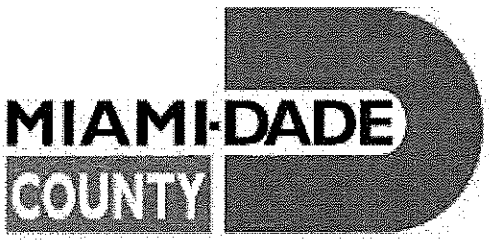
Solicitation RTQ-00112

Groceries

Bid designation: Public



Miami-Dade County

Bid RTQ-00112
Groceries

Bid Number	**RTQ-00112**
Bid Title	**Groceries**
Bid Start Date	**Aug 20, 2014 2:21:41 PM EDT**
Bid End Date	**Sep 4, 2014 6:00:00 PM EDT**
Question & Answer End Date	**Aug 27, 2014 2:00:00 PM EDT**
Bid Contact	**Mike Ramos** **305-375-5215** **RamosMi@miamidade.gov**
Contract Duration	**8 years**
Contract Renewal	**Not Applicable**
Prices Good for	**Not Applicable**
Bid Comments	This Request to Qualify (RTQ) will establish a pool of pre-qualified vendors capable of providing/delivering groceries for various Miami-Dade County (MDC) Departments.

Item Response Form

Item	**RTQ-00112--01-01 - Groceries**
Quantity	**1 each**

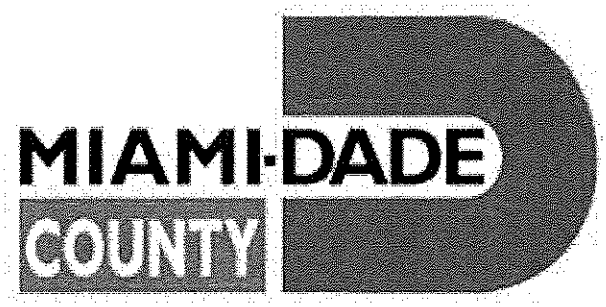
Prices are not requested for this item.

*Delivery Location	**Miami-Dade County** Miami-Dade County generic location Miami FL 33128 **Qty** 1

Description

N/A

SOLICITATION NO.: RTQ-00112
OPENING: 6:00 P.M.
Groceries
Sep 4, 2014



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

R E Q U E S T T O Q U A L I F Y

TITLE:
Groceries

BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 6:00 PM
ON Sep 4, 2014

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Mike Ramos, 305-375-5215,RamosMi@miamidade.gov

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIDDERS/PROPOSERS:

- READ THE ENTIRE SOLICITATION DOCUMENT, THE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND HANDLE ALL QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 1.2(D) OF THE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.
- THE SOLICITATION SUBMITTAL FORM CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT REQUIRES REVIEW AND COMPLETION BY ANY BIDDER/PROPOSER RESPONDING TO THIS SOLICITATION.
- FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND SIGN THE SOLICITATION SUBMITTAL FORM WILL RENDER YOUR PROPOSAL NON-RESPONSIVE.

SECTION 1

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

All general terms and conditions of Miami-Dade County Procurement Contracts are posted online. Bidders/Proposers that receive an award from Miami-Dade County through Miami-Dade County's competitive procurement process must anticipate the inclusion of these requirements in the resultant Contract. These general terms and conditions are considered non-negotiable.

All applicable terms and conditions pertaining to this solicitation and resultant contract may be viewed online at the Miami-Dade County Procurement Management website by clicking on the below link:

http://www.miamidade.gov/procurement/library/boilerplate/general-terms-and-conditions-r14-2.pdf

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NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS/PROPOSERS:

Electronic bids are to be submitted through a secure mailbox at BidSync (www.bidsync.com) until the date and time as indicated in this Solicitation document. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Proposer to ensure their proposal reaches BidSync before the Solicitation closing date and time. There is no cost to the Bidder/Proposer to submit a proposal in response to a Miami-Dade County solicitation via BidSync. Electronic proposal submissions may require the uploading of electronic attachments. The submission of attachments containing embedded documents or proprietary file extensions is prohibited. All documents should be attached as separate files.

For information concerning technical specifications please utilize the question/answer feature provided by BidSync at www.bidsync.com within the solicitation. Questions of a material nature must be received prior to the cut-off date specified in the solicitation. Material changes, if any, to the solicitation terms, scope of services, or bidding procedures will only be transmitted by written addendum. (See addendum section of BidSync site).

Please allow sufficient time to complete the online forms and upload of all proposal documents. Bidders/Proposers should not wait until the last minute to submit a proposal. The deadline for submitting information and documents will end at the closing time indicated in the solicitation. All information and documents must be fully entered, uploaded, acknowledged (Confirm) and recorded into BidSync before the closing time or the system will stop the process and the response will be considered late and will not be accepted.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

No part of your proposal can be submitted via **HARDCOPY, EMAIL, OR FAX**. No variation in price or conditions shall be permitted based upon a claim of ignorance. Submission of a proposal will be considered evidence that the Bidder/Proposer has familiarized themselves with the nature and extent of the work, and the equipment, materials, and labor required. The entire proposal response must be submitted in accordance with all specifications contained in the solicitation electronically.

