

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA )  
STATE OF ALABAMA )

TO: All Qualified Firms

FROM: The City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama

RE: Request for Proposals for Electronic Bid Solution / Electronic and Online Procurement Services for the City of Tuscaloosa (A20-0532)

DATE: April 20, 2020

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**Section 1. Introduction**

The City of Tuscaloosa seeks proposals from responsible firms (as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.326) to provide an electronic bid solution / electronic and online procurement services for the City of Tuscaloosa. A number of firms may be asked to express their interest in regard to these services.

**Section 2. Responsible Firms / Contractors**

Firms submitting quotes must possess the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of this procurement, pursuant to the requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.326. Consideration will include such matters as firm integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources.

**Section 3. Scope of Services**

The City of Tuscaloosa seeks proposals from firms to provide the following: A complete electronic / online solution for the procurement of bids for public works project contracts and service contract solicitations for City of Tuscaloosa projects including, but not limited to: posting of bid solicitations, issuance of plans, issuance of addenda, secure acceptance of bids into an encrypted timed lock box, ability of owner to open electronic lock box only at time of bid opening and only through secure methods, notification to bidders of receipts of bids, opening of their bids and rejections of bids after time deadlines.

**Section 4. MANDATORY Proposal Requirements & Questions**

- Firm shall provide a brief statement of the firm’s qualifications to perform the work and years in business.
- Firm shall provide references of 3-5 municipalities or county governments who currently use the firm’s services for bid submission and bid opening via a timed and encrypted electronic lock box (to include at least one municipality with populations of at least 100,000 residents).
- Firm shall provide an overview of their offered services available that relate to the scope of services described in Section 3 above.
- Firm shall provide a description of their resiliency/redundancy in case of natural or man-made disaster, including online security breach of their firm.
- Firm shall provide detailed schedule and time frame for the City starting to use their services.
- Firm shall provide the breakdown of costs and to whom the costs are charge for all aspects of their services.
- Proposals may not exceed 20 pages.
- **Questions** may be sent to Kristen L. Miller, Associate City Attorney; [kmiller@tuscaloosa.com](mailto:kmiller@tuscaloosa.com) **via email only**. Cut off time for questions is Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. CDT. The City has discretion to not answer any or all questions related to this procurement.

**Section 5. Timeline / Response Date**

Proposals must be submitted no later than **5:00 pm CDT on Monday, April 27, 2020.**

Proposals shall be submitted electronically to the following:

Kristen L. Miller, Associate City Attorney; [kmiller@tuscaloosa.com](mailto:kmiller@tuscaloosa.com)

With a copy to:

David Coggins, Chief, IC Logistics Section; [dcoggins@tuscaloosa.com](mailto:dcoggins@tuscaloosa.com)

**Section 6. Selection Criteria**

It is the City of Tuscaloosa’s desire to select a responsible firm that possesses the ability to perform successfully the required scope of services. The following factors will be considered:

- Ability to Perform Scope of Services including the mandatory proposal requirements listed in Section 4 above.
- Firm integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources.
- Cost to City and Cost to Bidders
- Ease of Use of the services to City and Bidders

#### **Section 7. Justification for Emergency Procurement**

This is a procurement by noncompetitive proposals due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, which has created an immediate threat to public health and safety in the City of Tuscaloosa. The City must hold public bid openings virtually to abide by local and state emergency orders. It is expected that online bid services shall exist for as long as COVID-19 remains a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tuscaloosa and services may be extended thereafter depending on local, state and federal conditions and/or changes to state law regarding procurement of public projects.

#### **Section 8. Special conditions required**

This procurement and the resulting contract shall be subject to the Special Conditions attached hereto for federally funded contracts/ FEMA Compliance required.

#### **Section 9. Right to Reject Proposals**

The City reserves the right to waive any information or irregularities in any proposal. The City reserves the right to reject any proposal and to interview a firm or multiple firms as it sees fit. This procurement and its requirements may be modified or amended at any time and for any reason, in the discretion of the City.

