

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
TOWN OF HARRISON**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

GENERAL (FEE) ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Under a Fair and Open Process in Accordance
with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY

March 4, 2024 at 12:00 NOON

To:

Raymond Lucas
Executive Director
Housing Authority of the Town of Harrison
788 Harrison Avenue, Bldg. #1
Harrison, New Jersey 07029

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FEE ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Proposals for Accounting Services will be received by the Housing Authority of the Town of Harrison (“Housing Authority”) until **12:00 noon** on **March 4, 2024**.

The Request for Proposals (“RFP”) documents can be obtained from either the Housing Authority’s website, www.harrisonhousing.com, under the Bid/RFP/RFQ section, or at the Housing Authority’s administrative offices between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any prospective respondent obtaining the RFP from the website shall be responsible for ensuring they are aware of any addenda to the RFP by verifying such with the Authority’s administrative offices or the Housing Authority’s website prior to submission.

All proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled appropriately (proposal title and return address) using one of the following submission procedures:

HAND-CARRIED/MAILED/OVERNIGHT/EXPRESS MAIL DELIVERY

All proposals shall be delivered to Raymond Lucas, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the Town of Harrison, 788 Harrison Avenue, Building #1, Harrison, New Jersey 07029. Respondents must ensure that their proposal is received no later than the deadline specified above. Proposals received after the deadline for any reason shall not be considered and will be returned to the sender. All proposals shall include any and all required documentation requested therein and a failure to abide by the RFP’s instructions in any way may lead to the proposal being rejected as non-responsive.

No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the deadline. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and/or waive minor irregularities, pursuant to all applicable rules and regulations. In accordance with the criteria included in the RFPs, each contract shall be awarded to the most advantageous proposal received by the Authority, cost and other factors considered.

This RFP is being issued pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

Raymond Lucas
Executive Director

1. PURPOSE

The Housing Authority of the Town of Harrison (hereinafter called “Housing Authority” or “HHA”) is a public housing agency with administrative offices located at 788 Harrison Avenue, Building #1, Harrison, New Jersey 07029, which provides quality, affordable housing to low-income families and seniors. The agency maintains various affordable housing properties in Harrison, New Jersey and supports a public housing program as administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In accordance with all state and federal regulations, the Housing Authority is currently accepting proposals for “Fee Accounting Services” for the twelve (12) month period of **April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025**. It is the Authority’s desire to retain the services of a duly qualified Fee Accountant to act as an advisor for the Authority in all matters connected to the establishment and ongoing functions of the accounting books and records. All services must be in accordance with existing rules, order directives, and regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (including the HUD Accounting Handbook, the Financial Management Handbook and the Annual Contributions Contract). Fee Accountant must be knowledgeable in Project Based Accounting and Asset Management Systems. The firm and/or individual must be on site for a minimum of one (1) day per month and otherwise be available to provide services to the Housing Authority during normal business hours.

The scope of accounting services being requested will relate to all of the Authority’s programs (including, but not limited to, Public Housing, Capital Grant Fund, and any other Grant Program Funds for any Federal or State Program).

Interested persons must be prepared to spend an average of ten (10) to fifteen (15) hours per month and attend board meetings as requested.

All proposals shall be reviewed for completeness and shall be analyzed in accordance with the criteria contained herein. Therefore, the HHA urges all interested firms to carefully review the requirements of the RFP, including the attached Instructions to Offerors (HUD-5369-B). Failure to abide by the RFP’s instructions, in any way, may lead, in the Housing Authority’s sole discretion, to the rejection of the proposal as non-responsive.

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Any requests for clarification as to the meaning of any provision of this Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:00 p.m. on February 21, 2024** to the HHA’s Executive Director, Raymond Lucas, at the address provided below for the submission of proposals. If deemed necessary by the Housing Authority, an addendum will be issued to all individuals who were issued a copy of the Request for Proposals. Any prospective respondent obtaining the RFP from the HHA website shall be responsible for ensuring they are aware of any addenda to the RFP by verifying such with the Authority’s administrative offices or the Housing Authority’s website prior to submission. Failure of any proposer to receive any such addendum shall not relieve them from an obligation under their proposal as submitted.