SECTION 2 – SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.1 PURPOSE

This Request to Qualify (RTQ) will establish a pool of pre-qualified vendors capable of providing/delivering groceries for various Miami-Dade County (MDC) Departments. Entry into the pre-qualification pool is not a contract between MDC and any member of the pool, but rather is an acknowledgement that the pool member satisfies the pre-qualification criteria set forth below for inclusion in the pool. Pre-qualified vendors will be invited to participate in future Request for Quotations (RFQ). The pool shall remain open for the term of the RTQ, enabling vendors to qualify at any time after the initial RTQ opening date.

2.2 CONFERENCES

A. Request for Quotations (RFQ)
Pre-bid conferences may apply to subsequent RFQ if so defined.

2.3 TERM

The pre-qualification pool will begin on the first calendar day of the month succeeding approval by the Board of County Commissioners, or designee, unless otherwise stipulated in the Notice of Award Letter which is distributed by the County's Internal Services Department, Procurement Management Services Division, and contingent upon the completion and submittal of all required RFQ documents. The pre-qualification pool shall expire on the last day of the last month of the **eight (8) year period.**

2.4 QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Submitters shall provide all of the qualifying information and or documents, as listed on this paragraph, with their submittal form in order to be placed on a list for participation in future requests for quotes.

1. Three current references of existing customers; other than the MDC. The references listed must be customers that are currently receiving or have recently received from the submitter the same types of goods described in this RTQ. These references shall ascertain to the County's satisfaction that the Submitter has sufficient experience and expertise in supplying meats and miscellaneous items.

2. Submitter shall be equipped with a facsimile (FAX) and / or e-mail address. Either source must be available twenty-four (24) hours a day. The submitter's facility shall be staffed by representatives who can be contacted Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

3. Proof of Integrated Pest Management from a licensed pest control company. A letter by a licensed pest control company stating that the submitter's firm has scheduled pest control services performed within the last year at the submitter's place of business.

Submitters shall provide all of the specified information, documents and attachments listed above with their submittal form as poof of compliance to the requirement of this RTQ. However, the County may, at its sole discretion and in its best interest, allow Submitters to complete, supplement or supply the required documents.

Submitters wishing to participate on future RFQ pertaining to PHCD are required to comply with the requirements of Section 2.5 (I).

It shall be the sole prerogative of the County as to the number of Submitters who will be included under this RTQ. During the term of this RTQ, the County reserves the right to add or delete Submitters as it deems necessary and in its best interests.

2.5 EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN CLAUSES

Quotes to be awarded under this RTQ may be accessed by federally funded department(s). As a federally funded department(s), certain clauses within this RTQ do not apply to that department's allocation:

Section 1 Paragraph 1.10 (Local Preferences); Section 1 Paragraph 1.27 (Office of the Inspector General); Section 1 Paragraph 1.35 (County User Access Program- UAP); Section 1 Paragraph 1.43 (Small Business Contract Measures); Section 1 Paragraph 1.44 (Local Certified Service-Disabled Veteran's Business Enterprises Preference); and Section 1 Paragraph 1.46 (First Source Hiring Referral Program).

I. PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (PHCD) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Submitters wishing to participate on future RFQ pertaining to PHCD are required to submit **Form HUD-5369-C - Certifications and Representations of Offerors Non-Construction Contract**, with their submittal.

a) **HUD Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction (Form HUD-5369-B)**
This provision is designed to provide information to prospective contractors about the solicitation stage of the procurement process. Terms and conditions which apply to the contract upon award are referred to as contract clauses. Form HUD-5369-B contains provisions to be included in all solicitations for non-construction work.

b) **Certifications and Representations of Offerors Non-Construction Contract (Form HUD-5369-C)**
Form HUD-5369-C includes clauses required by OMB's common rule on bidding/offering procedures, implemented by HUD in 24 CFR 85.36, and those requirements set forth in Executive Order 11625 for small, minority, women-owned businesses, and certifications for independent price determination, and conflict of interest.

c) **General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts Section I – (With or without Maintenance Work) (Form HUD-5370-C)**
This form is applicable to any contract agreement entered into between Miami-Dade County, as represented by PHCD, and the successful offeror(s). Form HUD-5370-C includes clauses required by 24 CFR 85.36(i) necessary for non-construction contracts.

