YORK HOUSING AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

THIRD-PARTY DEBT COLLECTION SERVICES (2027-2029)

RFP No.: YHA-2026-03

Issue Date: October 12, 2026

Proposal Due Date: December 1, 2026, at 12:00 PM

Contract Term: Three (3) Years (2027-2029) with Two (2) One-Year Renewal Options

1. NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The York Housing Authority ("YHA") solicits proposals from qualified and experienced debt collection firms to provide third-party collection services for delinquent and former-resident accounts owed to YHA.

The selected Contractor shall provide professional, ethical, lawful, and cost-effective collection services designed to maximize recovery of valid debts while protecting the rights and privacy of current and former residents.

This procurement shall be conducted in accordance with YHA's Board-approved Procurement Policy and applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

2. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

This procurement is a non-construction, non-maintenance service contract. YHA shall conduct the procurement in accordance with YHA's Procurement Policy; applicable provisions of 2 CFR Part 200; applicable HUD statutes, regulations, notices, handbooks, and guidance; HUD Public and Indian Housing Procurement Handbook 7460.8; applicable Commonwealth of Pennsylvania law; and applicable federal and state debt-collection requirements.

3. REQUIRED HUD PROCUREMENT FORMS

The following HUD forms and federal contract provisions shall be included in the solicitation/contract package, as applicable to this non-construction debt collection services procurement:

A. HUD-5369-B – Instructions to Offerors – Non-Construction.

B. HUD-5369 - Instructions to Bidders for Contracts.

C. HUD-5370-C – General Contract Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, Section I, when applicable based on the form's applicability provisions, contract value, funding source, and other applicable HUD requirements.

4. BACKGROUND

YHA operates federally assisted housing programs and maintains accounts receivable arising from obligations of current and former residents. Collectible accounts may include unpaid rent, tenant-caused damages, maintenance charges, repayment agreements, overpayments, unpaid lawful charges, move-out balances, judgments, and other legally collectible amounts owed to YHA.

Utility charges are expressly excluded from the scope of collectible debts under this RFP.

5. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The selected Contractor shall provide third-party collection services for accounts referred by YHA. Services may include account placement and verification; written collection notices; telephone and permitted electronic communications; skip tracing; address verification; payment arrangements; collection of delinquent accounts; dispute processing; bankruptcy monitoring; credit reporting where legally permissible and authorized; estate/deceased-debtor procedures; reporting to YHA; remittance of collections; and other lawful collection activities authorized by YHA.

6. YHA AUTHORITY OVER ACCOUNTS

All accounts referred to Contractor remain the property of YHA. Contractor shall not sell, assign, transfer, pledge, securitize, write off, compromise, waive, reduce, or otherwise dispose of a YHA account without written authorization from YHA, except where specifically authorized by the resulting contract.

7. COLLECTION AUTHORITY

Contractor shall operate only within the authority granted by YHA and applicable law. Contractor shall not initiate litigation, obtain a judgment, execute upon a judgment, garnish wages, levy assets, or undertake other legal proceedings without prior written authorization from YHA.

8. LEGAL COLLECTION

If legal action is recommended, Contractor shall provide YHA with the debtor, account balance, age of debt, applicable statute-of-limitations considerations, prior collection activity, proposed legal action, estimated costs, anticipated attorney fees, likelihood of recovery, and other material considerations. YHA reserves the right to separately procure legal services.

9. FEDERAL AND STATE DEBT-COLLECTION COMPLIANCE

Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal and state requirements, including, where applicable, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), CFPB Regulation F (12 CFR Part 1006), Fair Credit Reporting Act, Telephone Consumer Protection Act, federal bankruptcy law, applicable privacy requirements, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania debt-collection and consumer-protection requirements.

10. PROHIBITED COLLECTION PRACTICES

Contractor shall not misrepresent the amount or status of a debt; collect amounts not authorized by YHA or permitted by law; threaten unauthorized legal action; use harassment, intimidation, or abusive practices; misrepresent its relationship with YHA; represent itself as a governmental entity; disclose debt information to unauthorized persons; pursue collection contrary to applicable bankruptcy protections; or otherwise violate applicable law.

11. DISPUTED ACCOUNTS

Contractor shall maintain procedures for promptly identifying and handling disputed debts. Contractor shall take all actions required by applicable law and promptly notify YHA when YHA documentation or action is required.

12. DATA SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Contractor shall maintain appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards for YHA information; restrict access to authorized personnel; maintain secure systems; protect information in transit and at rest; maintain security-incident procedures; promptly notify YHA of suspected breaches; protect personally identifiable information; restrict subcontractor access; and securely return or destroy YHA information upon termination when legally permissible.

13. REPORTING

Contractor shall provide monthly reports containing, at minimum: account number; date placed; original balance; amount collected; date collected; collection method; Contractor fee; other authorized charges; net amount remitted to YHA; remaining balance; account status; payment arrangement; dispute status; legal status; bankruptcy status; and closure reason. YHA may require additional account-level reports.

14. COLLECTION REMITTANCE

All collections shall be accounted for separately and remitted to YHA in accordance with the contract. Each remittance shall identify gross collections, Contractor compensation, other authorized deductions, net amount remitted, and the accounts associated with the remittance. Contractor shall not deduct unauthorized fees or expenses.

15. COMPENSATION

Proposers shall submit a complete compensation proposal and clearly state the basis upon which any percentage fee is calculated. All compensation, fees, commissions, expenses, and other charges must be fully disclosed. No additional compensation shall be payable unless specifically incorporated into the resulting contract.

16. NO GUARANTEED VOLUME

YHA makes no representation or guarantee concerning the number of accounts referred, aggregate dollar value of accounts, annual collections, collection rate, or compensation payable to Contractor.

17. QUALIFICATIONS

Proposers shall demonstrate at least three years of debt-collection experience; experience with governmental or public-sector clients, preferably; experience with residential or tenant debt, preferably; applicable licensing; adequate staffing; secure technology; appropriate reporting systems; written compliance procedures; and satisfactory past performance.

18. REQUIRED PROPOSAL CONTENT

Each proposal shall contain: (1) Letter of Interest; (2) Firm Information; (3) Qualifications and Experience; (4) Collection Methodology; (5) Compliance Program; (6) Data Security; (7) Technology and Reporting; (8) Staffing; (9) References; (10) Compensation Proposal; (11) Exceptions to RFP; (12) HUD-5369-C Certifications and Representations; and (13) Other Required Certifications.

19. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Evaluation Factor	Points
Qualifications and experience	20
Collection methodology	20
Compliance program	15
Technology, reporting and data security	15
References/past performance	10
Compensation	15
Staffing/account management	5
TOTAL	100

YHA intends to evaluate proposals using the following criteria.

20. HUD FORM INCORPORATION

The solicitation/contract package shall include, as applicable: Exhibit 1 – HUD-5369-B; Exhibit 2 – HUD-5369; Exhibit 3 – HUD-5370-C Section I, when applicable; Exhibit 4 – Sample YHA Contract

21. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Prior to award, YHA shall verify that the proposed Contractor is not suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from participation in applicable federal transactions. Contractor shall notify YHA if its eligibility changes during the contract term.

22. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Proposer shall disclose actual, potential, or apparent conflicts of interest involving YHA Board members, officers, employees, consultants, or agents and shall comply with YHA and applicable federal conflict-of-interest requirements.

23. CONTINGENT FEES

Because compensation may be calculated as a percentage of collections, proposers shall disclose all commissions, contingent fees, referral fees, subcontractor compensation, attorney compensation, and other compensation connected with obtaining or performing the YHA contract. Such arrangements must comply with applicable federal requirements and HUD certifications.

24. RECORDS AND AUDIT

Contractor shall maintain complete records relating to accounts referred, collection activity, communications, payments, fees, remittances, disputes, settlements, legal referrals, complaints, and contract performance. Authorized governmental entities shall have access to records to the extent required by applicable law and the resulting contract.

