall be null and void. Offeror's electronic files shall be submitted in a format acceptable to the State. Acceptable formats include .doc and .docx (Microsoft Word), .xls and .xlsx (Microsoft Excel), .ppt and .pptx (Microsoft PowerPoint) and .pdf (Adobe Acrobat). Offerors wishing to submit files in any other format shall submit an inquiry to the Procurement Officer.
2. Evidence of Intent to be Bound. The Offer and Acceptance form within the Solicitation shall be submitted with the Offer in the State's eProcurement system and shall include a signature by a person authorized to sign the Offer. The signature shall signify the Offeror's intent to be bound by the Offer and the terms of the Solicitation and that the information provided is true, accurate and complete. Failure to submit verifiable evidence of an intent to be bound, such as a signature, shall result in rejection of the Offer.
3. Exceptions to Terms and Conditions. All exceptions included with the Offer shall be submitted in the State's eProcurement system in a clearly identified separate section of the Offer in which the Offeror clearly identifies the specific paragraphs of the Solicitation where the exceptions occur. Any exceptions not included in such a section shall be without force and effect in any resulting Contract unless such exception is specifically accepted by the Procurement Officer in a written statement. The Offeror's preprinted or standard terms will not be considered by the State as a part of any resulting Contract.
 - 3.1. Invitation for Bids. An Offer that takes exception to a material requirement of any part of the Solicitation, including terms and conditions, shall be rejected.
 - 3.2. Request for Proposals. All exceptions that are contained in the Offer may negatively impact an Offeror's susceptibility for award. An Offer that takes exception to any material requirement of the solicitation may be rejected.
4. Subcontracts. Offeror shall clearly list any proposed subcontractors and the subcontractor's proposed responsibilities in the Offer.
5. Cost of Offer Preparation. The State will not reimburse any Offeror the cost of responding to a Solicitation.
6. Federal Excise Tax. The State is exempt from certain Federal Excise Tax on manufactured goods. Exemption Certificates will be provided by the State.
7. Provision of Tax Identification Numbers. Offerors are required to provide their Arizona Transaction Privilege Tax Number and/or Federal Tax Identification number in the space

provided on the Offer and Acceptance form.

- 7.1 Employee Identification. Offeror agrees to provide an employee identification number or social security number to the State for the purposes of reporting to appropriate taxing authorities, monies paid by the State under this Contract. If the federal identifier of the Offeror is a social security number, this number is being requested solely for tax reporting purposes and will be shared only with appropriate state and federal officials. This submission is mandatory under 26 U.S.C. § 6041A.
8. Identification of Taxes in Offer. The State is subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes. All applicable taxes shall be identified as a separate item offered in the Solicitation. When applicable, the tax rate and amount shall be identified on the price sheet.
9. Disclosure. If the person submitting this Offer has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity, including being disapproved as a subcontractor with any federal, state or local government, or if any such preclusion from participation from any public procurement activity is currently pending, the Offeror shall fully explain the circumstances relating to the preclusion or proposed preclusion in the Offer. The Offeror shall set forth the name and address of the governmental unit, the effective date of the suspension or debarment, the duration of the suspension or debarment, and the relevant circumstances relating to the suspension or debarment. If suspension or debarment is currently pending, a detailed description of all relevant circumstances including the details enumerated above shall be provided.
10. Delivery. Unless stated otherwise in the Solicitation, all prices shall be F.O.B. Destination and shall include all freight, delivery and unloading at the destination(s).
11. Federal Immigration and Nationality Act. By signing of the Offer, the Offeror warrants that both it and all proposed subcontractors are in compliance with federal immigration laws and regulations (FINA) relating to the immigration status of their employees. The State may, at its sole discretion require evidence of compliance during the evaluation process. Should the State request evidence of compliance, the Offeror shall have five days from receipt of the request to supply adequate information. Failure to comply with this instruction or failure to supply requested information within the timeframe specified shall result in the Offer not being considered for contract award.
12. Offshore Performance of Work Prohibited. Any services that are described in the specifications or scope of work that directly serve the State or its clients and involve access to secure or sensitive data or personal client data shall be performed within the defined territories of the United States. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the specifications, this paragraph does not apply to indirect or 'overhead' services, redundant back-up services or services that are incidental to the performance of the contract. This provision applies to work performed by subcontractors at all tiers. Offerors shall declare all anticipated offshore services in the Offer.