All proposals shall remain valid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date specified for receipt of proposals in accordance with state procurement regulations. All costs of the proposal process, interviews, contract negotiation, and related expenses, are solely the responsibility of the respondent.

The HHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities and minor irregularities, and/or modify or cancel this solicitation. Proposals which appear unrealistic in terms of management commitments or are indicative of failure to comprehend the complexity of this RFP and subsequent contracts may be rejected.

Respondents are requested and advised to be as complete as possible in their response. The Housing Authority reserves the right to 1) contact any respondent to clarify their proposal; 2) contact any past/current clients of the respondent; 3) solicit information from any available source concerning any aspect of the proposal; and, 4) seek and review any other information deemed pertinent to the evaluation process.

3. SCOPE OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES

The Scope of Accounting Services being requested will pertain to all of the Housing Authority's programs (including, but not limited to, Public Housing and Capital Fund Program) and shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- A) Establish and maintain the accounting books and records, including monthly postings to the general ledger. The books must be maintained in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and the classification and description of accounts as prescribed by HUD.
- B) Prepare and file budgets, reports, financial statements and forms as required by New Jersey State law, HUD, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the HHA. Prepare and file 1099 forms, as required.
- C) Prepare and electronically submit all requisitions and financial reports as needed.
- D) Review weekly payroll reports and post to general ledger.
- E) Attend meetings with HHA staff, HHA Board of Commissioners, HUD staff, HUD Auditors, and Independent Auditors, as requested by the Executive Director.
- F) Maintain income and expense ledgers showing the actual amounts for the fiscal year to date, and provide to the HHA at the end of each month.
- G) Complete monthly reconciliations of all bank accounts promptly upon receipt of HHA bank statements.
- H) Prepare reconciliation of balances of tenants' accounts whenever the summary of transaction with tenants (as furnished by HHA) does not agree with the accountant's control records.

- I) Prepare audit work papers for independent audit.
- J) Prepare monthly financial reports for HHA Board meetings.

4. QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to the ability to perform all of the above, all respondents shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- A) Must be a Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.) licensed in the State of New Jersey who has never, at any time, been sanctioned or suspended from practice.
- B) Has experience representing Public Housing Authorities and has a clear understanding of HUD-funded programs and related federal regulations and State of New Jersey funded programs and regulations.
- C) Has demonstrated knowledge of the latest United States Department of Housing and Urban Development rules and regulations on Asset Management and Project Based Accounting
- D) Has never, at any time, been suspended, debarred, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Justice, the General Services Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, or any other federal agency or the Federal Government, and/or the New Jersey Department of Labor or any other state agency or the State of New Jersey.
- E) Is approvable by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Failure to meet any of the foregoing qualifications is considered a material defect and shall result in the disqualification of the Respondent.

5. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Proposals shall be submitted on the company letterhead, and signed by the owner or an executive officer of the firm. Interested firms should have at least five (5) years' experience.
- B. **Executive Summary** – Provide a brief non-technical overview of the Respondent's business including the range of services offered. Respondents should provide information reflecting how and why their services meet the HHA's needs.
- C. **Company Profile** – Provide a history of the business and resumes of key staff to be involved in all aspects of the accounting services. This shall include both the company's history providing fee accounting services as well as its experience providing such services to public housing authorities.
- D. **Fee Accounting Service** – Describe in detail each aspect of the fee accounting service proposed, including the establishment and maintenance of accounting books and records, the preparation

and filing of budgets and forms required by applicable law, and the preparation of monthly reports for HHA Board meetings.

- E. **References** – Respondents are required to submit a minimum of three (3) housing authority references.
- F. **Proposed Costs** – Provide a flat fee for the performance of the services described herein, broken down by month, and an hourly rate for any additional services outside the scope of services described herein.
- G. **Required Documentation** – Respondents shall submit the enclosed checklist and all documentation identified therein. Failure to provide any of the required documentation at the time of submission may be considered a fatal defect warranting rejection of the proposal.
- H. **Insurance** – Respondents shall possess the below insurance coverages. The premium cost of all insurance purchased by the Respondent for protection against risks assumed by virtue of the contract shall be borne by the Respondent and is not reimbursable by the HHA. The HHA specifically reserves the right to require the Respondent to provide certified copies of such policy or policies.
 - a) Worker’s Compensation Insurance: all aspects of coverage (including but not limited to scope and amount of coverage) must be in accordance with New Jersey Worker’s Compensation laws.
 - b) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance: must be in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or \$2,000,000 aggregate.
 - c) Professional Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

6. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Each proposal must be received at the HHA administrative offices by **12:00 noon** on **Monday, March 4, 2024** in a sealed envelope clearly marked and labeled on the outside referencing the applicable RFP and RFP submission date:

Name of Individual/Firm
Proposal for Fee Accounting Services
DUE DATE: March 4, 2024 at 12:00 Noon
Attn: Raymond Lucas, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the Town of Harrison
788 Harrison Avenue, Bldg. #1
Harrison, New Jersey 07029

Each respondent package shall include the submission of one (1) original and three (3) copies of their proposal. No faxed, emailed, or late proposals shall be accepted.

7. EVALUATION CRITERIA

All proposals will be reviewed in accordance with the Housing Authority’s evaluation criteria, which are as follows:

Evaluation Criteria	Weighting (Maximum Points)
Demonstrated experience and competence in PHA Accounting	30
Familiarity with HUD rules and regulations and New Jersey rules and regulations applicable to PHA Accounting	30
Capability and capacity to accomplish quality work within the required time period	20
References from current or former clients, particularly N.J. Housing Authorities	10
Reasonableness of proposed fee(s)	10
TOTAL	100

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990
Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disability**

The contractor and the Housing Authority of the Town Harrison, (hereafter "owner") do hereby agree that the provisions of Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (the "Act") (*42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public entities in all services, programs, and activities provided or made available by public entities, and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant there unto, are made a part of this contract. In providing any aid, benefit, or service on behalf of the owner pursuant to this contract, the contractor agrees that the performance shall be in strict compliance with the Act. In the event that the contractor, its agents, servants, employees, or subcontractors violate or are alleged to have violated the Act during the performance of this contract, the contractor shall defend the owner in any action or administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to this Act. The contractor shall indemnify, protect, and save harmless the owner, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all suits, claims, losses, demands, or damages, of whatever kind or nature arising out of or claimed to arise out of the alleged violation. The contractor shall, at its own expense, appear, defend, and pay any and all charges for legal services and any and all costs and other expenses arising from such action or administrative proceeding or incurred in connection therewith. In any and all complaints brought pursuant to the owner's grievance procedure, the contractor agrees to abide by any decision of the owner which is rendered pursuant to said grievance procedure. If any action or administrative proceeding results in an award of damages against the owner, or if the owner incurs any expense to cure a violation of the ADA which has been brought pursuant to its grievance procedure, the contractor shall satisfy and discharge the same at its own expense.

The owner shall, as soon as practicable after a claim has been made against it, give written notice thereof to the contractor along with full and complete particulars of the claim, If any action or administrative proceeding is brought against the owner or any of its agents, servants, and employees, the *owner shall* expeditiously forward or have forwarded to the contractor every demand, complaint, notice, summons, pleading, or other process received by the owner or its representatives.

It is expressly agreed and understood that any approval by the owner of the services provided by the contractor pursuant to this contract will not relieve the contractor of the obligation to comply with the Act and to defend, indemnify, protect, and save harmless the owner pursuant to this paragraph.

It is further agreed and understood that the owner assumes no obligation to indemnify or save harmless the contractor, its agents, servants, employees and subcontractors for any claim which may arise out of their performance of this Agreement. Furthermore, the contractor expressly understands and agrees that the provisions of this indemnification clause shall in no way limit the contractor's obligations assumed in this Agreement, nor shall they be construed to relieve the contractor from any liability, nor preclude the owner from taking any other actions available to it under any other provisions of the Agreement or otherwise at law.