25. INSURANCE

Prior to contract execution, the successful proposer shall provide evidence of insurance acceptable to YHA, including, as applicable, Commercial General Liability, Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions, Cyber Liability/Data Breach, Workers' Compensation, and Automobile Liability.

26. SUBCONTRACTING

Contractor shall identify proposed subcontractors. No subcontractor may perform material services without YHA's prior written approval. Contractor remains fully responsible for its subcontractors.

27. TERMINATION

The resulting contract shall contain applicable HUD-5370-C Section I termination provisions when that form is required. YHA may also terminate for material breach, violation of law, loss of required license, prohibited collection practices, failure to remit collections, material data-security failure, debarment/suspension, material misrepresentation, or failure to perform required services.

28. CONTRACT TERM

The anticipated initial contract term is three years, with up to two additional one-year renewal options, subject to satisfactory performance, availability of funds, and applicable procurement requirements.

29. FEDERAL FUNDING

To the extent federal funds are used to pay for services under the contract, Contractor shall comply with all federal requirements applicable to the expenditure of those funds. YHA shall incorporate mandatory federal provisions applicable to the funding source and contract.

30. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

York Housing Authority
Attn: Procurement Officer
31 South Broad Street
York, Pennsylvania 17403

Three (3) hard copies of the proposal are required to be submitted. Email or Fax submissions will not be accepted.

Proposal Deadline: DECEMBER 1, 2026
Time: 12:00pm

31. YHA RIGHTS

YHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals; cancel or modify the solicitation; issue addenda; waive minor informalities; request clarification; conduct interviews; negotiate; verify references and qualifications; determine responsibility; reject nonresponsive proposals; and exercise any other right permitted under YHA's Procurement Policy and applicable law.

32. PROPOSER CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the information submitted is true and complete; the proposer has reviewed the RFP; the proposer is authorized to submit the proposal; the proposer agrees to comply with applicable federal, state, and local requirements; the proposer is eligible for federal contracting; all conflicts of interest and exceptions have been disclosed; all compensation arrangements have been disclosed; and the proposal shall remain valid for ninety (90) days following the proposal deadline.

ATTACHMENT A – COMPENSATION PROPOSAL

Instructions: Complete all applicable fields. Identify the proposed fee or percentage for each service and clearly state the basis on which any percentage fee is calculated. Identify every additional fee, expense, commission, or charge that could be assessed to YHA. Do not leave applicable items blank; enter "N/A" where appropriate. The completed form must be signed by an authorized representative and included with the proposal.

Collection Service	Fee
Standard account collection	____%
Payment arrangement	____%
Legal referral	____%
Judgment collection	____%
Skip tracing	$____ / Included
Credit reporting	$____ / Included
Other	$____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATION

I certify that the compensation information provided in this Attachment is complete and accurate and represents the fees proposed by the firm for the services described in the RFP.

Firm Name: _____

Authorized Representative: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT B – REFERENCES

Instructions: Provide at least three references for comparable debt-collection services. Preferably include governmental, public-sector, housing authority, residential, or tenant-debt collection clients. Complete all requested information and confirm that the listed contacts may be contacted by YHA during the evaluation process.

Reference 1: Organization: _____ Contact: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Contract Term: _____ Approx. Annual Accounts: _____ Approx. Annual Collections: _____

Reference 2: Organization: _____ Contact: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Contract Term: _____ Approx. Annual Accounts: _____ Approx. Annual Collections: _____

Reference 3: Organization: _____ Contact: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Contract Term: _____ Approx. Annual Accounts: _____ Approx. Annual Collections: _____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATION

I certify that the references provided are accurate and that the individuals/organizations listed may be contacted by YHA for purposes of evaluating this proposal.

Firm Name: _____

Authorized Representative: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT C – REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

Instructions: Disclose all matters requested below for the proposer and any proposed subcontractor that will perform material services. If a category does not apply, state "None" or "N/A." Provide sufficient detail for YHA to evaluate the matter. Failure to make a required disclosure may result in rejection of the proposal or other action permitted under the RFP and applicable law.

- Governmental enforcement actions
- Regulatory investigations
- Material consumer-protection complaints
- Material litigation involving collection practices
- Material data breaches
- License suspension or revocation
- Debarment or suspension
- Conflicts of interest

Any other matter that could materially affect performance

ATTACHMENT D – NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

Instructions: Complete the affidavit below. The authorized representative shall sign the affidavit and have it subscribed and sworn before a notary public. Submit the completed affidavit with the proposal.

State of _____
County of _____

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he/she/they is/are _____ (title/position, e.g., owner, partner, officer) of _____ (name of firm/company), the party making the foregoing proposal or bid, and attests to the following:

(1) That the affiant employed no person, corporation, firm, association, or other organization, either directly or indirectly, to secure the public contract under which payment is or will be received, other than persons regularly employed by the affiant whose services in connection with the construction of the public building or project, or in securing the public contract, were in the regular course of their duties for the affiant; and

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

(3) That such proposal or bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any bidder or person, to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the bid price of the affiant or of any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of said bid price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the York Housing Authority or any person interested in the proposed contract; and

(4) That all statements contained in said proposal or bid are true.

Signature: _____

(Name and Title)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

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:]

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

Instructions to Bidders for Contracts Public and Indian Housing Programs

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Public and Indian Housing Programs

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1. Bid Preparation and Submission

(a) Bidders are expected to examine the specifications, drawings, all instructions, and, if applicable, the construction site (see also the contract clause entitled **Site Investigation and Conditions Affecting the Work** of the *General Conditions of the Contract for Construction*). Failure to do so will be at the bidders' risk.

(b) All bids must be submitted on the forms provided by the Public Housing Agency/Indian Housing Authority (PHA/IHA). Bidders shall furnish all the information required by the solicitation. Bids must be signed and the bidder's name typed or printed on the bid sheet and each continuation sheet which requires the entry of information by the bidder. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the bid. Bids signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority. (Bidders should retain a copy of their bid for their records.)

(c) Bidders must submit as part of their bid a completed form HUD-5369-A, "Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders."

(d) All bid documents shall be sealed in an envelope which shall be clearly marked with the words "Bid Documents," the Invitation for Bids (IFB) number, any project or other identifying number, the bidder's name, and the date and time for receipt of bids.

(e) If this solicitation requires bidding on all items, failure to do so will disqualify the bid. If bidding on all items is not required, bidders should insert the words "No Bid" in the space provided for any item on which no price is submitted.

(f) Unless expressly authorized elsewhere in this solicitation, alternate bids will not be considered.

(g) Unless expressly authorized elsewhere in this solicitation, bids submitted by telegraph or facsimile (fax) machines will not be considered.

(h) If the proposed contract is for a Mutual Help project (as described in 24 CFR Part 905, Subpart E) that involves Mutual Help contributions of work, material, or equipment, supplemental information regarding the bid advertisement is provided as an attachment to this solicitation.

2. Explanations and Interpretations to Prospective Bidders

(a) Any prospective bidder desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, specifications, drawings, etc., must request it at least 7 days before the scheduled time for bid opening. Requests may be oral or written. Oral requests must be confirmed in writing. The only oral clarifications that will be provided will be those clearly related to solicitation procedures, i.e., not substantive technical information. No other oral explanation or interpretation will be provided. Any information given a prospective bidder concerning this solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective bidders as a written amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary in submitting bids, or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective bidders.

(b) Any information obtained by, or provided to, a bidder other than by formal amendment to the solicitation shall not constitute a change to the solicitation.

3. Amendments to Invitations for Bids

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

(b) Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date on the bid form, or (3) by letter, telegram, or facsimile, if those methods are authorized in the solicitation. The PHA/IHA must receive acknowledgement by the time and at the place specified for receipt of bids. Bids which fail to acknowledge the bidder's receipt of any amendment will result in the rejection of the bid if the amendment(s) contained information which substantively changed the PHA's/IHA's requirements.