2.6 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS DUE TO USE OF FEDERAL FUNDING

Since the goods, services, and/or equipment that will be acquired under this solicitation will be purchased, in part or in whole, with federal funding, it is hereby agreed and understood that Section 60-250.4, Section 60-250.5 and Section 60-741.4 of Title 4 of the United States Code, which addresses Affirmative Action requirements for handicapped workers, is incorporated into this solicitation and resultant contract by reference.

2.7 ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTED PACKAGING

Effective June 16, 1992, all contracts in excess of ten thousand ($10,000) dollars will be affected by Resolution Number R738-92 amending Miami-Dade County Administrative Order 3-2 (relating to the procurement of goods and services).

As a waste management alternative, and as an additional means of reducing the volume and toxicity of waste and by-products entering Florida's solid waste stream, Miami-Dade County has instituted the following policy with regard to source reduction.

In order to discourage excessive packaging of a product solely for marketing purposes and to encourage packaging for purposes of ensuring durability, re-usability and recyclability. No goods shall be purchased if the goods constitute less than 90 percent (by volume) of the item being purchased or if the goods contains more than 10 percent package and packing material (by volume). No packaging shall be purchased which is not environmentally acceptable packaging.

For purposes of meeting the requirements of this resolution, "Environmentally Acceptable" shall be defined as; any item that is returnable for reuse or recycling, or which is recyclable.

In order to insure compliance with this resolution, vendors shall indicate in the space provided on the Bid/Proposal Submission Form or elsewhere as required by this solicitation, the method to be used for returning packaging materials to the distributor in conjunction with this solicitation and/or by completing the General Services Certification of Recycled Product Content Form indicating the ability of the materials to be recycled through existing recycling collection programs.

Appeals for waiver of these requirements may be made in writing to the County Manager through the Director of Procurement Management. No waiver shall be effective unless approved by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners. Offers failing to provide this information may result in being declared non-responsive; however the vendor shall be given the opportunity to provide the information during the offer evaluation period. At such time, the vendor shall be given fifteen (15) calendar days to submit this information.

Vendors wishing to obtain a copy of the complete resolution should contact The Clerk of the Board at 305-375-5126.

2.8 SHELF LIFE OF STOCK

The successful bidder(s) shall supply the County with fresh stock only and shall insure that items with a limited shelf life are inspected and certified fresh by the bidder prior to shipment to the County. In light of the recent terrorist acts, successful bidders are required to implement any and all precautionary measures to ensure safety of all stock items required on the RFQ.

2.9 STOCK LEVELS SHALL BE MAINTAINED BY BIDDER

The successful bidder(s) shall ensure that adequate stock levels are maintained at its place of business in order to assure the County of prompt delivery. If the delivery terms specified in the RFQ are not fulfilled by

the successful bidder(s), the County reserves the right to cancel the order, purchase the goods elsewhere, and charge the successful bidder(s) for any reprocurement costs incurred by the County.

2.10 TESTING OF RANDOMS SAMPLES

During the term established on the RFQ, samples of delivered items may be randomly selected and tested for compliance with these specifications. If it is found that the delivered commodities do not conform to the specifications, the county shall require replacement within a reasonable length of time and may cancel the order for cause.

2.11 SAMPLES MAY BE REQUIRED DURING EVALUATION

After the County opens the bids received through a RFQ, the successful bidder(s) may be required to submit a sample for the goods to be supplied for evaluation by, and at no cost to the County. If samples are required, the County will notify the bidder of such in writing and will specify the deadline for submission of the samples. Each individual sample shall be clearly labeled with the bidder's name, bid number, bid title, manufacturer's name and brand name, and style number if applicable. If the bidder fails to submit the samples, properly labeled, within the specified date stipulated in the notice, the County shall not consider the bidder's proposal for that item(s); provided however, that in the event of a group or aggregate award, the bidder's proposal will not be eligible for that group or in the aggregate as applicable. All samples shall become the property of Miami-Dade County.

The County reserves the right to perform its own testing procedures or to send any and all samples any certifiable laboratory for analysis. Any costs for testing shall be borne by bidder. On the basis of this testing and analysis, the County shall be sole judge of the acceptability of the sample in conformance with the bid specifications and its decision shall be final. Any sample submitted shall create an express warranty that the whole of the goods and/or services to be provided by the bidder during the contract period shall conform to the sample submitted. The bidder shall be required to provide adequate restitution to the County, in the manner prescribed by the County, if this warranty is violated during the term of the contract.

2.12 CONTACT PERSON:

For any additional information regarding the terms and conditions of this solicitation and resultant contract, Contact: Mike Ramos, at (305) 375-5215, email: ramosmi@miamidade.gov.

SECTION 3 – TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 SCOPE OF WORK

This solicitation is intended to establish a pool of Prequalified Vendors capable of providing / delivering groceries for Miami-Dade County (MDC). Pre-Qualified Vendors will participate on future RFQs.