#### **Section 10. Special Conditions of Contract**

Special Federal Contract Conditions are attached to this document. These Special Conditions will be required **if the services of your firm requires any payment by the City of Tuscaloosa.**

**END PROCUREMENT.**

**CITY OF TUSCALOOSA  
SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR  
FEDERALLY FUNDED CONTRACTS/ FEMA COMPLIANCE REQUIRED**

**I. DEFINITIONS**

“Contractor” means an entity that has entered into an agreement with the local government for the performance of specific work on a project or activity, the provision of professional services, or for the supply of equipment and/or materials.

“FEMA” means Federal Emergency Management Agency (Federal Agency).

“Local Government” means the City of Tuscaloosa.

“Program” means the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Federal Program) operated under the provisions of \_\_\_\_\_

“Projects/Activities” means those undertakings which are included in the Program and are funded wholly or in part by \_\_\_\_\_

“Project Area” means the corporate limits of the City of Tuscaloosa.

“Subcontractor” means a person, firm or corporation supplying services or labor and materials or only labor or only materials for services or work at the site of the project, for and under contract or agreement with the Contractor.

**II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

A. Interest of Members of the Local Government. No officer, employee or agent of the local government who exercises any function or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of the program, or any other person who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the program, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in this contract, and the Contractor shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.

B. The Contractor agrees that it will incorporate into every subcontract required in writing the following provision: Interest of Contractor and Employees. The Contractor agrees that no person who presently exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the program, has any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in this contract. The Contractor further covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder.

The Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this contract no person having any conflicting interest shall be employed. Any interest on the part of the Contractor or his employees must be disclosed to the City. Provided, however, that this paragraph shall be interpreted in such a manner so as not to unreasonably impede the statutory requirement that maximum opportunity be provided for employment of and participation by low income residents of the area.

C. Provisions of the Hatch Act. Neither the funds provided by this agreement nor the personnel employed in the administration of the agreed upon work shall be in any way or to any extent engaged in the conduct of political activities in contravention of Chapter 15 of Title 5, U. S. Code.

III. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY REQUIREMENTS:** During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

A. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment, or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensations; and selection of training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

B. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

C. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

D. The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

E. The Contractor will furnish to the local government all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the local government, HUD, and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules regulations, and orders.

F. In the event of the Contractor's non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this agreement or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this agreement may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further local government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the City, Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

G. The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraph 1 through 6 above in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the local government or the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided however, that in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the City, the Contractor may request the local government to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the local government.

H. The Contractor agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the local government and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the local government and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the local government in the discharge of its primary responsibility for securing compliance.

I. The Contractor further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a Contractor debarred from, or who has

not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order. In addition, the agency agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the local government may take any or all of the following actions: terminate or suspend in whole or in part this contract; refrain from extending any further assistance to the Contractor under the program with respect to which the failure or refusal occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such Contractor.

J. Non-segregated Facilities. The Contractor certifies that he does not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The Contractor covenants that he will not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he will not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. As used in this paragraph, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.

K. No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity made possible by or resulting from this contract. The agency and each employer will comply with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

L. The Contractor shall maintain data which records its affirmative action in equal opportunity employment, including but not limited to employment, upgrading, demotions, transfers, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoffs or terminations, pay or other compensation, and selection for training.

#### **IV. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS**

A. The Contractor hereby agrees that any facility to be utilized in the performance of any nonexempt contract or subcontract shall not be a facility included on the list of Violating Facilities issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to 40 CFR 15.20.

B. The Contractor also agrees to comply with all the requirements of Section 114 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (42 USC 1857c-8) and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (33 USC 1318) relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports and information, as well as all other requirements specified in said Section 114 and Section 308, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder.

C. As a condition of the award of the contract, the Contractor agrees to give prompt notice to the City of any notification received from the Director, Office of Federal Activities, EPA, indicating that a facility utilized or to be utilized for the contract is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

D. The Contractor agrees that it will include or cause to be included the criteria and requirements in subparagraph A through D of this section in every nonexempt subcontract and that it will take such action as the City or the EPS may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions.

##### Clean Air Act

1. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.

2. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the City and understands and agrees that the City will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

3. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act

1. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

2. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the City and understands and agrees that the City will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

3. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

**V. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:** The Contractor shall maintain effective control over and accountability for all funds, property, and other assets that are provided for by this agreement. The Contractor shall adequately safeguard all such assets and shall assure that they are used solely for authorized purposes.

A. Ineligible Costs. In addition to any costs that are ineligible under other criteria included herein the following costs are specifically ineligible:

1. Bad Debts. Any losses arising from uncollected accounts and other claims, and related costs.
2. Contingencies. Contributions to a contingency reserve or any similar provisions for unforeseen events.
3. Contributions and Donations.
4. Entertainment. Costs of amusements, social activities, and incidental costs, such as meals, beverages, lodgings, and gratuities, relating to entertainment.
5. Fines and Penalties. Costs resulting from violations of or failure to comply with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
6. Interest and Other Financial Costs. Interest on borrowing (however represented), bond discounts, cost of financing and refinancing operations, and legal and professional fees paid in connection herewith.
7. Legislative Expenses. Salaries and other expenses of local government bodies such as county supervisors, city councils, school boards, etc., whether incurred for purposes of legislation or executive direction.
8. Membership Expenses. Cost of membership in an organization which devotes a substantial part of its activities to influencing legislation.
9. Travel. Costs in excess of those allowed by the Contractor for its equivalent employees. In any case, the difference in cost between first-class air accommodations and less-than-first-class air accommodations are not available and is so documented.
10. Meeting Attendance. Costs of attending meetings which are not open for attendance on a non-segregated basis.

B. Property Management Standards. The Contractor's property management standards for non-expendable personal property acquired under this contract shall include the following procedural requirements:

1. Property records shall be maintained accurately and provide for: a description of the property; manufacturer's serial number or other identification number; acquisition data, cost, and source of property; percentage of Federal funds used in the purchase of property;

location, use and condition of the property; and ultimate disposition data including sales price or the method used to determine current fair market value.

2. A physical inventory of property shall be taken and the results reconciled with the property records at least once each year to verify the existence, current utilization, and continued need for the property.
3. A control system shall be in effect to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft to the property. Any loss, damage, or theft of non-expendable property shall be investigated and fully documented.
4. Adequate maintenance procedures shall be implemented to keep the property in good Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended)  
Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency.

C. Procurement Standards

1. The Contractor shall maintain a code or standard of conduct which shall govern the performance of its officers, employees, or agents in contracting with and expending grant funds. Local government officers, employees, or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from Contractors or potential Contractors.
2. All procurement transactions regardless of whether negotiated or advertised and without regard to dollar value shall be conducted in a manner so as to provide maximum open and free competition.

## VI. **SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT**

(1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by (insert name of recipient/subrecipient/applicant). If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to (insert name of recipient/subrecipient/applicant), the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.



## **VII. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended)**

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency.

### **ACCESS TO RECORDS**

- (1) The Contractor agrees to provide the CITY, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives' access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- (2) The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- (3) The Contractor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representative's access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
- (4) In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, the City and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

### **USE OF DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS**

The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directive.

### **NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

### **PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS**

The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements)

applies to the Contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

**OTHER GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (MAY BE REQUIRED AS APPLICABLE)**

A. Retention of Records. All records maintained by the Contractor that pertain to this agreement shall be retained by the Contractor for a period of three years or such longer period as the local government or HUD may require in specific cases.

B. Reports and Information. The Contractor, at such times as the local government may require, shall furnish such statements, reports, records, data and information, as may be requested pertaining to matters covered by this agreement.

C. Audit Requirements. The local government, the Comptroller General of the United States, and/or \_\_\_\_\_ (Federal Agency), or any of the duly authorized representatives shall have access to all tasks, accounts, records, reports, files and other papers or property of the Contractor pertaining to funds provided under this agreement for the purpose of making surveys, audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. The Contractor's financial management system shall be audited at least once a year. Audits may be made at less frequency considering the nature, size and complexity of the activity. The Contractor shall implement a systematic method to assure timely and appropriate resolution of audit findings and recommendations.