(c) Amendments will be on file in the offices of the PHA/IHA and the Architect at least 7 days before bid opening.

4. Responsibility of Prospective Contractor

(a) The PHA/IHA will award contracts only to responsible prospective contractors who have the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract. In determining the responsibility of a bidder, the PHA/IHA will consider such matters as the bidder's:

(1) Integrity;

(2) Compliance with public policy;

(3) Record of past performance; and

(4) Financial and technical resources (including construction and technical equipment).

(b) Before a bid is considered for award, the bidder may be requested by the PHA/IHA to submit a statement or other documentation regarding any of the items in paragraph (a) above. Failure by the bidder to provide such additional information shall render the bidder nonresponsible and ineligible for award.

5. Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawal of Bids

(a) Any bid 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 PHA/IHA that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the PHA/IHA after receipt at the PHA/IHA; or

(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 observed holidays.

(b) Any modification or withdrawal of a bid is subject to the same conditions as in paragraph (a) of this provision.

(c) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late bid, 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 bid, 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, bidders should request the postal clerk to place a hand cancellation bull's-eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

(d) The only acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the PHA/IHA is the time/date stamp of PHA/IHA on the proposal wrapper or other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the PHA/IHA.

(e) The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late bid, 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, bidders should request the postal clerk to place a legible hand cancellation bull's eye postmark on both the receipt and Failure by a bidder to acknowledge receipt of the envelope or wrapper.

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

(g) Bids 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 the exact time set for opening of bids; provided that written confirmation of telegraphic or facsimile withdrawals over the signature of the bidder is mailed and postmarked prior to the specified bid opening time. A bid may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for opening of bids, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the bid.

6. Bid Opening

All bids received by the date and time of receipt specified in the solicitation will be publicly opened and read. The time and place of opening will be as specified in the solicitation. Bidders and other interested persons may be present.

7. Service of Protest

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

"Interested party" means an actual or prospective bidder whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award of the contract.

"Protest" means a written objection by an interested party to this solicitation or to a proposed or actual award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation.

(b) Protests shall be served on the Contracting Officer by obtaining written and dated acknowledgement from —

[Contracting Officer designate the official or location where a protest may be served on the Contracting Officer]

(c) All protests shall be resolved in accordance with the PHA's/IHA's protest policy and procedures, copies of which are maintained at the PHA/IHA.

8. Contract Award

(a) The PHA/IHA will evaluate bids in response to this solicitation without discussions and will award a contract to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming to the solicitation, will be most advantageous to the PHA/IHA considering only price and any price-related factors specified in the solicitation.

(b) If the apparent low bid received in response to this solicitation exceeds the PHA's/IHA's available funding for the proposed contract work, the PHA/IHA may either accept separately priced items (see 8(e) below) or use the following procedure to determine contract award. The PHA/IHA shall apply in turn to each bid (proceeding in order from the apparent low bid to the high bid) each of the separately priced bid deductible items, if any, in their priority order set forth in this solicitation. If upon the application of the first deductible item to all initial bids, a new low bid is within the PHA's/IHA's available funding, then award shall be made to that bidder. If no bid is within the available funding amount, then the PHA/IHA shall apply the second deductible item. The PHA/IHA shall continue this process until an evaluated low bid, if any, is within the PHA's/IHA's available funding. If upon the application of all deductibles, no bid is within the PHA's/IHA's available funding, or if the solicitation does not request separately priced deductibles, the PHA/IHA shall follow its written policy and procedures in making any award under this solicitation.

(c) In the case of tie low bids, award shall be made in accordance with the PHA's/IHA's written policy and procedures.

(d) The PHA/IHA may reject any and all bids, accept other than the lowest bid (e.g., the apparent low bid is unreasonably low), and waive informalities or minor irregularities in bids received, in accordance with the PHA's/IHA's written policy and procedures.

(e) Unless precluded elsewhere in the solicitation, the PHA/IHA may accept any item or combination of items bid.

(f) The PHA/IHA may reject any bid as nonresponsive if it is materially unbalanced as to the prices for the various items of work to be performed. A bid is materially unbalanced when it is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated for other work.

(g) A written award shall be furnished to the successful bidder within the period for acceptance specified in the bid and shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

9. Bid Guarantee (applicable to construction and equipment contracts exceeding $25,000)

All bids must be accompanied by a negotiable bid guarantee which shall not be less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. The bid guarantee may be a certified check, bank draft, U.S. Government Bonds at par value, or a bid bond secured by a surety company acceptable to the U.S. Government and authorized to do business in the state where the work is to be performed. In the case where the work under the contract will be performed on an Indian reservation area, the bid guarantee may also be an irrevocable Letter of Credit (see provision 10, Assurance of Completion, below). Certified checks and bank drafts must be made payable to the order of the PHA/IHA. The bid guarantee shall insure the execution of the contract and the furnishing of a method of assurance of completion by the successful bidder as required by the solicitation. Failure to submit a bid guarantee with the bid shall result in the rejection of the bid. Bid guarantees submitted by unsuccessful bidders will be returned as soon as practicable after bid opening.

10. Assurance of Completion

(a) Unless otherwise provided in State law, the successful bidder shall furnish an assurance of completion prior to the execution of any contract under this solicitation. This assurance may be [Contracting Officer check applicable items] —

[ ] (1) a performance and payment bond in a penal sum of 100 percent of the contract price; or, as may be required or permitted by State law;

[ ] (2) separate performance and payment bonds, each for 50 percent or more of the contract price;

[ ] (3) a 20 percent cash escrow;

[ ] (4) a 25 percent irrevocable letter of credit; or,

[ ] (5) an irrevocable letter of credit for 10 percent of the total contract price with a monitoring and disbursements agreement with the IHA (applicable only to contracts awarded by an IHA under the Indian Housing Program).

(b) Bonds must be obtained from guarantee or surety companies acceptable to the U.S. Government and authorized to do business in the state where the work is to be performed. Individual sureties will not be considered. U.S. Treasury Circular Number 570, published annually in the Federal Register, lists companies approved to act as sureties on bonds securing Government contracts, the maximum underwriting limits on each contract bonded, and the States in which the company is licensed to do business. Use of companies listed in this circular is mandatory. Copies of the circular may be downloaded on the U.S. Department of Treasury website **http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/index.html**, or ordered for a minimum fee by contacting the Government Printing Office at (202) 512-2168.

(c) Each bond shall clearly state the rate of premium and the total amount of premium charged. The current power of attorney for the person who signs for the surety company must be attached to the bond. The effective date of the power of attorney shall not precede the date of the bond. The effective date of the bond shall be on or after the execution date of the contract.

(d) Failure by the successful bidder to obtain the required assurance of completion within the time specified, or within such extended period as the PHA/IHA may grant based upon reasons determined adequate by the PHA/IHA, shall render the bidder ineligible for award. The PHA/IHA may then either award the contract to the next lowest responsible bidder or solicit new bids. The PHA/IHA may retain the ineligible bidder's bid guarantee.

11. Preconstruction Conference (applicable to construction contracts)

After award of a contract under this solicitation and prior to the start of work, the successful bidder will be required to attend a preconstruction conference with representatives of the PHA/IHA and its architect/engineer, and other interested parties convened by the PHA/IHA. The conference will serve to acquaint the participants with the general plan of the construction operation and all other requirements of the contract (e.g., Equal Employment Opportunity, Labor Standards). The PHA/IHA will provide the successful bidder with the date, time, and place of the conference.