D. Submission of Offer

1. Offer Submission, Due Date and Time. Offerors responding to a Solicitation must submit the Offer electronically through the State's eProcurement system. Offers shall be received before the due date and time stated in the solicitation. Offers submitted outside of the State's eProcurement system or those that are received after the due date and time shall be rejected.
2. Offer and Acceptance. Offers shall include a signed Offer and Acceptance form. The Offer and Acceptance form shall be signed with a signature by the person authorized to sign the Offer, and shall be submitted in the State's eProcurement system with the Offer no later than the Solicitation due date and time. Failure to return an Offer and Acceptance form may result in rejection of the Offer.
3. Solicitation Amendments. A Solicitation Amendment shall be acknowledged in the State's eProcurement system no later than the Offer due date and time. Failure to acknowledge a Solicitation Amendment may result in rejection of the Offer.
4. Offer Amendment or Withdrawal. An Offer may not be amended or withdrawn after the Offer due date and time except as otherwise provided under applicable law.
5. Confidential Information. If an Offeror believes that any portion of an Offer, protest, or correspondence contains a trade secret or other proprietary information, the Offeror shall clearly designate the trade secret and other proprietary information, using the term "confidential." An Offeror shall provide a statement detailing the reasons why the information should not be disclosed including the specific harm or prejudice that may arise upon disclosure. The Procurement Officer shall review all requests for confidentiality and provide a written determination. Until a written determination is made, a Procurement Officer shall not disclose information designated as confidential except to those individuals deemed to have a legitimate State interest. In the event the Procurement Officer denies the request for confidentiality, the Offeror may appeal the determination to the State Procurement Administrator within the time specified in the written determination. Contract terms and conditions, pricing, and information generally available to the public are not considered confidential information.
6. Public Record. All Offers submitted and opened are public records and must be retained by the State for six years. Offers shall be open and available to public inspection through the State's eProcurement system after Contract award, except for such Offers deemed to be confidential by the State.
7. Non-collusion, Employment, and Services. By signing the Offer and Acceptance form or other official contract form, the Offeror certifies that:
 - 7.1. The Offeror did not engage in collusion or other anti-competitive practices in connection with the preparation or submission of its Offer; and
 - 7.2. The Offeror does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or person to whom it provides services because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability, and that it complies with an applicable federal, state and local laws and executive orders regarding employment.

E. Evaluation

1. Unit Price Prevails. In the case of discrepancy between the unit price or rate and the extension of that unit price or rate, the unit price or rate shall govern.
2. Taxes. If the products and/or services specified require transaction privilege or use taxes, they shall be described and itemized separately on the Offer. Arizona transaction privilege and use taxes shall not be considered for evaluation.
3. Prompt Payment Discount. Prompt payment discounts of thirty (30) days or more set forth in an Offer shall be deducted from the Offer for the purpose of evaluating that price.
4. Late Offers. An Offer submitted after the exact Offer due date and time shall be rejected.
5. Disqualifications. An Offeror (including each of its principals) who is currently debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from any public procurement activity shall have its Offer rejected.
6. Offer Acceptance Period. An Offeror submitting an Offer under the Solicitation shall hold its Offer open for the number of days from the Offer due date that is stated in the Solicitation. If the Solicitation does not specifically state a number of days for Offer acceptance, the number of days shall be one hundred twenty (120). If a Best and Final Offer is requested pursuant to a Request for Proposals, an Offeror shall hold its Offer open for one hundred twenty (120) days from the Best and Final Offer due date.
7. Waiver and Rejection Rights. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Solicitation, the State reserves the right to:
 - 7.1 Waive any minor informality;
 - 7.2 Reject any and all Offers or portions thereof; or
 - 7.3 Cancel the Solicitation.

F. Award

1. Number of Types of Awards. The State reserves the right to make multiple awards or to award a Contract by individual line items or alternatives, by group of line items or alternatives, or to make an aggregate award, or regional awards, whichever is most advantageous to the State.
2. Contract Inception. An Offer does not constitute a Contract nor does it confer any rights on the Offeror to the award of a Contract. A Contract is not created until the Offer is accepted in writing by the Procurement Officer's signature on the Offer and Acceptance form. A notice of award or of the intent to award shall not constitute acceptance of the Offer.

3. Effective Date. The effective date of the Contract shall be the date that the Procurement Officer signs the Offer and Acceptance form or other official contract form, unless another date is specifically stated in the Contract.

G. Protests

A protest shall comply with and be resolved according to Arizona Revised Statutes Title 41, Chapter 23, Article 9 and rules adopted thereunder. Protests shall be in writing and be filed with both the Procurement Officer of the purchasing agency and with the State Procurement Administrator. A protest of the Solicitation shall be received by the Procurement Officer before the Offer due date. A protest of a proposed award or of an award shall be filed within ten (10) days after the Procurement Officer makes the procurement file available for public inspection. A protest shall include:

1. The name, address, email address and telephone number of the interested party;
2. The signature of the interested party or its representative;
3. Identification of the purchasing agency and the Solicitation or Contract number;
4. A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents; and
5. The form of relief requested.

H. Comments Welcome

The State Procurement Office periodically reviews the Uniform Instructions to Offerors and welcomes any comments you may have. Please submit your comments to: State Procurement Administrator, State Procurement Office, 100 North 15th Avenue, Suite 201, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.

1. Inquiries

1.1. All questions related to this solicitation must be submitted through the State's e-Procurement system, ProcureAZ (<https://procure.az.gov>) using the Q&A tab. Any other contact shall be directed to the Procurement Officer as identified in ProcureAZ. Questions should reference the applicable page and paragraph number.