D. Breach of Contract Terms and Conditions. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the terms and conditions of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part. Provided, that the right of the Contractor to proceed with this contract shall not be terminated or the Contractor charged with liquidated damages because of delays in the completion of the work due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including but not restricted, to acts of God, or of the public enemy, acts of the Government, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather or delays of subcontractors due to such causes, if the Contractor shall within ten days from the beginning of any such delay notify the City in writing of the cause of the delay. The City shall ascertain the facts and the extent of the delay and extend the time for completing the work when, in the City's judgment, the findings of fact justify such an extension, and the City's findings of fact thereon shall be final and conclusive on the parties hereto, subject only to appeal, within thirty days, by the Contractor to the City whose decision on such appeal as to the facts of delay and the extension of time for completing the work shall be final and conclusive on the parties hereto.

E. Lead-based Paint Regulations. The construction or rehabilitation of residential structures with assistance provided under this contract is subject to the HUD Lead-based Paint regulations, 24 CFR part 35. Should this contract include activities involving the construction or rehabilitation of residential structures, the Contractor hereby agrees to comply with the regulations of 24 CFR part 35.

F. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert in any subcontracts all of the terms and conditions set forth in this contract and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these terms and conditions in any lower tier subcontracts which they may enter into, together with a clause requiring this insertion in any further subcontracts that may in turn be made.

G. Davis-Bacon. As applicable, Contractors shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5), the provisions of which are incorporated by reference into this contract as if contained herein.

H. Debarment of contactors/subcontractors / City's right to monitor. All contracting and subcontracting agencies shall be actively registered in the sam.gov system and have a non-debarred status to perform work. The City of Tuscaloosa shall have all rights to any and all documentation related to the project. Periodic monitoring visits will be performed by City of Tuscaloosa staff to ensure all federal and contract requirements are followed.

I. Green Building Standard for Replacement and New Construction of Residential Housing.

Contractors must meet the Green Building Standard in this subparagraph for: (i) all new construction of residential buildings; and (ii) all replacement of substantially-damaged residential buildings. Replacement of residential buildings may include reconstruction (i.e., demolishing and re-building a housing unit on the same lot in substantially the same manner) and may include changes to structural elements such as flooring systems, columns or load bearing interior or exterior walls. For purposes of this Notice, the Green Building Standard means the contractor will require that all construction covered by subparagraph, above, meet an industry-recognized standard that has achieved certification under at least one of the following programs (i) ENERGY STAR (Certified Homes or Multifamily High Rise); (ii) Enterprise Green Communities; (iii) LEED (NC, Homes, Midrise, Existing Buildings O&M, or Neighborhood Development); (iv) ICC-700 National Green Building Standard; (v) EPA Indoor AirPlus (ENERGY STAR a prerequisite); or (vi) any other equivalent comprehensive green building program, including regional programs. Standards for rehabilitation of non-substantially-damaged residential buildings: For rehabilitation other than that described in subparagraph, above, contractors must follow the guidelines specified in the HUD CPD Green Building Retrofit Checklist, available on the CPD Disaster Recovery Web site. Contractors must apply these guidelines to the extent applicable to the rehabilitation work undertaken, including the use of mold resistant products when replacing surfaces such as drywall. When older or obsolete products are replaced as part of the rehabilitation work, rehabilitation is required to use ENERGY STAR- labeled, WaterSense labeled, or federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)-designated products and appliances. Implementation: For construction projects completed under construction, or under contract prior to the date that federal assistance was approved for the project the contractor is encouraged to apply the applicable standards to the extent feasible but the Green Building Standard is not required; (ii) for specific which an ENERGY STAR-or-WaterSense-labeled or FEMP-designated product does not exist, the requirement to use such products does not apply. The City encourages contractors to implement green infrastructure policies to the extent practicable.

**VIII. ADECA-FUNDED CONTRACTS:** The Contractor shall include the following provisions in all construction contracts funded by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). For all ADECA-funded construction contracts, in the event the provisions contained in this section conflict with provisions contained elsewhere in this document, the provisions contained in this section shall prevail.

A. Section 109 Clause, Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. No person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title.

B. Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246) (applicable to contract/subcontracts exceeding \$10,000). Contractor’s attention is called to the “Equal Opportunity Clause” and the “Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications” set forth herein.