12. Indian Preference Requirements (applicable only if this solicitation is for a contract to be performed on a project for an Indian Housing Authority)

(a) HUD has determined that the contract awarded under this solicitation is subject to the requirements of section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e(b)). Section 7(b) requires that any contract or subcontract entered into for the benefit of Indians shall require that, to the greatest extent feasible

(1) Preferences and opportunities for training and employment (other than core crew positions; see paragraph (h) below) in connection with the administration of such contracts or subcontracts be given to qualified "Indians." The Act defines "Indians" to mean persons who are members of an Indian tribe and defines "Indian tribe" to mean any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians; and,

(2) Preference in the award of contracts or subcontracts in connection with the administration of contracts be given to Indian organizations and to Indian-owned economic enterprises, as defined in section 3 of the Indian Financing Act of 1974 (25 U.S.C. 1452). That Act defines "economic enterprise" to mean any Indian-owned commercial, industrial, or business activity established or organized for the purpose of profit, except that the Indian ownership must constitute not less than 51 percent of the enterprise; "Indian organization" to mean the governing body of any Indian tribe or entity established or recognized by such governing body; "Indian" to mean any person who is a member of any tribe, band, group, pueblo, or community which is recognized by the Federal Government as eligible for services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and any "Native" as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and Indian "tribe" to mean any Indian tribe, band, group, pueblo, or community including Native villages and Native groups (including

corporations organized by Kenai, Juneau, Sitka, and Kodiak) as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which is recognized by the Federal Government as eligible for services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(b) (1) The successful Contractor under this solicitation shall comply with the requirements of this provision in awarding all subcontracts under the contract and in providing training and employment opportunities.

(2) A finding by the IHA that the contractor, either (i) awarded a subcontract without using the procedure required by the IHA, (ii) falsely represented that subcontracts would be awarded to Indian enterprises or organizations; or, (iii) failed to comply with the contractor's employment and training preference bid statement shall be grounds for termination of the contract or for the assessment of penalties or other remedies.

(c) If specified elsewhere in this solicitation, the IHA may restrict the solicitation to qualified Indian-owned enterprises and Indian organizations. If two or more (or a greater number as specified elsewhere in the solicitation) qualified Indian-owned enterprises or organizations submit responsive bids, award shall be made to the qualified enterprise or organization with the lowest responsive bid. If fewer than the minimum required number of qualified Indian-owned enterprises or organizations submit responsive bids, the IHA shall reject all bids and readvertise the solicitation in accordance with paragraph (d) below.

(d) If the IHA prefers not to restrict the solicitation as described in paragraph (c) above, or if after having restricted a solicitation an insufficient number of qualified Indian enterprises or organizations submit bids, the IHA may advertise for bids from non-Indian as well as Indian-owned enterprises and Indian organizations. Award shall be made to the qualified Indian enterprise or organization with the lowest responsive bid if that bid is -

(1) Within the maximum HUD-approved budget amount established for the specific project or activity for which bids are being solicited; and

(2) No more than the percentage specified in 24 CFR 905.175(c) higher than the total bid price of the lowest responsive bid from any qualified bidder. If no responsive bid by a qualified Indian-owned economic enterprise or organization is within the stated range of the total bid price of the lowest responsive bid from any qualified enterprise, award shall be made to the bidder with the lowest bid.

(e) Bidders seeking to qualify for preference in contracting or subcontracting shall submit proof of Indian ownership with their bids. Proof of Indian ownership shall include but not be limited to:

(1) Certification by a tribe or other evidence that the bidder is an Indian. The IHA shall accept the certification of a tribe that an individual is a member.

(2) Evidence such as stock ownership, structure, management, control, financing and salary or profit sharing arrangements of the enterprise.

(f) (1) All bidders must submit with their bids a statement describing how they will provide Indian preference in the award of subcontracts. The specific requirements of that statement and the factors to used by the IHA in determining the statement's adequacy are included as an attachment to this solicitation. Any bid that fails to include the required statement shall be rejected as nonresponsive. The IHA may require that comparable statements be provided by subcontractors to the successful Contractor, and may require the Contractor to reject any bid or proposal by a subcontractor that fails to include the statement.

(2) Bidders and prospective subcontractors shall submit a certification (supported by credible evidence) to the IHA in any instance where the bidder or subcontractor believes it is infeasible to provide Indian preference in subcontracting. The acceptance or rejection by the IHA of the certification shall be final. Rejection shall disqualify the bid from further consideration.

(g) All bidders must submit with their bids a statement detailing their employment and training opportunities and their plans to provide preference to Indians in implementing the contract; and the number or percentage of Indians anticipated to be employed and trained. Comparable statements from all proposed subcontractors must be submitted. The criteria to be used by the IHA in determining the statement(s)'s adequacy are included as an attachment to this solicitation. Any bid that fails to include the required statement(s), or that includes a statement that does not meet minimum standards required by the IHA shall be rejected as nonresponsive.

(h) Core crew employees. A core crew employee is an individual who is a bona fide employee of the contractor at the time the bid is submitted; or an individual who was not employed by the bidder at the time the bid was submitted, but who is regularly employed by the bidder in a supervisory or other key skilled position when work is available. Bidders shall submit with their bids a list of all core crew employees.

(i) Preference in contracting, subcontracting, employment, and training shall apply not only on-site, on the reservation, or within the IHA's jurisdiction, but also to contracts with firms that operate outside these areas (e.g., employment in modular or manufactured housing construction facilities).

(j) Bidders should contact the IHA to determine if any additional local preference requirements are applicable to this solicitation.

(k) The IHA [ ] does [ ] does not [Contracting Officer check applicable box] maintain lists of Indian-owned economic enterprises and Indian organizations by specialty (e.g., plumbing, electrical, foundations), which are available to bidders to assist them in meeting their responsibility to provide preference in connection with the administration of contracts and subcontracts.

General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

Section I — (With or without Maintenance Work)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing
Office of Labor Relations
OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (exp. 1/31/2027)

Public Reporting Burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one hour 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. HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB number. This form includes those clauses required by OMB's common rule on grantee procurement, implemented at HUD in 2 CFR 200, and those requirements set forth in Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and its amendment by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, implemented by HUD at 24 CFR Part 75. The form is required for non-construction contracts awarded by Public Housing Agencies (PHAs). The form is used by PHAs in solicitations to provide necessary contract clauses and allows PHAs to enforce their contracts. Comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing this burden can be sent to the Reports Management Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, REE, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000. When providing comments, please refer to OMB Approval No. 2577-0157. Do not send this completed form to either of these addressees. The information collected will not be held confidential.

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 $250,000 - use Section I;**
2) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance as defined at 24 CFR 905.100) **greater than $2,000 but not more than $250,000 - use Section II;** and
3) **Maintenance contracts** (including nonroutine maintenance), **greater than $250,000 — use Sections I and II.**

Section I - Clauses for All Non-Construction Contracts greater than $250,000

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 111, 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
( ) 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.

(v) 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.

(i) 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/Seller agrees as follows:

(a)The [contractor/seller] will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or national origin. The [contractor/seller] 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, disability, or national origin. 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 compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The [contractor/seller] agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(b)The [contractor/seller] will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the [contractor/seller], state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or national origin.

(c)The [contractor/seller] will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the [contractor/seller]'s legal duty to furnish information.

(d)The [contractor/seller] will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the [contractor/seller] 's commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(e)The [contractor/seller] 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.

f)The [contractor/seller] will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(g)In the event of the [contractor/seller]'s non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the [contractor/seller] may be declared ineligible for further 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 Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(g)In the event of the [contractor/seller]'s non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the [contractor/seller] may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in acc ordance 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 Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(h) The [contractor/seller] will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of 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 sub[contractor/seller] or vendor. The [contractor/seller] will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the [contractor/seller] becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the [contractor/seller] may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

17. Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities

1.The [contractor/seller] will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental disability in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The [contractor/seller] agrees to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals with disabilities, and to treat qualified individuals without discrimination on the basis of their physical or mental disability in all employment practices, including the following:

i.Recruitment, advertising, and job application procedures;

ii.Hiring, upgrading, promotion, award of tenure, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, right of return from layoff and rehiring;

iii.Rates of pay or any other form of compensation and changes in compensation;

iv.Job assignments, job classifications, organizational structures, position descriptions, lines of progression, and seniority lists;

v.Leaves of absence, sick leave, or any other leave;

vi.Fringe benefits available by virtue of employment, whether or not administered by the [contractor/seller];

vii.Selection and financial support for training, including apprenticeship, professional meetings, conferences, and other related activities, and selection for leaves of absence to pursue training;

viii.Activities sponsored by the [contractor/seller] including social or recreational programs; and

ix.Any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.