1.2.

2. Bid Requirements

2.1. Attachments: Complete and submit all of the required information on the following attachments.

2.1.1. Attachment 1, Offer and Acceptance

2.1.2. Attachment 2, Non-Collusion Affidavit

2.1.3. Attachment 3, Designation of Confidential, Trade Secret & Proprietary Information

2.1.4. Attachment 4, Participation in Boycott of Israel

2.1.5. Attachment 5, Buy America Certification - FHWA

2.1.6. Attachment 6, ADOT Lobbying Certificate

2.1.7. Attach Descriptive Literature and/or technical specifications, make and model.

2.2. Submittal of Required Information: Submit the following items with offer.

2.2.1. **Attachment 3, Designation of Confidential, Trade Secret & Proprietary Information**; The Offeror shall complete and submit this attachment with its offer. If the Offeror believes a portion of its response contains information that should be withheld from public review, the Offeror shall upload this information as a separate document and select the applicable "Confidential" check box in ProcureAZ.

2.2.2. **Attachment 6, Buy America Certification Letter and Descriptive Literature**: As an attachment to their offer through ProcureAZ, Offerors shall submit a certification letter that declares what product(s) is being offered. Product(s) being offered and are not listed per the Brand Name or Equivalent specification shall be submitted as an "or Equivalent". The Offeror shall include descriptive literature with their offer to allow the product(s) to be evaluated and determine if it meets all specifications and is an equivalent to the brand names listed. This information is critical for the review of the product(s) to determine conformance to the specifications.

2.2.3. **Exhibit 3, Certification of Final Payments**: If the Offeror is a DBE or utilizing DBE firms, complete and submit all the required information to the Procurement Officer by mail or email to swiesner@azdot.gov when the project has been completed.

2.2.4. **Exhibit 4, Bidders List of Subcontractors, Suppliers, Service Providers and Manufacturers:** Complete and return to the Procurement Officer by mail or email to swiesner@azdot.gov no later than 4:00 p.m. MST on the fifth (5th) working day after opening bids.

2.2.5. **Descriptive Literature** - As an attachment to their offer through ProcureAZ, Offerors shall submit descriptive literature that declares what product(s) is being offered. The Offeror shall include descriptive literature with their offer to allow the product(s) to be evaluated and determine if it meets all specifications. This information is critical for the review of the product(s) to determine conformance to the specifications.

Failure to include this information shall result in the offer being rejected.

2.3. **Pricing:** Offerors shall submit pricing under the Line Items tab within ProcureAZ. Pricing shall be all inclusive, including all costs for labor, equipment, material and incidentals necessary to complete all work in accordance with the requirements of the solicitation. **Do not include taxes or utilize the individual drop down box for the tax rate.**

2.4. Mandatory Questions

2.4.1. **Prompt Payment Discount,** Offers shall respond to the mandatory question in ProcureAZ Questions Tab. If a prompt payment discount is being offered you must indicate **YES** on the Questions Tab with the discount identified in the General Tab within your response. Do **NOT** include the prompt payment discount under the Line Item's discount field.

2.4.2. **Tax Rate,** Offers shall respond to the mandatory question in ProcureAZ Questions Tab and indicate the applicable tax rate.

3. Submitting Offers in ProcureAZ

3.1. **ProcureAZ Support:** To assist in the submission of an offer, Offerors are encouraged to utilize the following Quick Reference and Step by Step Guides: "Responding to Solicitations" which can be found at <https://spo.az.gov/contractor-resources/procureaz-resources-for-vendors>. Additional assistance is available through the ProcureAZ Help Desk. The Help Desk can be contacted via email at procure@azdoa.gov or via telephone support at (602) 542-7600. Offerors are encouraged to submit any requests for assistance in a timely manner in order to meet the bid due date and time identified in ProcureAZ.

3.2. **Downloading and Uploading Attachments:** ProcureAZ will not save information entered directly on an Attachment. For all attachments listed above, offerors must download, save, complete and re-attach the modified Attachments to ProcureAZ.

4. Evaluation Process

4.1. **Responsibility and Responsiveness:** In accordance with A.R.S. 41-2533, and A.A.C. R2-7-B312, A.A.C. R2-7-B313, the State shall consider at a minimum, the following factors in determining Offerors' responsibility and responsiveness for Contract award.