The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor’s aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

Goals for	Goals for
Minority	Female
Participation	Participation
(Insert Goals)	(Insert Goals)

These goals are applicable to all the Contractor’s construction work (whether or not it is Federal or Federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographic area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographic area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the Contractor also is subject to the goals for both its Federally involved and non-Federally involved construction.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a), and its efforts to meet the goals established for the geographical area where the contract resulting from this solicitation is to be performed. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the Contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

C. "Section 3" Compliance in the Provision of Training, Employment and Business Opportunities.

1. The work to be performed under this Contract is a project assisted under a program providing direct Federal financial assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12, U.S.C. 1701u. Section 3 requires that to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment be given lower income residents of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns which are located in, or owned in substantial part by, persons residing in the area of the project.
2. The parties to this Contract will comply with the provisions of said Section 3 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development set forth in 24 CFR 135, and all applicable rules and orders of the Department issued thereunder prior to the execution of this Contract. The parties to this Contract certify and agree that they are under no contractual or other disability which would prevent them from complying with these requirements.
3. The Contractor will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, if any, a notice advising the said labor organization or workers' representative of this commitment under this Section 3 clause and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment or training.
4. The Contractor will include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract for work in connection with the project and will, at the direction of the applicant for or recipient of Federal financial assistance, take appropriate action pursuant to the subcontract upon a finding that the Subcontractor is in violation of regulations issued by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 24 CFR Part 135. The Contractor will not subcontract with any Subcontractor where it has notice or knowledge that the latter has been found in violation of regulations under 24 CFR Part 135 and will not let any subcontract unless the Subcontractor has first provided it with a preliminary statement of ability to comply with the requirements of these regulations.
5. Compliance with the provisions of Section 3, the regulations set forth in 24 CFR Part 135, and all applicable rules and orders of the Department issued hereunder prior to the execution of the Contract, shall be a condition of the Federal financial assistance provided to the project, binding upon the applicant or recipient for such assistance, its successors and assigns. Failure to fulfill these requirements shall subject the applicant or recipient, its contractors and subcontractors, its successors and assigns to those sanctions specified by the grant or loan agreement or contract through which Federal assistance is provided, and to such sanctions as are specified in 24 CFR Part 135.

D. Section 402 Veterans of the Vietnam Era (if \$10,000 or over). Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era.

1. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because he or she is a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era without discrimination based on their disability or veteran status in all employment practices such as the following: employment upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
2. The Contractor agrees that all suitable employment openings of the Contractor which exist at the time of the execution of this Contract and those which occur during the performance of this Contract, including those not generated by this Contract and including those occurring at an establishment of the Contractor other than the one wherein the Contract is being performed but excluding those of independently operated corporate affiliates, shall be listed at an appropriate local office of the State employment service system wherein the opening occurs. The Contractor further agrees to provide such reports to such local office regarding employment openings and hires as may be required. State and local government agencies holding Federal contracts of \$10,000 or more shall also list all their suitable openings with the appropriate office of the State employment service, but are not required to provide those reports set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5.
3. Listing of employment openings with the employment service system pursuant to this clause shall be made at least concurrently with the use of any other recruitment source or effort and shall involve the normal obligations which attach to the placing of a bona fide job order, including the acceptance of referrals of veterans and non-veterans. The listing of employment openings does not require the hiring of any particular job applicant or from any particular group of job applicants, and nothing herein is intended to relieve the Contractor from any requirements in Executive Orders or regulations regarding nondiscrimination in employment.
4. The reports required by paragraph 2 of this clause shall include, but not be limited to, periodic reports which shall be filed at least quarterly with the appropriate local office or, where the Contractor has more than one hiring location in a State, with the central office of that State employment service. Such reports shall indicate for each hiring location (1) the number of individuals hired during the reporting period, (2) the number of nondisabled veterans of the Vietnam era hired, (3) the number of disabled veterans of the Vietnam era hired, and (4) the total number of disabled veterans hired. The reports should include covered veterans hired for on-the-job training under 38 U.S.C.1787. The Contractor shall submit a report within 30 days after the end of each reporting period wherein any performance is made on this Contract identifying data for each hiring location copies of the reports submitted until the expiration of one year after final payment under the Contract, during which time these reports and related documentation shall be made available, upon request, for examination by any authorized representatives of the contracting officer or of the Secretary of Labor. Documentation would include personnel records respecting job openings, recruitment and placement.
5. Whenever the Contractor becomes contractually bound to the listing provisions of this