2.The [contractor/seller] agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the act.

3.In the event of the [contractor/seller] noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the act.

4.The [contractor/seller] agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the rights of applicants and employees as well as the [contractor/seller] 's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified employees and applicants with disabilities.

The [contractor/seller] must ensure that applicants or employees with disabilities are provided the notice in a form that is accessible and understandable to the individual applicant or employee (e.g., providing Brail or large print versions of the notice, or posting a copy of the notice at a lower height for easy viewing by a person using a wheelchair). With respect to employees who do not work at a physical location of the [contractor/seller] , a [contractor/seller] will satisfy its posting obligations by posting such notices in an electronic format, provided that the [contractor/seller] provides computers, or access to computers, that can access the electronic posting to such employees, or the [contractor/seller] has actual know ledge that such employees otherwise are able to access the electronically posted notices. Electronic notices for employees must be post ed in a conspicuous location and format on the company's intranet or sent by electronic mail to employees. An electronic posting must be used by the [contractor/seller] to notify job applicants of their rights if the [contractor/seller] utilizes an electronic application process. Such electronic applicant notice must be conspicuously stored with, or as part of, the electronic application.

5.The [contractor/seller] will notify each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the [contractor/ seller] is bound by the terms of section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment, and shall not discriminate against, individuals with physical or mental disabilities.

6.The [contractor/seller] will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of $ 10,000, unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to section 503 of the act, as amended, 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 the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

7.The [contractor/seller] must, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the [contractor/seller], state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against on the basis of disability.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. Liens

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

22. 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 75, 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 75 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 prioritization requirements, and shall state the minimum percentages of labor hour requirements established in the Benchmark Notice (FR-6085-N-04)..

(d) The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 75, 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 75. 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 75.

(e) Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 75 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts

(f) Contracts, subcontracts, grants, or subgrants subject to Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5307(b)) or subject to tribal preference requirements as authorized under 101(k) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 4111(k)) must provide preferences in employment, training, and business opportunities to Indians and Indian organizations, and are therefore not subject to the requirements of 24 CFR Part 75.

23. 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

Contract Form between the York Housing Authority & ABC Company for Mowing & Grounds Services

INTRODUCTION

This contract by and between the **York Housing Authority** (hereinafter "the Agency"), and **ABC Construction**, (hereinafter "the Contractor") is hereby entered into this **7th day of December, 2022.**

Services pursuant to this contract shall begin on **the 1st day of April, 2023, and shall end on the 30th day of November, 2023,** unless otherwise extended, modified, terminated, or renewed by the parties as provided for within this contract. Unless otherwise detailed herein, all references to "days" shall be calendar days (in the case that the last day referenced falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the period of time shall be automatically extended to include the next workday). Also, whenever the term "herein" is referred to, such refers to this contract form, the appendices, and all listed attachments.

1.0 Definitions.

1.1 Contracting Officer (CO). The Agency Contracting Officer, typically the Agency Executive Director, but may be another person delegated such authority by the ED.

1.2 Executive Director (ED). The Agency ED.

1.3 Housing Authority. Any reference herein or within any Appendix to the "Housing Authority" or the "HA" shall be interpreted to mean the same as the Agency.

1.4 Invitation for Bids (IFB). A competitive solicitation process conducted by the Agency wherein award was completed to the responsive and responsible bidder that submitted the lowest cost.

2.0 Services and Payment.

2.1 Scope of Services. The services provided pursuant to this contract generally consist of those services for the Agency as described herein and within the Appendices. Said services shall be provided on the dates and times determined by the Agency at the designated Agency community and facilities.

2.2 Provisions of any and all additional Work (Change Orders). The Contractor shall not begin any additional work (other than that already detailed herein) without the receipt of a completed Contract Modification (Change Order) from the authorized Agency representative. This Change Order may take the form of an email.

2.3 Cost/Value of Services.

2.3.1 Contract Value. The current total value of this contract is:

$XXXXXX

2.3.1.1 The Contractor exceeds the NTE amount at his/her own risk. The Contractor is under no obligation to provide additional services that would cause the Contractor's fees to exceed the NTE amount without prior revision of this amount by written change order. Further, the Agency reserves the right to amend

this amount (increase/decrease) at any time during the ensuing contract period(s) when the Agency determines doing so is in its best interests.

2.4 Renewal Options. There are no renewal options allowed as a part of this contract.

2.5 Time Performance. This contract is initially executed for the period of time that the Agency approves the Contractor to complete the work as listed within the Notice to Proceed issued.

2.6 Billing Method.

2.6.1 To receive payment for services rendered pursuant to this contract the Contractor shall submit a fully completed invoice for work previously performed via email to:

Invoices@YorkHousing.org

2.6.2 As may be further described herein, at a minimum, the invoice shall detail the following information:

2.6.2.1 Unique invoice number;

2.6.2.2 Contractor's name, address, and telephone number;

2.6.2.3 Date of invoice and/or billing period;

2.6.2.4 Applicable Contract No.;

2.6.2.5 Applicable Purchase Order No.;

2.6.2.6 Brief description of services rendered, including applicable timeframe, total hours being billed for each service at each detailed site, and at the approved rate (may be submitted in the form of a report);

2.6.2.7 Task Order, approved by the Agency CEO; and

2.6.2.8 Total dollar amount being billed, minus retention.

2.6.3 The Agency will pay each such properly completed invoice received on a Net/30 basis. Any invoice received not properly completed will not be paid unless and/or until the Contractor complies with the applicable provisions of this contract.

3.0 Agency's Obligations. Pursuant to this contract, the Agency agrees to provide the specific services detailed herein and shall be responsible for the following:

3.1 The Agency agrees to not provide to the Contractor any Change Order assigning work to the Contractor without the prior approval of the Agency ED.

4.0 **Contractor's Obligations.** Pursuant to this contract, the Contractor agrees to provide the specific services detailed herein and shall be responsible for the following:

4.1 **Supervision and Oversight.** The Contractor shall be solely responsible for providing supervision and oversight to all the Contractor's personnel that are assigned to the Agency properties pursuant to this contract.

4.2 **Qualified Personnel.** The Contractor warrants and represents that it will assign only qualified personnel to perform the services outlined herein and within the appendices. For the purposes of this contract, the term "qualified personnel" shall mean those personnel that have been investigated, tested, and trained in the manner described within this contract and, as proposed by the Contractor within its bid or as provided by the Contractor during the Contractor's normal conduct of business.

4.3 **Compliance with Federal, State, and Local Laws.** All work performed by the Contractor, pursuant to this contract, shall be done in accordance with applicable all Federal, State and local laws, regulations, codes, and ordinances.

4.4 **Insurance Requirements.**

4.4.1 **Indemnity.** The complete indemnity requirements are detailed within Section 11.19 herein.

4.4.2 **Insurances.** In this regard, the Contractor shall maintain the following insurance coverage during the effective term(s) of this contract:

4.4.2.1 **General Liability Insurance.** An original certificate evidencing General Liability coverage, naming the Agency as an additional insured, together with the appropriate endorsement to said policy reflecting the addition of the Agency as an additional insured under said policy (minimum of $1,000,000 each occurrence, general aggregate minimum limit of $1,000,000, together with damage to premises and fire damage of $50,000 and medical expenses any one person of $5,000), with a maximum deductible amount of $5,000;

4.4.2.2 **Automobile Liability Insurance.** Automobile Liability coverage in a combined single limit of $1,000,000. For every vehicle utilized during the term of this contract, when not owned by the entity, each vehicle must have evidence of automobile insurance coverage with limits of no less than $100,000/$300,000 and medical pay of $5,000, with a maximum deductible amount not greater than $5,000.