3.2 GRADING BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

All canned products must be packed under the United State Government supervision. The U.S. Grade stamp is required on all cans. U.S. Grade standards are shown to establish minimum acceptable standards. Any pre-qualified vendor bidding on items not graded by or having lot inspection certificate by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Grading Service must submit samples for inspection prior to awards. Miami-Dade County shall be the sole determiner of acceptance of products. These samples will be checked as applicable for:

Drained Weight
Fill of Container
Net Weight
Total Number of Half Cup Servings
Size and uniformity of Size
Texture and General Acceptance
Flavor
Color
Absence of Defects
Packing Medium
Cost per serving

3.3 FRUIT JUICES, NECTARS, AND DRINK MIX

Beverage base must meet the following specifications based on an 8 ounce serving.

Serving Size: 8 Ounces

Nutritive Sweetener:	2.6 ready to drink
Vitamin C	25% Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) per serving
Vitamin B1	25% RDA per serving
Vitamin A	25% RDA per serving

Taste and flavor characteristics of named flavor.

Sample of each flavor of product and a complete label must be submitted for approval prior to award of a RFQ. No generic brands will be approved. **PRODUCTS MUST BE PAREVE.**

3.4 SAMPLE ITEMS

The following are samples of items that may be purchased during the term of the contract:

Canned Fruit (i.e. canned peaches, pears, pineapple, and applesauce)
Starch National (100 LB)
Beans (i.e. black, vegetarian baked)
Corn Meal (50 LB)
Mayonnaise, Individual (Foil Pack)
Jello – Cherry, Lemon, Lime, Orange, etc.
Jelly, Individual Packed
Basil
Bijol
Onion, Dehydrated
Thyme
Worcestershire Sauce
Soup Base – Beef, Chicken
Soup Base, NB – Beef, Chicken, White, Vegetable (12/1 LB)
Sugar, Light Brown - (24/1 LB)
Sugar, Substitute - (1000 per Case)
Canned Fruit, Diet - 24/3030 (i.e. peaches, pears)
Canned Juice – Grape, Apple, Orange, Etc. (12/46 OZ)
Oatmeal Pie
Raisin Crème Pie

3.5 TRANS FATS

All items purchased from this contract must not contain Trans Fats.

Firm Name: _____

Section 2 Paragraph 2.4 Qualification Criteria #1

Three (3) current references of existing customers; other than the MDC. The references listed must be customers that are currently receiving or have recently received from the submitter the same types of goods described in this RTQ.

Company Name	Contact Person - Name	Contact Person - Title	Customer Address	Telephone Number	E-Mail Address

Section 2 Paragraph 2.4 Qualification Criteria #2

Submitter shall be equipped with a facsimile (FAX) and / or e-mail address. Either source must be available twenty-four (24) hours a day. The submitter's facility shall be staffed by representatives who can be contacted Monday thru

Company Name	Contact Person - Name	Company Phone Number	Company Address	Fax Number	E-Mail Address
The submitter's facility is staffed by representatives who can be contacted Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM: Yes____ No____					

Section 2 Paragraph 2.4 Qualification Criteria #3

Proof of Integrated Pest Management from a licensed pest control company. A letter by a licensed pest control company stating that the submitter's firm has scheduled pest control services performed within the last year at the

The submitter provided a letter by a licensed pest control company: Yes____ No____

Section 2 Paragraph 2.5 (i)

PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (PHCD) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Submitters wishing to participate on future RFQ pertaining to PHCD are required to submit Form HUD-5369-C with their submittal form.

Form HUD-5369-C submitted: Yes____ No____

Instructions to Offerors Non-Construction

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

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1. Preparation of Offers

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

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

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

2. Submission of Offers

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

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

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

3. Amendments to Solicitations

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

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

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

4. Explanation to Prospective Offerors

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

5. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

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

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

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

6. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Offers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Contract Award

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

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

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

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

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

8. Service of Protest

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

9. Offer Submission

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

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

[Describe bid or proposal preparation instructions here:]

Certifications and Representations of Offerors
Non-Construction Contract

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

This form includes clauses required by OMB's common rule on bidding/offering procedures, implemented by HUD in 24 CFR 85.36, and those requirements set forth in Executive Order 11625 for small, minority, women-owned businesses, and certifications for independent price determination, and conflict of interest. The form is required for nonconstruction contracts awarded by Housing Agencies (HAs). The form is used by bidders/offerors to certify to the HA's Contracting Officer for contract compliance. If the form were not used, HAs would be unable to enforce their contracts. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a benefit or to retain a benefit. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality.

1. Contingent Fee Representation and Agreement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) ☐ is, ☐ is not a minority enterprise which, pursuant to Executive Order 11625, is defined as a business which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its voting stock is owned by one or more minority group members, and whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more such individuals.