- 4.1.1. Whether the Offeror has had a contract within the last five (5) years that was terminated for cause due to breach or similar failure to comply with the terms of the contract;
 - 4.1.2. Whether the Offeror's record of performance includes factual evidence of failure to satisfy the terms of the Offeror's agreements with any party to a contract. Factual evidence may consist of documented vendor performance reports, customer complaints and/or negative references;
 - 4.1.3. Whether the Offeror is legally qualified to contract with the State and the Offeror's financial, business, personnel, or other resources, including subcontractors;
 - 4.1.3.1. Legally qualified includes if the vendor or if key personnel have been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from participating in any public procurement activity, including but not limited to, being disapproved as a subcontractor of any public procurement unit or other governmental body;
 - 4.1.4. Whether the Offeror promptly supplied all requested information concerning its responsibility;
 - 4.1.5. Whether the Offer conforms with the requirements contained in the Specifications, Terms and Conditions, and Instructions for the Solicitation including its Amendments and all documents incorporated by reference. Failure to conform in any material respect may result in Offer being determined nonresponsive;
 - 4.1.6. Whether the Offer limits the rights of the State;
 - 4.1.7. Whether the Offer includes or is subject to unreasonable conditions, to include conditions upon the State necessary for successful Contract performance. The State shall be the sole determiner as to the reasonableness of a condition;
 - 4.1.8. Whether the Offer materially changes the contents set forth in the Solicitation, which includes the Specifications, Terms and Conditions, or Instructions; and,
 - 4.1.9. Whether the Offeror provides misleading or inaccurate information.
- 4.2. Contract Award: In accordance with the A.R.S. §41-2533, Competitive Sealed Bids, award(s) shall be made to the lowest responsible and responsive offeror(s) whose offer conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in this solicitation.

5. Definition of Key Words

- 5.1. Shall, Must: Indicates a mandatory requirement. Failure to meet these mandatory requirements may result in the rejection of a proposal as non-responsive.
- 5.2. Should: Indicates something that is recommended but not mandatory. If the offeror fails to provide recommended information, the State may, at its sole option, ask the offeror to provide the information or evaluate the proposal without the information.
- 5.3. May: Indicates something that is not mandatory but permissible.

1. BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS § 635.410

- A. The provisions of this section shall prevail and be given precedence over any requirements of this subpart which are contrary to this section. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to be contrary to the requirements of § 635.409(a) of this subpart.
- B. No Federal-aid highway construction project is to be authorized for advertisement or otherwise authorized to proceed unless at least one of the following requirements is met:
1. The project either: (i) Includes no permanently incorporated steel or iron materials, or (ii) if steel or iron materials are to be used, all manufacturing processes, including application of a coating, for these materials must occur in the United States. Coating includes all processes which protect or enhance the value of the material to which the coating is applied.
 2. The State has standard contract provisions that require the use of domestic materials and products, including steel and iron materials, to the same or greater extent as the provisions set forth in this section.
 3. The State elects to include alternate bid provisions for foreign and domestic steel and iron materials which comply with the following requirements. Any procedure for obtaining alternate bids based on furnishing foreign steel and iron materials which is acceptable to the Division Administrator may be used. The contract provisions must (i) require all bidders to submit a bid based on furnishing domestic steel and iron materials, and (ii) clearly state that the contract will be awarded to the bidder who submits the lowest total bid based on furnishing domestic steel and iron materials unless such total bid exceeds the lowest total bid based on furnishing foreign steel and iron materials by more than 25 percent.
 4. When steel and iron materials are used in a project, the requirements of this section do not prevent a minimal use of foreign steel and iron materials, if the cost of such materials used does not exceed one-tenth of one percent (0.1 percent) of the total contract cost or \$2,500, whichever is greater. For purposes of this paragraph, the cost is that shown to be the value of the steel and iron products as they are delivered to the project.
- C. 1. A State may request a waiver of the provisions of this section if;
- i. The application of those provisions would be inconsistent with the public interest; or
 - ii. Steel and iron materials/products are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities which are of a satisfactory quality.
2. A request for waiver, accompanied by supporting information, must be submitted in writing to the Regional Federal Highway Administrator (RFHWA) through the FHWA Division

Administrator. A request must be submitted sufficiently in advance of the need for the waiver in order to allow time for proper review and action on the request. The RFHWA will have approval authority on the request.

3. Requests for waivers may be made for specific projects, or for certain materials or products in specific geographic areas, or for combinations of both, depending on the circumstances.
4. The denial of the request by the RFHWA may be appealed by the State to the Federal Highway Administrator (Administrator), whose action on the request shall be considered administratively final.
5. A request for a waiver which involves nationwide public interest or availability issues or more than one FHWA region may be submitted by the RFHWA to the Administrator for action.
6. A request for waiver and an appeal from a denial of a request must include facts and justification to support the granting of the waiver. The FHWA response to a request or appeal will be in writing and made available to the public upon request. Any request for a nationwide waiver and FHWA's action on such a request may be published in the **Federal Register** for public comment.
7. In determining whether the waivers described in paragraph (c)(1) of this section will be granted, the FHWA will consider all appropriate factors including, but not limited to, cost, administrative burden, and delay that would be imposed if the provision were not waived.

D. Standard State and Federal-aid contract procedures may be used to assure compliance with the requirements of this section.

2. SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT

Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

3. ADVERTISING FOR BIDS AND PROPOSALS

Each bidder shall file a statement executed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid certifying that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid. Failure to submit the executed statement as part of the bidding documents will make the bid nonresponsive and not eligible for award consideration.

4. ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).

5. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only 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, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired by the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

6. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL OF PUBLIC AGENCIES

The Contractor shall not employ any person or persons in the employ of the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, or of the State of Arizona or any of its boards, agencies, or commissions, for any work required by the terms of this Contract, without prior written permission of the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Railroad Administration or of the State.

7. RETENTION OF RECORDS

The contractor and any sub-consultant/subcontractor/contractor shall keep and maintain all books, papers, records, accounting records, files, accounts, reports, costs proposals with backup data, and all other material relating to the contract and related project(s), and shall make all such material available at any reasonable time during the term of work on the contract and related project(s) and for five (5) years from the date of final payment to the contractor for auditing, inspection, and copying upon the State's request, or at the request of the Federal Highway Administration or any other authorized representative of the Federal Government.

The contractor shall insert in each of its subcontracts the above requirement and also a clause requiring its subcontractors to include the above requirement in any lower-tier subcontracts or purchase orders.

8. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

1.0 Policy:

The Arizona Department of Transportation (hereinafter the Department) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with the regulations of the U.S.

Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The Department has received Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Department has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Department to ensure that DBEs, as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in USDOT-assisted contracts. It is also the policy of the Department:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT-assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for USDOT-assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are counted as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in USDOT-assisted contracts; and
6. To assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE program.

Local Public Agencies (LPA) and or Sub-recipients of Federal financial assistance will administer and manage the contracts from advertising, consultant selection, negotiation, contract execution, processing payment reports and contract modifications, audits, DBE compliance (e.g., reporting and monitoring) through contract closeout.

2.0 Assurances of Non-Discrimination:

The contractor, subrecipient, or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the state deems appropriate. The contractor, subrecipient, or subcontractor shall ensure that all subcontract agreements contain this non-discrimination assurance.

3.0 Definitions:

(A) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE): a for-profit small business concern which meets both of the following requirements:

- (1) Is at least 51 percent owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals; and,
- (2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it.

(B) Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals: any individual who is a citizen (or lawfully admitted permanent resident) of the United States and who is:

(1) Any individual who is found to be a socially and economically disadvantaged individual on a case-by-case basis.

(2) Any individual in the following groups, members of which are reputedly presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged:

- (i) "Black Americans," which includes persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa;
- (ii) "Hispanic Americans," which includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin, regardless of race;
- (iii) "Native Americans," which includes persons who are American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians;
- (iv) "Asian-Pacific Americans," which includes persons whose origins are from Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, Burma (Myanmar), Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia (Kampuchea), Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei, Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands (Republic of Palau), the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Macao, Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Nauru, Federated States of Micronesia, or Hong Kong;
- (v) "Subcontinent Asian Americans," which includes persons whose origins are from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives Islands, Nepal or Sri Lanka;
- (vi) "Women;"
- (vii) Any additional groups whose members are designated as socially and economically disadvantaged by the Small Business Administration (SBA), at such time as the SBA designation becomes effective.

(C) Joint Venture: an association of a DBE firm and one or more other firms to carry out a single, for-profit business enterprise, for which parties combine their property, capital, efforts, skills and knowledge, and in which the DBE is responsible for a distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract and whose share in the capital contribution, control, management, risks, and profits of the joint venture are commensurate with its ownership interest.

(D) Non-DBE: any firm that is not a DBE.

(E) RACE-CONSCIOUS: a measure or program is one that is focused specifically on assisting only DBEs, including women-owned DBEs.

(F) RACE-NEUTRAL: a measure or program is one that is, or can be, used to assist all small businesses. For the purposes of this part, race-neutral includes gender neutrality.

4.0 Working with DBEs:

The Department works with DBEs and assists them in their efforts to participate in the highway construction program. All bidders should contact the Business Engagement and Compliance Office at the address shown below for assistance in their efforts to use DBEs in the construction program of the Department:

Arizona Department of Transportation Business Engagement and Compliance Office
1135 N. 22nd Avenue (second floor), Mail Drop 154A
Phoenix, AZ 85009
Phone (602) 712-7761
FAX (602) 712-8429

5.0 Applicability:

The Department has established an overall annual goal for DBE participation on Federal-aid contracts. The Department intends for the goal to be met with a combination of race conscious efforts and race neutral efforts. Race conscious participation occurs where the contractor uses a percentage of DBEs, as defined herein, to meet the contract-specified goal. Race neutral efforts are those that are, or can be, used to assist all small businesses or increase opportunities for all small businesses. The regulation, 49 CFR 26, defines race neutral as when a DBE wins a prime contract, is awarded a subcontract on a project without DBE goals, and is awarded a subcontract from a prime contractor that did not consider the firm's DBE status.

The provisions are applicable to all bidders including DBE bidders.