4.4.2.4 **Worker's Compensation Insurance.** Worker's compensation coverage evidencing carrier and coverage amount.

4.4.2.5 **Certificates/Endorsements.** The Contractor shall provide to the Agency with current certificate(s)/endorsement(s)

evidencing the insurance coverage referenced above. Failure to maintain the above-reference insurance coverage, including naming the Agency as an additional insured (where appropriate) during the term(s) of this contract shall constitute a material breach thereof. Insurance certificate(s)/endorsement(s) shall be delivered to the following person representing the Agency:

York Housing Authority
Attention: Jay Halicki, Director of Capital Improvements
31 S. Broad Street
York, PA 17403

4.5 Licensing. The Contractor shall also provide to the Agency a copy of any required licenses. Failure to maintain these licenses in a current status during the term(s) of this contract shall constitute a material breach thereof.

4.6 Financial Viability and Regulatory Compliance.

4.6.1 The Contractor warrants and represents that its corporate entity is in good standing with all applicable federal, state, and local licensing authorities and that it possesses all requisite licenses to perform the services required by this contract. The Contractor further warrants and represents that it owes no outstanding delinquent federal, state, or local taxes or business assessments.

4.6.2 The Contractor agrees to promptly disclose to the Agency any IRS liens or insurance or licensure suspension or revocation that may adversely affect its capacity to perform the services outlined within this contract. The failure by the Contractor to disclose such issue to the Agency in writing within 5 days of such notification received will constitute a material breach of this contract.

4.6.3 The Contractor further agrees to promptly disclose to the Agency any change of more than 50% of its ownership and/or any declaration of bankruptcy that the Contractor may undergo during the term(s) of this contract. The failure of the Contractor to disclose any change of more than 50% of its ownership and/or its declaration of bankruptcy within 5 days of said actions shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

4.6.4 All disclosures made pursuant to this section of the contract shall be made in writing and submitted to Agency within the time periods required herein.

4.7 Confidentiality. The Contractor, in connection with performing his/her services hereunder, will have access to or may be provided certain confidential information concerning the Agency and agrees that any information concerning the finances, accounting practices, business, client, client lists, property information, client data, records of the Agency or any other information which a reasonable person could

conclude that should remain confidential (collectively Confidential Information), will not be disclosed to any party and without limitation, any employee of the Agency or any client or potential client of the Agency at any time, except for the Contractor's legal counsel, accounts, or financial advisors, who will also hold such Confidential Information in confidence. The Contractor acknowledges that the information is being provided with the sole understanding that all Confidential Information will remain confidential and will be held in the strictest confidence. The Contractor further acknowledges that any disclosure of the Confidential Information, whether intentional or inadvertent, may harm the Agency. The Agency will have the right to enforce this Contract by specific performance, as well as hold the Contractor liable for any damages caused by any disclosure of any Confidential Information, whether intentional or inadvertent. The Contractor agrees that he has received valuable consideration for the entering into of this Contract and agrees to be bound all of its terms and conditions. This Contract will be binding on the Contractor and any attorney, accountant, financial advisor who also may be provided Confidential Information.

4.8 **No Smoking on Agency Property.** The Agency has implemented a No Smoking policy on all its properties. Accordingly, the Contractor shall ensure that it's employees or other persons brought or allowed onsite by the Contractor shall not utilize any smoking materials on Agency property at any time.

5.0 **Modification.** This contract shall not be modified, revised, amended, or extended except by written addendum, preferably executed by both parties, but the Agency shall retain the right to issue a unilateral addendum (pursuant to HUD regulation, the Contractor shall not have the same right). The Agency acknowledges that such "unilateral addendum" must not be otherwise in conflict with the current requirements already stated within this contract, or any appendix attached thereto, or in conflict with any relevant regulation or law; in either case, if a unilateral addendum is issued in conflict with the current requirements of the contract, and the amended conditions are deemed necessary by the Agency, and if the amended conditions cause the Contractor to be required to provide additional services, the Agency will negotiate suitable additional compensation to the Contractor to compensate the Contractor for the additional work caused by the unilateral addendum issued (such "additional compensation" shall be negotiated pursuant to the approved hourly rate that the Contractor proposed in response to the IFB).

6.0 **Severability.** The invalidity of any provision of this contract, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction and/or HUD, shall in no way affect the validity of any other provision herein.

7.0 **Applicable Laws.**

7.1 **Compliance with Federal and State Laws.** All work performed by the Contractor, pursuant to this contract, shall be done in accordance with applicable all Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, codes, and ordinances.

7.2 **Jurisdiction of Law.** The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern the validity, construction, and effect of this contract, unless said laws are superseded by, or in conflict with applicable federal laws and/or federal regulations. This contract

will be binding upon the parties, their heirs, beneficiaries, and devisees of the parties hereto. The parties agree that York, PA is the appropriate forum for any action relating to this contract. Should any party hereto retain counsel for the purpose of initiating litigation or arbitration to enforce, prevent the breach of any provision hereof, or for any other judicial remedy, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the losing party for all costs and expenses incurred thereby, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by such prevailing party. This contract may be signed in counterparts.

8.0 Notices, Invoices, and Reports.

8.1 All notices, reports and/or invoices submitted to the Agency by the Contractor pursuant to this contract shall be in writing and delivered to the attention of the following person representing the Agency:

York Housing Authority
Attention: Regina Mitchell, Executive Director
31 S. Broad Street
York, PA 17403

or, if appropriate, e-mailed to rmitchell@yorkhousin.org .

9.0 Disputed Billings (Charges).

9.1 Procedures: In addition to the procedures detailed within Clause No. 31 of Contract Appendix No. 1, form HUD-5370 (1/2014), *General Conditions for Construction Contracts - Public Housing Programs*, in the event that the Agency disputes any portion of its billing(s), the Agency shall pay the undisputed portion of such billing and initiate the dispute-resolving procedures, as follows:

9.1.1 The Agency's representative shall, within 10 days after the Agency's receipt of such billing, formally notify the Contractor's representative of all particulars pertaining to the dispute, and request that he/she investigate and respond to this issue.

9.1.2 If such dispute cannot be resolved by the Contractor's response, within 10 days after such notification is given, the CO and the Contractor's representative shall meet to discuss the matter and attempt to arrive at a resolution.

9.1.3 If the CO and the Contractor's representative are unable to resolve the dispute through such discussion within 10 days, the Agency shall, within 10 days thereafter, either (herein, "appropriate," as determined at the sole decision and discretion of the Agency):

9.1.3.1 Pay the disputed charges and reserve the right to submit the matter to the appropriate District Court in the State of Michigan;

9.1.3.2 Not pay the disputed charge and submit the matter to the appropriate district court in the State of Michigan;

9.1.3.3 Not pay the disputed charge and allow the Contractor to submit the matter either to the appropriate District Court in the State of Michigan.