For the purpose of this definition, minority group members are:

(Check the block applicable to you)

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

3. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

(a) The bidder/offeror certifies that—

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

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

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

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

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

(2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above (insert full name of person(s) in the bidder/offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the bidder/offeror's organization);

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

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

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

4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Certification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. Authorized Negotiators (RFPs only)

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

6. Conflict of Interest

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

7. Offeror's Signature

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

_____

Signature & Date:

_____

Typed or Printed Name:

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Title:

_____

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section I – (With or without Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing
Office of Labor Relations
OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (exp. 01/31/2014)

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

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

Section I - Clauses for All Non-Construction Contracts greater than $100,000

1. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this contract:

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

2. Changes

(a) The HA may at any time, by written order, and without notice to the sureties, if any, make changes within the general scope of this contract in the services to be performed or supplies to be delivered.
(b) If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the hourly rate, the not-to-exceed amount of the contract, or the time required for performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed by the order, or otherwise affects the conditions of this contract, the HA shall make an equitable adjustment in the not-to-exceed amount, the hourly rate, the delivery schedule, or other affected terms, and shall modify the contract accordingly.
(c) The Contractor must assert its right to an equitable adjustment under this clause within 30 days from the date of receipt of the written order. However, if the HA decides that the facts justify it, the HA may receive and act upon a proposal submitted before final payment of the contract.
(d) Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute under clause Disputes, herein. However, nothing in this clause shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed.
(e) No services for which an additional cost or fee will be charged by the Contractor shall be furnished without the prior written consent of the HA.

3. Termination for Convenience and Default

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

4. Examination and Retention of Contractor's Records

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

(b) The Contractor agrees to include in first-tier subcontracts under this contract a clause substantially the same as paragraph (a) above. "Subcontract," as used in this clause, excludes purchase orders not exceeding $10,000.

(c) The periods of access and examination in paragraphs (a) and (b) above for records relating to:
(i) appeals under the clause titled Disputes;
(ii) litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract; or,
(iii) costs and expenses of this contract to which the HA, HUD, or Comptroller General or any of their duly authorized representatives has taken exception shall continue until disposition of such appeals, litigation, claims, or exceptions.

5. Rights in Data (Ownership and Proprietary Interest)

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

6. Energy Efficiency

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

7. Disputes

(a) All disputes arising under or relating to this contract, *except for disputes arising under clauses contained in Section III, Labor Standards Provisions,* including any claims for damages for the alleged breach there of which are not disposed of by agreement, shall be resolved under this clause.

(b) All claims by the Contractor shall be made in writing and submitted to the HA. A claim by the HA against the Contractor shall be subject to a written decision by the HA.

(c) The HA shall, with reasonable promptness, but in no event in no more than 60 days, render a decision concerning any claim hereunder. Unless the Contractor, within 30 days after receipt of the HA's decision, shall notify the HA in writing that it takes exception to such decision, the decision shall be final and conclusive.

(d) Provided the Contractor has (i) given the notice within the time stated in paragraph (c) above, and (ii) excepted its claim relating to such decision from the final release, and (iii) brought suit against the HA not later than one year after receipt of final payment, or if final payment has not been made, not later than one year after the Contractor has had a reasonable time to respond to a written request by the HA that it submit a final voucher and release, whichever is earlier, then the HA's decision shall not be final or conclusive, but the dispute shall be determined on the merits by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(e) The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal, or action arising under the contract, and comply with any decision of the HA.

8. Contract Termination; Debarment

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

9. Assignment of Contract

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

10. Certificate and Release

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

11. Organizational Conflicts of Interest

(a) The Contractor warrants that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, it does not have any organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of work under this contract and a contractor's organizational, financial, contractual or other interests are such that:
(i) Award of the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage; or
(ii) The Contractor's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired.

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

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

(d) The terms of this clause shall be included in all subcontracts and consulting agreements wherein the work to be performed is similar to the service provided by the prime Contractor. The Contractor shall include in such subcontracts and consulting agreements any necessary provisions to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest.

12. Inspection and Acceptance

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

product of work shall be deemed accepted as submitted if the HA does not issue written comments and/or required corrections within 30 days from the date of receipt of such product from the Contractor.

(b) The Contractor shall make any required corrections promptly at no additional charge and return a revised copy of the product to the HA within 7 days of notification or a later date if extended by the HA.

(c) Failure by the Contractor to proceed with reasonable promptness to make necessary corrections shall be a default. If the Contractor's submission of corrected work remains unacceptable, the HA may terminate this contract (or the task order involved) or reduce the contract price or cost to reflect the reduced value of services received.

13. Interest of Members of Congress

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

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

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

15. Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Prohibition.

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

(ii) The prohibition does not apply as follows:

(1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Professional and technical services.

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

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

(ii) Any reasonable payment to a person, other than an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action if the payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action. Persons other than officers or employees of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action include consultants and trade associations.