6.0 Certification:

Certification as a DBE shall be predicated on:

- (1) The completion and execution of an application for certification as a "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise".
- (2) The submission of documents pertaining to the firm(s) as stated in the application(s), including but not limited to a statement of social disadvantage and a personal financial statement.
- (3) The submission of any additional information which the Department may require to determine the firm's eligibility to participate in the DBE program.
- (4) The information obtained during the on-site visits to the offices of the firm and to active job-sites.

Applications for certification may be filed with the Department at any time. Both hardcopy submission and online submission is available.

For hardcopy submissions, applications for certification are available at the Business Engagement and Compliance Office, 1135 N. 22nd Avenue (second floor), mail drop 154A, Phoenix, Arizona 85009, phone (602) 712-7761. Hardcopy applications may also be obtained through the internet at www.azdbe.org. Hardcopy applications must be filed through the Business Engagement and Compliance Office at the above address.

For online submissions, the online application process may be accessed through the internet at www.azdbe.org.

DBE firms and firms seeking DBE certification shall cooperate fully with requests for information relevant to the certification process. Failure or refusal to provide such information is a ground for denial or removal of certification.

Arizona is a member of the AZ Unified Certification Program (AZUCP). Only DBE firms that are certified by the AZUCP are eligible for credit on ADOT projects. A list of DBE firms certified by AZUCP is available on the internet at www.azdbe.org. The list will indicate contact information and specialty for each DBE firm, and may be sorted in a variety of ways. However, ADOT does not guarantee the accuracy and/or completeness of this information, nor does ADOT represent that any licenses or registrations are appropriate for the work to be done.

The Department's certification is not a representation of qualifications and/or abilities. The contractor bears all risks that the firm may not be able to perform its work for any reason.

7.0 General:

Each contractor shall establish a program that will ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts and subcontracts.

Each contractor shall also designate a full time employee who shall be responsible for the administration of the contractor's DBE program.

Agreements between the bidder and a DBE in which the DBE promises not to provide subcontracting quotations to other bidders are prohibited.

8.0 DBE Subcontractor Payment Reporting:

The Department is required to collect data on DBE and non-DBE participation to report to Department Of Transportation on Federal-aid projects. _____ will notify the contractor that such record keeping is required by the Department for tracking DBE participation.

The contractor shall submit a report on a monthly basis indicating the amounts earned by and paid to all DBEs and non-DBEs working on the project. In addition, the contractor shall require that all DBE and non-DBE subcontractors verify receipt of payment.

The contractor shall provide all such required information for the current month by the 5th of the following month. The required information shall be submitted electronically through the Department's web-based payment tracking system (<https://arizonalpa.dbesystem.com>).

9.0 Goals:

The Department has not established contract goals for DBE participation in this contract. Contractors are still encouraged to employ reasonable means to obtain DBE participation. Contractors must retain records in accordance with these DBE specifications. The contractor is notified that this record keeping is important to the Department so that it can track DBE participation where only race neutral efforts are employed.

10.0 Crediting DBE Participation:

10.01 General Requirements:

Only the value of the work actually performed by the DBE can be credited toward DBE participation. Credit is given only after the DBE has been paid for the work performed.

The contractor bears the responsibility to determine whether the DBE possesses the proper contractor's license(s) to perform the work.

The Department's certification is not a representation of qualifications and/or abilities. The contractor bears all risks that the DBE may not be able to perform its work for any reason.

A DBE may participate as a prime contractor, subcontractor, joint venture partner with either a prime contractor or a subcontractor, or as a vendor of materials or supplies. A DBE joint venture partner shall be responsible for a clearly defined portion of the work to be performed, in addition to meeting the requirements for ownership and control.

The dollar amount of work to be accomplished by DBEs, including partial amount of a lump sum or other similar item, shall be on the basis of subcontract, purchase order, hourly rate, rate per ton, etc., as agreed to between parties.

With the exception of bond premiums, all work must be attributed to specific bid items. Where work applies to several items, the DBE contracting arrangement must specify unit price and amount attributable to each bid item. DBE credit for any individual item of work performed by the DBE shall be the lesser of the amount to be paid to the DBE or the prime contractor's bid price. If the amount bid by the DBE on any item exceeds the prime contractor's bid amount, the prime contractor may not obtain credit by attributing the excess to other items.

Where more than one DBE is engaged to perform parts of an item (for example, supply and installation), the total amount payable to the DBEs will not be considered in excess of the prime contractor's bid amount for that item.

Bond premiums may be stated separately, so long as the arrangement between the prime contractor and the DBE provides for separate payment not to exceed the price charged by the bonding company.

DBE credit may be obtained only for specific work done for the project, supply of equipment specifically for physical work on the project, or supply of materials to be incorporated in the work. DBE credit will not be allowed for costs such as overhead items, capital expenditures (for example, purchase of equipment), and office items.

If a DBE performs part of an item (for example, installation of materials purchased by a Non-DBE), the DBE credit shall not exceed the lesser of (1) the DBE's contract or (2) the prime contractor's bid for the item, less a reasonable deduction for the portion performed by the Non-DBE.