clause, it shall advise the employment service system in each State where it has establishments of the name and location of each hiring location in the State. As long as the Contractor is contractually bound to these provisions and has so advised the State system, there is no need to advise the State system of subsequent contracts. The Contractor may advise the State system when it is no longer bound by the contract clause.

6. This clause does not apply to the listing of employment openings which occur and are filled outside of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.
7. The provisions of paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this clause do not apply to openings which the Contractor proposes to fill from within his own organization or to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangement. This exclusion does not apply to a particular opening once an employer decides to consider applicants outside of his own organization or employer-union arrangement for that opening.
8. As used in this clause:
  - a. "All suitable employment openings" includes, but is not limited to, openings which occur in the following .job categories: production and nonproduction; plant and office; laborers and mechanics; supervisory and nonsupervisory; technical; and executive, administrative, and professional openings that are compensated on a salary basis of less than \$25,000 per year. This term includes full-time employment, temporary employment of more than three days' duration, and part—time employment. It does not include openings which the Contractor proposes to fill from within his own organization or to fill pursuant to a customary and traditional employer—union hiring arrangement nor openings in an educational institution which are restricted to students of that institution. Under the most compelling circumstances an employment opening may not be suitable for listing, including such situations where the needs of the Government cannot reasonably be otherwise supplied, where listing would be contrary to national security, or where the requirement of listing would otherwise not be for the best interest of the Government.
  - b. "Appropriate office of the State employment service system" means the local office of the Federal-State national system of public employment offices with assigned responsibility for serving the area where the employment opening is to be filled, including the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.
  - c. "Openings which the Contractor proposes to fill from within his own organization" means employment openings for which no consideration will be given to persons outside the Contractor's organization (including any affiliates, subsidiaries, and the parent companies) and includes any openings which the Contractor proposed to fill from regularly established "recall" lists.
  - d. "Openings which the Contractor proposes to fill pursuant to customary and traditional employer-union hiring arrangements" means employment openings which the Contractor proposes to fill from union halls, which is part of the customary and traditional hiring relationship which exists between the Contractor and representatives of his employees.
9. The Contractor agrees to comply with the rules, regulations and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.
10. In the event of the Contractor's non-compliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for non-compliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations and relevant

- orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.
11. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notice shall state the Contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.
  12. The Contractor will notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the Contractor is bound by the terms of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era.
  13. The Contractor will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order of \$10,000 or more unless exempted by rules, regulations or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to the Act, so that such provisions will be binding upon each Subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontractor or purchase order as the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for non-compliance.

E. Certification of Compliance with Air and Water Acts (applicable to Federally assisted construction contracts and related subcontracts exceeding \$100,000). Compliance with Air and Water Acts. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor and all Subcontractors shall comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 USC 1857 et seq., the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251 et seq., and the regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect thereto, at 40 CFR Part 15, as amended. In addition to the foregoing requirements, all nonexempt Contractors and Subcontractors shall furnish to the Owner, the following:

1. A stipulation by the Contractor or Subcontractors that any facility to be utilized in the performance of any nonexempt contract or subcontract is not listed on the List of Violating Facilities issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to 40 CFR 15.20.
2. Agreement by the Contractor to comply with all the requirements of Section 114 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (42 USC 1857c-8) and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (33 USC 1318) relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports and information, as well as all other requirements specified in said Section 114 and Section 308, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder.
3. A stipulation that as a condition for the Contract, prompt notice will be given of any notification received from the Director, Office of Federal Activities, or EPA indicating that a facility utilized, or to be utilized for the Contract, is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.
4. Agreement by the Contractor that he will include, or cause to be included, the criteria and requirements in paragraphs A through D of this section in every nonexempt subcontract and requiring that the Contractor will take such actions as the Government may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions.