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

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

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

(iii) Selling activities by independent sales representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16. Equal Employment Opportunity

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

(a) The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(b) The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to (1) employment; (2) upgrading; (3) demotion; (4) transfer; (5) recruitment or recruitment advertising; (6) layoff or termination; (7) rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and (8) selection for training, including apprenticeship.

(c) The Contractor shall post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment the notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer that explain this clause.

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

(e) The Contractor shall send, to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, the notice to be provided by the Contracting Officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this clause, and post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(f) The Contractor shall comply with Executive Order 11246, as amended, and the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(g) The Contractor shall furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246, as amended and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto. The Contractor shall permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(h) In the event of a determination that the Contractor is not in compliance with this clause or any rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts, or federally assisted construction contracts under the procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246, as amended. In addition, sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked against the Contractor as provided in Executive Order 11246, as amended, the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(i) The Contractor shall include the terms and conditions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued under Executive Order 11246, as amended, so that these terms and conditions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontractor or purchase order as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Labor may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance; provided that if the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

17. Dissemination or Disclosure of Information

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

18. Contractor's Status

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

19. Other Contractors

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

20. Liens

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

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

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

(b) The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the Part 135 regulations.

(c) The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of

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

(d) The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.

(e) The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.

(f) Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

22. Procurement of Recovered Materials

(a) In accordance with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Contractor shall procure items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition. The Contractor shall procure items designated in the EPA guidelines that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable unless the Contractor determines that such items: (1) are not reasonably available in a reasonable period of time; (2) fail to meet reasonable performance standards, which shall be determined on the basis of the guidelines of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, if applicable to the item; or (3) are only available at an unreasonable price.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this clause shall apply to items purchased under this contract where: (1) the Contractor purchases in excess of $10,000 of the item under this contract; or (2) during the preceding Federal fiscal year, the Contractor: (i) purchased any amount of the items for use under a contract that was funded with Federal appropriations and was with a Federal agency or a State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State; and (ii) purchased a total of in excess of $10,000 of the item both under and outside that contract.

Miami-Dade County
Procurement Management Services
Solicitation Submittal Form

111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1300, Miami, FL 33128

Solicitation No. RTQ-00112	Solicitation Title: Groceries		
Legal Company Name (include d/b/a if applicable):	Federal Tax Identification Number:		
If Corporation - **Date Incorporated/Organized**:	**State Incorporated/Organized:**		
Company Operating Address:	City	State	Zip Code
Remittance Address (if different from ordering address):	City	State	Zip Code
Company Contact Person:	**Email Address:**		
Phone Number (include area code): / **Fax Number** (include area code):	**Company?s Internet Web Address:**		

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Ordinance 94-34, any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture or other legal entity having an officer, director, or executive who has been convicted of a felony during the past ten (10) years shall disclose this information prior to entering into a contract with or receiving funding from the County.

☐ Place a check mark here only if the Bidder has such conviction to disclose to comply with this requirement.

LOCAL PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION: For the purpose of this certification, a ?local business? is a business located within the limits of Miami-Dade County (or Broward County in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between the two counties) that has a valid Local Business Tax Receipt, issued by Miami-Dade County; has a physical business address located within the limits of Miami-Dade County from which business is performed; and contributes to the economic development of the community in a verifiable and measurable way. This may include, but not be limited to, the retention and expansion of employment opportunities and the support and increase to the County?s tax base.

☐ Place a check mark here only if affirming the Bidder meets the requirements for Local Preference. **Failure to complete this certification at this time (by checking the box above) may render the vendor ineligible for Local Preference.**

LOCALLY-HEADQUARTERED BUSINESS CERTIFICATION: For the purpose of this certification, a ?locally-headquartered business? is a Local Business whose ?principal place of business? is in Miami-Dade County or Broward County in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between the two counties.

☐ **Place a check mark here only if affirming the Bidder meets requirements for the Locally-Headquartered Preference (LHP). Failure to complete this certification at this time (by checking the box) may render the vendor ineligible for the LHP.**

The address of the Locally-headquartered office is:

LOCAL CERTIFIED SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION: A Local Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise is a firm that is (a) a local business pursuant to Section 2-8.5 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and (b) prior to bid submission is certified by the State of Florida Department of Management Services as a service-disabled veteran business enterprise pursuant to Section 295.187 of the Florida Statutes.

☐ **Place a check mark here only if affirming the Bidder is a Local Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise. A copy of the certification must be submitted with the bid.**

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CONTRACT MEASURES (If Applicable)

An SBE/Micro Business Enterprise must be certified by Small Business Development for the type of goods and/or services the Bidder provides in accordance with the applicable Commodity Code(s) for this Solicitation. For certification information contact Small Business Development at (305) 375-2378 or access http://www.miamidade.gov/business/business-certification-programs.asp. The SBE/Micro Business Enterprise must be certified by the solicitation?s submission deadline, at contract award, and for the duration of the contract to remain eligible for the preference. Firms that graduate from the SBE program during the contract may remain on the contract.