When a DBE performs as a partner in a joint venture, only that portion of the total dollar value of the contract which is clearly and distinctly performed by the DBE's own forces can be credited.

The contractor may credit second-tier subcontracts issued to DBEs by non-DBE subcontractors. Any second-tier subcontract to a DBE must meet the requirements of a first-tier DBE subcontract.

All DBE and non-DBE subcontracting activity must be reported by the contractor. This includes lower-tier subcontracting regardless of whether or not the DBE is under contract with another DBE.

A prime contractor may credit the entire amount of that portion of a construction contract that is performed by the DBE's own forces. The cost of supplies and materials obtained by the DBE for the work of the contract can be included so long as that cost is reasonable. Leased equipment may also be included. No credit is permitted for supplies purchased or equipment leased from the prime contractor or its affiliate(s).

When a DBE subcontracts a part of the work of its contract to another firm, the value of the subcontract may be credited towards DBE participation only if the DBE's subcontractor is itself a DBE and performs the work with its own forces. Work that a DBE subcontracts to a non-DBE firm does not count towards DBE participation.

A prime contractor may credit the entire amount of fees or commissions charged by a DBE firm for providing a bona fide service, such as professional, technical, consultant, or managerial services, or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of a USDOT-assisted contract, provided the fees are reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.

10.02 Police Officers:

DBE credit will not be permitted for procuring DPS officers. For projects on which officers from other agencies are supplied, DBE credit will be given only for the broker fees charged, and will not include amounts paid to the officers. The broker fees must be reasonable.

10.03 Commercially Useful Function:

As a prime contractor, a DBE shall perform a significant portion of the contract work with its own work force in accordance with normal industry practices and Subsection 108.01 - Subletting of Contract of the Standard Specifications.

A prime contractor can credit expenditures to a DBE subcontractor only if the DBE performs a commercially useful function on the contract. A DBE performs a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of the work of a contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the DBE must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether a DBE is performing a commercially useful function, the Department will evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices, whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the DBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and other relevant factors.

A DBE will not be considered to perform a commercially useful function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of DBE participation. In determining whether a DBE is such an extra participant, the Department will examine similar transactions, particularly those in which DBEs do not participate.

If a DBE does not perform or exercise responsibility for at least 30 percent of the total cost of its contract with its own work force, or if the DBE subcontracts a greater portion of the work of a contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practice for the type of work involved, the Department will presume that the DBE is not performing a commercially useful function.

When a DBE is presumed not to be performing a commercially useful function as provided above, the DBE may present evidence to rebut this presumption. Decisions on commercially useful function matters are subject to review by DOT, but are not administratively appealable to U.S. DOT.

10.04 Trucking:

The Department will use the following factors in determining whether a DBE trucking company is performing a commercially useful function. The DBE must be responsible for the management and supervision of the entire trucking operation for which it is responsible on a particular contract, and there cannot be a contrived arrangement for the purpose of meeting DBE goals.

The DBE must itself own and operate at least one fully licensed, insured, and operational truck used on the contract on every day that credit is to be given for trucking.

The contractor will receive credit for the total value of transportation services provided by the DBE using trucks it owns, insures and operates, and using drivers it employs.

The DBE may lease trucks from another DBE firm, including an owner-operator who is certified as a DBE. The DBE who leases trucks from another DBE receives credit for the total value of the transportation services.

The DBE may also lease trucks from a non-DBE firm, including an owner-operator. The DBE who leases trucks from a non-DBE is entitled to credit for the total value of the transportation services provided by non-DBE lessees not to exceed the value of transportation services provided by DBE-owned trucks on the contract. Additional participation by non-DBE lessees results in credit only for the fee or commission paid to the DBE as a result of the lease agreement.

Example: DBE Firm X uses two of its own trucks on contract. It leases two trucks from DBE Firm Y and six trucks from non-DBE firm Z. DBE credit would only be awarded for the total value of transportation services provided by Firm X and Firm Y, and may also be awarded for the total value of transportation services provided by four of the six trucks provided by Firm Z. In all, full credit would be allowed for the participation of eight trucks. With respect to the other two trucks provided by Firm Z, DBE credit could be awarded only for the fees or commissions pertaining to those trucks Firm X receives as a result of the lease with Firm Z.

10.05 Materials and Supplies:

The Department will credit expenditures with DBEs for material and supplies as follows. If the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE manufacturer, 100 percent of the cost of the materials or supplies is credited. A manufacturer is defined as a firm that operates or maintains a factory or establishment that produces, on the premises, the materials, supplies, articles, or equipment required under the contract, and of the general character described by the specifications.