F. Compliance with Copeland Act Requirements. The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR Part 3 which are incorporated by reference in this contract.

G. Drug-Free Workplace Requirements. The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 701) requires grantees (including individuals) of federal agencies, as a prior condition of being awarded a grant, to certify that they will provide drug-free workplaces. Each potential recipient must certify that it will comply with drug-free

workplace requirements in accordance with the Act and with HUD's rules at 24 CFR part 24, subpart F.

H. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

**IV. DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDED CONTRACT:** The Contractor shall include the following provisions in all Disaster Recover (DR) funded construction contracts. For all DR-funded construction contracts, in the event the provisions contained in this section conflict with provisions contained elsewhere in this document, the provisions contained in this section shall prevail.

A. The Contractor agrees to abide by all applicable Federal regulations in receiving, disbursing and accounting for Community Development Block Grant funds including, but not limited to all applicable sections of 24 CFR 570.

B. ADA Compliance. The Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that, in performing its responsibilities and obligations hereunder, the Contractor, its officers, agents or employees will not, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability or age, discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or groups of persons in any manner. The Contractor further agrees to comply with all applicable State and Federal ordinances and regulations, including but not limited to, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and any regulations promulgated there under.

C. Section 3 Compliance. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations. Contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin. Contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. Contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the Contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. Contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after Contractor is selected by before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the Contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 may result in sanctions,



termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

D. Section 109 Compliance. No person in the United States will, on the ground of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity administered or provided under this Agreement, pursuant to Section 109 of title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Title I) (42 U.S.C. 5309).

E. Section 402 Compliance. Contractors and subcontractors shall take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified covered veterans. Disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (veterans within 3 years of their discharge or release from active duty), veterans who served on active duty during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized (referred to as "other protected veterans"), and Armed Forces service medal veterans are covered veterans under VEVRAA, pursuant to the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended (VEVRAA).

F. Copeland Anti-Kickback Act Compliance. Pursuant to The Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, 40 USC §3145, as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations 29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States.": The contractor shall comply with the aforementioned statutes and regulations as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract. No contractor or subcontractor operating under this agreement shall induce an employee to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is entitled under his or her contract of employment. Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses. Contractors and subcontractors shall submit a weekly statement of the wages paid to each employee performing on covered work during the preceding payroll period. Breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

G. Affirmative Action. During the performance of this contract, the contractors and subcontractors operating under this agreement shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Contractors and subcontractors operating under this agreement shall comply with Affirmative Action laws and regulations to ensure equal employment opportunities, including, but not limited to 41 CFR Part 60-1; 41 CFR Part 60-2; 41 CFR Part 60-250; 41 CFR Part 60-741; compliance with E.O. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by E.O. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity."

H. Compliance with Goals for Minority and Female Participation. The City of Tuscaloosa has voluntarily adopted a Minority / Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("MBE/DBE/WBE") Program designed to encourage the participation and development of minority and disadvantaged business enterprises and to promote equal business opportunities to the fullest extent allowed by state and federal law. It is the intent of the City to foster competition among contractors, suppliers, and vendors that will result in better quality and more economical services rendered to the City. Under this policy, the City of Tuscaloosa has established a goal of ten to twenty percent (10-20%) inclusion of minority and disadvantaged business enterprises for all services required to deliver City projects. In no case shall the stated percentage be the determining factor in contract awards. Rather, contractors must demonstrate a good faith effort to attain the desired percentage goal. The Developer is encouraged to adopt corresponding goals to those of the City's Minority / Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("MBE/DBE/WBE") Program.

I. Compliance with Environmental Laws; including The Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act. Contractors and subcontractors operating under this agreement shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with Federal, State, or local pollution control laws and related requirements, including but not limited to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.). If a contracting officer becomes aware of noncompliance with clean air or water standards in facilities used in performing nonexempt contracts, that contracting officer shall notify the agency head, or a designee, who shall promptly notify the EPA Administrator or a designee in writing.

J. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Agreement. Contractors operating under this agreement shall file the required certification under the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.