Is your firm a Miami-Dade County Certified Small Business Enterprise? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

If yes, please provide your Certification Number: _____

SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES WITH ACTIVITIES IN SUDAN LIST OR THE SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES WITH ACTIVITIES IN THE IRAN PETROLEUM ENERGY SECTOR LIST:

By executing this bid through a duly authorized representative, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, as those terms are used and defined in sections 287.135 and 215.473 of the Florida Statutes. In the event that the Bidder is unable to provide such certification but still seeks to be considered for award of this solicitation, the Bidder shall execute the bid response package through a duly authorized representative and shall also initial this space: _____. In such event, the Bidder shall furnish together with its bid response a duly executed written explanation of the facts supporting any exception to the requirement for certification that it claims under Section 287.135 of the Florida Statutes. The Bidder agrees to cooperate fully with the County in any investigation undertaken by the County to determine whether the claimed exception would be applicable. The County shall have the right to terminate any contract resulting from this solicitation for default if the Bidder is found to have submitted a false certification or to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies for Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED AND AFFIRMED THAT THE BIDDER SHALL ACCEPT ANY AWARDS MADE AS A RESULT OF THIS SOLICITATION. BIDDER FURTHER AGREES THAT PRICES QUOTED WILL REMAIN FIXED FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS FROM DATE SOLICITATION IS DUE.

Bidder?s Authorized Representative?s Signature	**Date**

Type or Print Name

_____

THE EXECUTION OF THIS FORM CONSTITUTES THE UNEQUIVOCAL OFFER OF THE BIDDER TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ITS OFFER. FAILURE TO SIGN THIS SOLICITATION WHERE INDICATED ABOVE BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL RENDER THE BID NON-RESPONSIVE. THE COUNTY MAY, HOWEVER, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, ACCEPT ANY RESPONSE THAT INCLUDES AN EXECUTED DOCUMENT WHICH UNEQUIVOCALLY BINDS THE BIDDER TO THE TERMS OF ITS OFFER.

FAIR SUBCONTRACTING PRACTICES

In compliance with Miami-Dade County Code Section 2-8.8, the Bidder/Proposer shall submit with the proposal a detailed statement of its policies and procedures (use separate sheet if necessary) for awarding subcontractors.

☐ **NO SUBCONTRACTORS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THIS CONTRACT**

Signature

Date

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER LISTING
(Miami-Dade County Code Sections 2-8.1, 2-8.8 and 10-34)

Name of Bidder/Proposer: _____ FEIN No. _____

In accordance with Sections 2-8.1, 2-8.8 and 10.34 of the Miami-Dade County Code, this form must be submitted as a condition of award by all Bidders/Proposers on County contracts for purchase of supplies, materials or services, including professional services which involve expenditures of $100,000 or more, and all Proposers on County or Public Health Trust construction contracts which involve expenditures of $100,000 or more. The Bidder/Proposer who is awarded this contract shall not change or substitute first tier subcontractors or direct suppliers or the portions of the contract work to be performed or materials to be supplied from those identified, except upon written approval of the County. The Bidder/Proposer should enter the word ?NONE? under the appropriate heading of this form if no subcontractors or suppliers will be used on the contract and sign the form below.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 11-90, an entity contracting with the County shall report the race, gender and ethnic origin of the owners and employees of all first tier subcontractors/suppliers. In the event that the recommended Bidder/Proposer demonstrates to the County prior to award that the race, gender, and ethnic information is not reasonably available at that time, the Bidder/Proposer shall be obligated to exercise diligent efforts to obtain that information and provide the same to the County not later than ten (10) days after it becomes available and, in any event, prior to final payment under the contract.

(Please duplicate this form if additional space is needed.)

Business Name and Address of First Tier Direct Supplier	Principal Owner	Supplies/ Materials/ Services to be Provided by Supplier	Principal Owner (Enter the number of male and female owners by race/ethnicity)								Employee(s) (Enter the number of male and female employees and the number of employees by race/ethnicity)							
			M	F	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American/ Native Alaskan	Other	M	F	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American/ Native Alaskan	Other

Business Name and Address of First Tier Subcontractor/ Subconsultant	Principal Owner	Scope of Work to be Performed by Subcontractor/ Subconsultant	Principal Owner (Enter the number of male and female owners by race/ethnicity)								Employee(s) (Enter the number of male and female employees and the number of employees by race/ethnicity)							
			M	F	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American/ Native Alaskan	Other	M	F	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American/ Native Alaskan	Other

☐ Mark here if race, gender and ethnicity information is not available and will be provided at a later date. This data may be submitted to contracting department or on-line to the Small Business Development of the Internal Services Department at http://www.miamidade.gov/business/business-development-contracts.asp. As a condition of final payment, Bidder/Proposer shall provide subcontractor information on the Subcontractor Payment Report Sub 200 form which can be found at http://www.miamidade.gov/business/library/forms/subcontractors -payment.pdf.