If the materials or supplies are purchased from a DBE regular dealer, 60 percent of the cost of the materials or supplies is credited. A DBE regular dealer is defined as a firm that owns, operates, or maintains a store or warehouse or other establishment in which the materials, supplies, articles, or equipment of the general character described by the specifications and required under the contract are bought, kept in stock, and regularly sold or leased to the public in the usual course of business. To be a regular dealer, the firm must be an established, regular business that engages, as its principal business and under its own name, in the purchase and sale or lease of the products in question. A firm may be a regular dealer in such bulk items as petroleum products, steel, cement, stone or asphalt without owning, operating, or maintaining a place of business, as provided above, if the person both owns and operates distribution equipment for the products. Any supplementing of regular dealers' own distribution equipment shall be by a long-term lease agreement, and not on an ad-hoc or contract-by-contract basis. Packers, brokers, manufacturers' representatives, or other persons who arrange or expedite transactions are not regular dealers within the meaning of this paragraph and the paragraph above.

With respect to materials or supplies purchased from a DBE which is neither a manufacturer nor a regular dealer, the Department will credit the entire amount of the fees or commissions charged by the DBE for assistance in the procurement of the materials and supplies, or fees or transportation charges for the delivery of materials or supplies required on a job site, toward DBE goals, provided the fees are determined to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services. The cost of the materials and supplies themselves may not be counted toward the DBE goal.

DBE credit for supplying paving grade asphalt and other asphalt products will only be permitted for standard industry hauling costs, and only if the DBE is owner or lessee of the equipment and trucks. Leases for trucks must be long term (extending for a fixed time period and not related to time for contract performance) and must include all attendant responsibilities such as insurance, titling, hazardous waste requirements, and payment of drivers.

11.0 Joint Checks:

11.01 Requirements:

A DBE subcontractor and a material supplier (or equipment supplier) may request permission for the use of joint checks for payments from the prime contractor to the DBE subcontractor and the supplier. Joint checks may be issued only if all the conditions in this subsection are met.

1. The DBE subcontractor must be independent from the prime contractor and the supplier, and must perform a commercially useful function. The DBE subcontractor must be responsible for negotiating the price of the material, determining quality and quantity, ordering the materials, installing (where applicable), and paying for the material. The DBE subcontractor may not be utilized as an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project in order to obtain the appearance of DBE participation.
2. The use of joint checks will be allowed only if the prime contractor, DBE subcontractor, and material supplier establish that the use of joint checks in similar transactions is a commonly recognized business practice in the industry, particularly with respect to similar transactions in which DBE's do not participate.
3. A material or supply contract may not bear an excessive ratio relative to the DBE subcontractor's normal capacity.
4. There may not be any exclusive arrangement between one prime and one DBE in the use of joint checks that may bring into question whether the DBE is independent of the prime contractor.
5. Any arrangement for joint checks must be in writing, and for a specific term (for example, one year, or a specified number of months) that does not exceed a reasonable time to establish a suitable credit line with the supplier.

6. The prime contractor may act solely as the payer of the joint check, and may not have responsibility for establishing the terms of the agreement between the DBE subcontractor and the supplier.
7. The DBE must be responsible for receiving the check from the prime contractor and delivering the check to the supplier.
8. The prime contractor cannot require the DBE subcontractor to use a specific supplier, and the prime contractor may not participate in the negotiation of unit prices between the DBE subcontractor and the supplier.

11.02 Procedure and Compliance:

1. BECO must approve the agreement for the use of joint checks in writing.
2. After obtaining authorization for the use of joint checks, the prime contractor, the DBE, and the supplier must retain documentation to allow for efficient monitoring of the agreement.
3. Copies of canceled checks must be submitted with the payment information for the period in which the joint check was issued. Certificates of payment must indicate whether or not joint checks were used.
4. The prime contractor, DBE, and supplier each have an independent duty to report to the Department in the case of any change from the approved joint check arrangement.
5. Any failure to comply will be considered by the Department to be a material breach of this contract and will subject the prime contractor, DBE, and supplier to contract remedies and, in the case of serious violations, a potential for termination of the contract, reduction or loss of prequalification, debarment, or other remedies which may prevent future participation by the offending party.

9. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, consultant contracts or any other covered transaction requiring FHWA approval or that is estimated to cost \$25,000 or more – as defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200.

1. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:
 - a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective first tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
 - b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective first tier

participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective first tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction.

- c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the contracting agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the contracting agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.
- d. The prospective first tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective first tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).
- f. The prospective first tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
- g. The prospective first tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the department or contracting agency, entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold.
- h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the

certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the Excluded Parties List System website (<https://www.epls.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

- i. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require the establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of the prospective participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (f) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

2. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – First Tier Participants:

- a. The prospective first tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - (1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - (2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(2) of this certification; and
 - (4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

- b. Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

3. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders and other lower tier transactions requiring prior FHWA approval or estimated to cost \$25,000 or more - 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200)

- a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier is providing the certification set out below.
- b. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- d. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).
- e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without

modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold.

- g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the Excluded Parties List System website (<https://www.epls.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.
- h. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

4. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Participants:

- a. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.
- b. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

10. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts which exceed \$100,000 (49 CFR 20).

- 1. The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
 - b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
2. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
- a. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting its bid or proposal that the participant shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.