10.0 **2 CFR §200.326, Appendix II, *Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards*.** Pursuant to this CFR, as issued by the Office of the U.S. Secretary of HUD, the Agency, and the Contractor each agree to comply with the following provisions and agree that any contract that ensues as a result of this IFB will include the following clauses, whether inserted or by reference:

10.1 **Remedies for Contractor Breach.** Pertaining to contract-related issues, it is the responsibility of both the Agency and the Contractor to communicate with each in as clear and complete a manner as possible. If at any time during the term of this contract the Agency or the Contractor is not satisfied with any issue, it is the responsibility of that party to deliver to the other party communication, in writing, fully detailing the issue and corrective action (please note that the Agency has the right to issue unilateral addendums to this contract, but the Contractor does not have the same right). The other party shall, within 10 days, respond in writing to the other party (however, the Agency shall retain the right to, if conditions warrant, require the Contractor to respond in a shorter period of time). Further, the Agency shall, at a minimum, employ the following steps in dealing with the Contractor as to any performance issues:

10.1.1 If the Contractor is in material breach of the contract, the Agency may promptly invoke the termination clause detailed within Clauses No. 32 and No. 34 of Contract Appendix No. 1, form HUD-5370 (1/2014), *General Conditions for Construction Contracts - Public Housing Programs*, which is attached hereto, and terminate the contract for cause. Such termination must be delivered to the Contractor in writing and shall fully detail all pertinent issues pertaining to the cause of and justification for the termination.

10.1.2 Prior to termination, the Agency may choose to warn the Contractor, verbally or in writing, of any issue of non-compliant or unsatisfactory performance. Such written warning may include placing the Contractor on probation, thereby giving the Contractor a certain period of time to correct the deficiencies or potentially suffer termination. The Agency shall maintain in the contract file a written record of any such warning detailing all pertinent information. If the Contractor does not agree with such action, the Contractor shall have ten 10 days to dispute or protest, in writing, such action; if he/she does not do so within the 10-day period, he/she shall have no recourse but to accept and agree with the Agency's position on the issue. The written protest must detail all pertinent information pertaining to the dispute, including justification detailing the Agency's alleged incorrect action(s).

10.1.3 After termination, if the Contractor does not agree with the Agency's justification for the termination, the Contractor shall have 10 days to dispute, in writing, such action; if he/she does not do so within the 10-day period, he/she shall have no recourse but to accept and agree with the Agency's position on the issue. The written protest must detail all pertinent information pertaining to the dispute, including justification detailing the Agency's alleged incorrect action(s).

10.1.4 The response to any protest received shall be conducted in accordance with Section No. 4.0 of the *Instructions to Proposers and Contractors* document.

10.2 Termination for Cause and Convenience. For all contracts in excess of $10,000, as detailed within Clauses No. 32 and No. 34 of Contract Appendix No. 1, form HUD-5370 (1/2014), *General Conditions for Construction Contracts - Public Housing Programs*, attached hereto. In addition to the immediate-foregoing, if the Agency terminates the Contractor for convenience, the Agency is obligated to, as detailed within Section 11.6.C.2 of HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2, negotiate with and pay to the Contractor a "reasonable allowance for profit" for the remainder of the contracted period.

10.3 Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, ''Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,'' and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

10.4 Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C.3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of $2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C.3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors [are] required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors [are] required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the **Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by 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 Act provides that each contractor or

subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

10.5 **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708).** Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of $100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or *contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence*.

10.6 **Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement.** If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

10.7 **Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended**—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of $150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C.1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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

10.9 **Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)**—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR Part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR Part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." The Excluded Parties List System in SAM contains the

names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

10.10 **Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)**—Contractors that apply or bid for an award of $100,000 or more must 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 must 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 non-Federal award.

10.11 ***§200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.*** A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds $10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired by the preceding fiscal year exceeded $10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

11.0 Additional Considerations.

11.1 Right of Joinder.

11.1.1 Any political subdivision within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (or any other jurisdiction within the United States) may be granted the privilege of joining the awarded contract, only at the option of the Contractor. If the Contractor so grants such a privilege, the terms, and conditions of the IFB documents, including the ensuing contract, may be passed on to the joining political subdivision by the Contractor.

11.1.2 The Contractor shall retain the unilateral right to allow or disallow any political subdivision the privilege of joining the awarded contract. In the event the Contractor allows another political subdivision to join the Agency contract, it is expressly understood that the Agency shall in no way be liable for the joining political subdivision obligations to the Contractor in any manner whatsoever.

11.2 **Non-Escalation.** Unless otherwise specified within the IFB documents, the unit prices reflected on the contract shall remain firm with no provision for price increases during the term of the contract.

11.3 Funding Restrictions and Order Quantities. The Agency reserves the right to reduce or increase estimated or actual quantities in whatever amount necessary without prejudice or liability to the Agency, if:

12.3.1 Funding is not available;

12.3.2 Legal restrictions are placed upon the expenditure of monies for this category of service or supplies; or,

12.3.3 The Agency's requirements in good faith change after award of the contract.

11.4 Local, State, and/or Federal Permits. Unless otherwise stated in the IFB documents, all local, State or Federal permits which may be required to provide the services ensuing from award of this IFB, whether or not they are known to either the Agency or the bidders at the time of the bid submittal deadline or the award, shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor and any costs that were submitted by the Contractor in response to the IFB shall reflect all costs required by the Contractor to procure and provide such necessary permits.

11.5 Taxes. All persons doing business with the Agency are hereby made aware that the Agency is exempt from paying Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Sales and Use Taxes and Federal Excise Taxes. A letter of Tax Exemption will be provided upon request.

11.6 Government Standards. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that all items and services proposed conform to all local, State and Federal law concerning safety (OSHA and NOSHA) and environmental control (EPA Pollution Regulations) and any other enacted ordinance, code, law, or regulation. The Contractor shall be responsible for all costs incurred for compliance with any such possible ordinance, code, law, or regulation. No time extensions shall be granted, or financial consideration given, to the Contractor for time or monies lost due to violations of any such ordinance, code, law, or regulations that may occur.

11.7 Freight on Bill and Delivery. All costs submitted by the bidder shall reflect the cost of delivering the proposed items and/or services to the locations(s) specified within the IFB documents or within the contract.

11.7.1 The Contractor agrees to deliver to the designated location(s) on or before the date as specified in the finalized contract. Failure to deliver on or before the specified date constitutes an event of default by the Contractor. Upon default, the Contractor agrees that the Agency may, at its option, rescind the finalized contract under the default clause herein and seek compensatory damages as provided by law.

11.8 Backorders.

11.8.1 The CO must be notified in writing by the Contractor within 10 days of any and all backordered materials and/or any incomplete services; and the estimated delivery date.

11.8.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in the contract, any order that will take more than a maximum of 10 days past the original agreed upon delivery date, may at the option of the Agency, be canceled and ordered from another source, if, in the opinion of the CO, it is in the best interests of the Agency to do so.

11.9 Work on Agency Property. If the Contractor's work under the contract involves operations by the Contractor on Agency premises, the Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to prevent the occurrence of any injury to persons or property during the progress of such work and, except to the extent that any such injury is caused solely and directly by the Agency's negligence, shall indemnify the Agency, and their officers, agents, servants and employees against all loss which may result in any way from any act or omission of the Contractor, its agents, employees, or subcontractors.

11.10 Official, Agent and Employees of the Agency Not Personally Liable. It is agreed by and between the parties hereto that in no event shall any official, officer, employee, or agent of the Agency in any way be personally liable or responsible for any covenant or agreement herein contained, whether either expressed or implied, nor for any statement, representation or warranty made herein or in any connection with this agreement.

11.11 Subcontractors. The Contractor may not use any subcontractors to accomplish any portion of the services described within the proposal documents or the contract without the prior written permission of the CO.

11.12 Salaries and Expenses Relating to the Contractors Employees. Unless otherwise stated within the IFB documents, the Contractor shall pay all salaries and expenses of, and all Federal, Social Security taxes, Federal and State Unemployment taxes, and any similar taxes relating to its employees used in the performance of the contract. The Contractor further agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local wage and hour laws and all licensing laws applicable to its employees or other personnel furnished under this agreement.

11.13 Attorney's Fees. In the event that litigation is commenced by one party hereto against the other in connection with the enforcement of any provision of this agreement, the prevailing party shall be paid by the losing party all court costs and other expenses of such litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees. The amount so allowed as attorneys' fees shall be taxed to the losing party as costs of the suit, unless prohibited by law.