I certify that the representations contained in this Subcontractor/Supplier listing are to the best of my knowledge true and accurate.

Signature of Bidder/Proposer	Print Name	Print Title	Date

Miami-Dade County

Contractor Due Diligence Affidavit

Per Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (Board) Resolution No. R-63-14, County Vendors and Contractors shall disclose the following as a condition of award for any contract that exceeds one million dollars ($1,000,000) or that otherwise must be presented to the Board for approval:

(1) Provide a list of all lawsuits in the five (5) years prior to bid or proposal submittal that have been filed against the firm, its directors, partners, principals and/or board members based on a breach of contract by the firm; include the case name, number and disposition;

(2) Provide a list of any instances in the five (5) years prior to bid or proposal submittal where the firm has defaulted; include a brief description of the circumstances;

(3) Provide a list of any instances in the five (5) years prior to bid or proposal submittal where the firm has been debarred or received a formal notice of non-compliance or non-performance, such as a notice to cure or a suspension from participating or bidding for contracts, whether related to Miami-Dade County or not.

All of the above information shall be attached to the executed affidavit and submitted to the Procurement Contracting Officer (PCO)/ AE Selection Coordinator overseeing this solicitation. The Vendor/Contractor attests to providing all of the above information, if applicable, to the PCO.

Contract No. : _____ **Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN):** _____

Contract Title: _____

Printed Name of Affiant	Printed Title of Affiant	Signature of Affiant
Name of Firm		Date
Address of Firm	State	Zip Code

Notary Public Information

Notary Public ? State of _____ County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of, _____ 20___

by _____ He or she is personally known to me or has produced identification

Type of identification produced _____

Signature of Notary Public _____ Serial Number _____

Print or Stamp of Notary Public _____ Expiration Date _____ Notary Public Seal _____

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

CERTIFICATION OF RECYCLED ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE PACKAGING PRODUCT CONTENT

RESOLUTION (R-738-92) Section 1 (1.8 C)

MINIMUM CERTIFIED CONTENT						
Bid Item Number	RECYCLED PRODUCTS		RECOVERED MATERIALS		RECYCABLE PRODUCTS	
	% Composition	Type of Material	% Composition	Type of Material	% Composition	Type of Material

DEFINITIONS

"Recycled Material" shall be defined as any waste material or by-products that have been recovered or diverted from solid waste.

"Recycled Product" shall be defined as any product which is in whole or in part composed of recovered materials.

"Recyclable Product" shall be defined as the ability of a product and its packaging to be reused, reconditioned for use, or recycled through existing recycling collection programs.

"Waste Reducing Product" shall be defined as any product which will result in less waste generated due to its use rather than another product designed to serve the same function with a greater waste generation rate. This shall include, but not limited to those products that can be reused, refilled or have a longer life expectancy and contain a lesser amount of toxic constituents.

I have the knowledge to certify and do so by certify that the Minimum Materials Content in our product(s) are as specified on this form and conform with the definitions as shown above.

NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY	**STATE**	**ZIP**
SIGNATURE	**TITLE**	

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Question and Answers for Bid #RTQ-00112 - Groceries

OVERALL BID QUESTIONS

Question 1

We are a national supplier of extended shelf-life emergency foods (but not fresh or frozen foods) with considerable experience working with public agencies and schools across the U.S. May we pre-qualify our company as a supplier of these items in response to this bid solicitation? **(Submitted: Aug 21, 2014 12:25:03 PM EDT)**

Answer

- Please refer to Section 3.4 for sample items that may be purchased during the term of the contract. Also, please refer to section 2.4 for qualification criteria. **(Answered: Aug 22, 2014 4:15:21 PM EDT)**

Question 2

We are a direct manufacturing of spices and seasonings, and we do not subcontract any of our work. How shall we fill out the "Subcontractor Listing" - can we mark both sections (subcontractor and suppliers) as N/A? **(Submitted: Aug 25, 2014 9:05:20 AM EDT)**

Answer

- This affidavit is to be filled out when using sub-contractors or suppliers. **(Answered: Aug 25, 2014 9:06:16 AM EDT)**

Question 3

Does the affidavit need to be notarized, and then uploaded, or can we type out the information without notarization (since the electronic signature on bidsync acts as a signature? **(Submitted: Aug 25, 2014 9:07:56 AM EDT)**

Answer

- All the required forms and documents need to be executed as indicated on the respective form. Forms that require a Notary Public seal need to the notarized. The electronic signature through bid sync is allowed. **(Answered: Aug 25, 2014 9:10:30 AM EDT)**

Question Deadline: Aug 27, 2014 2:00:00 PM EDT