11.14 Independent Contractor. Unless otherwise stated within the IFB documents or the contract, the Contractor is an independent Contractor. Nothing herein shall create

any association, Agency, partnership, or joint venture between the parties hereto and neither shall have any authority to bind the other in any way.

11.15 Severability. If any provision of this agreement or any portion or provision hereof applicable to any particular situation or circumstance is held valid, the remainder of this agreement or the remainder of such provision (as the case may be), and the application thereof to other situations or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

11.16 Waiver of Breach. A waiver of either party of any terms or condition of this agreement in any instance shall not be deemed or construed as a waiver of such term or condition for the future, or of any subsequent breach thereof. All remedies, rights, undertakings, obligations, and agreements contained in this agreement shall be cumulative and none of them shall be in limitation of any other remedy, right, obligation or agreement of either party.

11.17 Time of the Essence. Time is of the essence under this agreement as to each provision in which time of performance is a factor.

11.18 Limitation of Liability. In no event shall the Agency be liable to the Contractor for any indirect, incidental, consequential, or exemplary damages.

11.19 Indemnification.

11.19.1 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Agency (and its officers, employees, and agents) harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, suits, actions, decrees, judgments, attorney's fees, court costs and other expenses of any kind or character, which are caused by, arise out of, or occur due to any failure of the Contractor to (1) abide by any of the applicable professional standards within its industry, or (2) comply with the terms, conditions, or covenants that are contained in this contract, (3) comply with the "Michigan Industrial Insurance Act," or any other similar law, ordinance, or decree; or (4) ensure that the any subcontractors abide by the terms of this provision and this contract; provided, however, that Contractor will not be required to indemnify the Agency against any loss or damage which was specifically caused by the Agency providing inaccurate information to the Contractor, failing to provide necessary and requested information to the Contractor, or refusal to abide by any recommendation of the Contractor.

11.19.2 In this connection, it is expressly agreed that the Contractor shall, at its own expense, defend the Agency, its officers, employees, and agents, against any and all claims, suits or actions which may be brought against them, or any of them, as a result of, or by reason of, or arising out of, or on account of, or in consequence of any act or failure to act the consequences of which the Contractor has indemnified the Agency. If the Contractor shall fail to do so, the Agency shall have the right, but not the obligation, to defend the same and to charge all direct and incidental costs of such defense to the Contractor including attorney's fees and court costs.

11.19.3 Any money due to the Contractor under and by virtue of this contract, which the Agency believes must be withheld from the Contractor to protect the Agency, may be retained by the Agency so long as it is reasonably necessary to ensure the Agency's protection; or in case no money is due, its surety may be held until all applicable claims have been settled and suitable evidence to that effect furnished to the Agency provided, however, neither the Corporation's payments shall not be withheld, and its surety shall be released, if the Contractor is able to demonstrate that it has adequate liability and property damage insurance to protect the Agency from any potential claims.

11.19.4 The Contractor shall provide that any contractual arrangement with a subcontractor shall be in conformance with the terms of this Contract including the terms of this indemnity provision. The Contractor guarantees that it will promptly handle and rectify any and all claims for materials, supplies and labor, or any other claims that may be made against it or any of its subcontractors in connection with the contract.

11.20 Lobbying Certification. By execution of this contract with the Agency the Contractor thereby certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

11.20.1 No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an Agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

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

11.20.3 The Contractor shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

11.21 Additional Federally Required Orders/Directives. Both parties agree that they will comply with the following laws and directives, where applicable:

11.21.1 **Executive Order 11061**, as amended, which directs the Secretary of HUD to take all action which is necessary and appropriate to prevent discrimination by agencies that utilize federal funds.

11.21.2 **Public Law 88-352, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**, which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives federal financial assistance. The Agency hereby extends this requirement to the Contractor and its private contractors. Specific prohibited discriminatory actions and corrective action are described in Chapter 2, Subtitle C, Title V of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 19901 et. seq.).

11.21.3 **Public Law 90-284, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968.**, popularly known as the Fair Housing Act, which provides for fair housing throughout the United States and prohibits any person from discriminating in the sale or rental of housing, the financing of housing or the provision of brokerage services, including in any way making unavailable or denying a dwelling to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Pursuant to this statute, the Agency requires that the Contractor administer all programs and activities, which are related to housing and community development in such a manner as affirmatively to further fair housing.

11.21.4 **The Age Discrimination Act of 1975**, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age.

11.21.5 **Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988** (42 U.S.C. 11901 et. seq.).

11.21.6 **HUD Information Bulletin 909-23** which is the following:

11.21.6.1 Notice of Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement;

11.21.6.2 Clean Air and Water Certification; and,

11.21.6.3 Energy Policy and Conversation Act.

11.21.7 That the funds that are provided by the Agency and HUD hereunder shall not be used, directly or indirectly, to employ, award a contract to, or otherwise engage the services of any debarred, suspended or ineligible Contractor.

11.21.8 That none of the personnel who are employed in the administration of the work required by this contract shall, in any way or to any extent, be engaged in the conduct of political activities in violation of Title V, Chapter 15, of the United States Code.

11.21.9 The mention herein of any statute or Executive Order is not intended as an indication that such statute or Executive Order is necessarily applicable not is the failure to mention any statute or Executive Order intended as an indication that such statute or Executive Order is not applicable. In this connection, therefore each provision of law and each clause, which is required by law to be inserted in this agreement, shall be deemed to have been inserted herein, and this agreement shall be read and enforced as though such provision or clause had been physically inserted herein. If, through mistake or otherwise, any such provision is not inserted or is inserted incorrectly, this agreement shall forthwith be physically amended to make such insertion or correction upon the application of either part.

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13.0 Appendices. The following noted documents are placed under each of the noted appendix and are thereby a part of this contract:

[Table No. 1]

Section No.	Contract Appendix No.	Appendix Description
13.1	1	form HUD-5370C (1/2014), *General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts - Public Housing Programs*
13.2	2	Form HUD-4010 (06/2009), Federal Labor Standards Provisions
13.3	3	*form HUD-92010 (3/2006), Equal Employment Opportunity Certification*
13.4	4	Form HUD-11 (8/2004), *Record of Employee Interview*
13.5	5	*The Section 3 Plan*
13.6	6	form HUD 50071 (01/14), *Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions* (NOTE: This form will only be completed and included as a part of the ensuing contract if the Agency anticipates that total awards pursuant to the ensuing contract may or will exceed $100,000.)
13.7	7	Standard Form LLL (Rev. 01/14), *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities* (NOTE: This form will only be completed and included as a part of the ensuing contract if the Contractor designates an affirmative answer to Item No. (2) within the immediate identified form 50071.)
13.8	8	Scope of Work / Proposal
13.20	**Inclusion by Reference.** Included by reference is any document or clause issued as within the Contractors bid submittal, that the Agency may choose to include at any time during the performance of this contract or any options exercised thereto by the Agency (NOTE: This inclusion shall be the unilateral right of the Agency and not the Contractor). Further, any document that may be referenced herein that has not been listed above is hereby incorporated herein by reference, and a copy of each such document is available from the Agency upon written request for such from the Contractor.	
13.21	**Order of Precedence.** Please note that, in the case of any discrepancy between this contract and any of the above noted appendices, the requirement(s) detailed within the body of this contract shall take first precedence, then the requirement(s) detailed within each appendix shall take precedence in the order that they are listed above (meaning, the requirement(s) detailed within the lower listed item may not overrule any requirement(s) detailed within a higher listed item).	

14.0 CERTIFICATIONS. The undersigned representative of each party hereby acknowledges by signature below that they have reviewed the foregoing and understand and agree to abide by their respective obligations as defined herein:

[The Contractor]:

By: _____ Date: _____
ABC Inc

York Housing Authority:

By: _____ Date: _____
Regina Mitchell, Executive Director

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