MANDATORY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION LANGUAGE
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27
(MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE)
Goods, Professional Service and General Service Contracts

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

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation, the contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex. 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 agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the public agency compliance officer setting for the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative or 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's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to employ minority and women workers consistent with the applicable county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 or a binding determination of the applicable county employment goals determined by the Division, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age,, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes and court

decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the applicable employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the Town of Harrison, Division of Contract Compliance and EEO as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Contract Compliance & EEO for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to **Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27.**

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING NON-DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**

State of New Jersey
County of _____

I, _____ residing in _____
(name of affiant) (name of municipality)
in the County of _____ and State of _____ of full
age, being duly sworn according to law on my oath depose and say that:

_____ and/or its principals have never, at any time, been suspended,
(name of firm)
debarred, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by the Department of Housing and Urban
Development, the Department of Justice, the General Services Administration, the Internal Revenue
Service, or any other federal agency or the Federal Government, and/or the New Jersey Department of
Labor or any other state agency or the State of New Jersey.

Signature of Respondent's Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This _____ day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public of _____
My commission expires _____

Signature of Notary Public

PROPOSAL DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Submission Requirement	Initial
An Original and Three Copies of Entire Proposal	
Support for Qualifications	
Support for Evaluation Factors	
HUD-5369-C	
Certification Regarding Non-Debarment	
Non-Collusion Affidavit	
Statement of Ownership	
Affirmative Action Compliance Notice	
Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran	
Certification of Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus	
New Jersey Business Registration Certificate	
Certificate of Insurance	
Declaration Page of Professional Liability Insurance	

AGREEMENT FOR FEE ACCOUNTING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, dated _____, by and between the Housing Authority of the Town of Harrison, 788 Harrison Avenue, Bldg. #1, Harrison, New Jersey 07029, hereafter referred to as the "HHA", and _____, with an office located at _____, hereafter referred to as the "Accountant",

Whereas, the HHA desires to retain and employ said Accountant in matters connected to the establishment and maintenance of the accounting books and records;

Whereas, said Accountant desires to accept the position of accountant for the HHA in matters connected to the establishment and maintenance of the accounting books and records for the twelve (12) month period commencing on **April 1, 2024** and ending on **March 31, 2025**;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, it is mutually agreed between the parties hereto as follows:

1. That the HHA hereby retains the Accountant in matters concerning the establishment and maintenance of the accounting books and records, including the monthly postings to the general ledger. The books will be maintained in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and the classification and description of accounts as prescribed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD").
2. That the said Accountant shall:
 - a. Attend meetings of the HHA when requested.
 - b. Prepare and file budgets, reports, and financial statements and forms as required.
 - c. Prepare and file 1099 forms, as required.
 - d. Prepare and electronically submit all requisitions and financial reports as needed.
 - e. Review weekly payroll reports and post to general ledger.
 - f. Attend meetings with HHA staff, HHA Board of Commissioners, HUD staff, HUD Auditors, and Independent Auditors, as requested by the Executive Director.
 - g. Maintain income and expense ledgers showing the actual amounts for the fiscal year to date, and provide to the HHA at the end of each month.
 - h. Complete monthly reconciliations of all bank accounts promptly upon receipt of HHA bank statements.
 - i. Prepare reconciliation of balances of tenants' accounts whenever the summary of transaction with tenants (as furnished by HHA) does not agree with the accountant's control records.
 - j. Prepare audit work papers for independent audit.
 - k. Prepare monthly financial reports for HHA Board meetings.
 - l. Perform other accounting work as directed.
3. That the said HHA shall pay the Accountant for the services listed above in the sum of \$ _____ for the period covering **April 1, 2024** through **March 31, 2025**. Said compensation will be paid monthly at a fee of \$ _____.

- 4. The parties hereto expressly agree that this Contract shall not be deemed to create an employer-employee relationship between HHA and the Firm respectively, and no rights or privileges of an employee of HHA shall inure to the Firm.
- 5. The Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey.
- 6. The HHA can cancel this contract with four (4) weeks' notice.
- 7. This instrument contains the entire agreement of the parties. This instrument may not be changed orally, but only by an agreement in writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of any waiver, change, modification, extension or discharge is sought.

THIS AGREEMENT shall extend to and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Housing Authority of the Town of Harrison.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this _____ day of _____.

By: _____
(name), CPA
(Firm Name)

By: _____
Raymond Lucas, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the Town of Harrison

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP

Name of Business: _____

I certify that the list below contains the names and home addresses of all stockholders holding 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

OR

I certify that no one stockholder owns 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.

Check the box that represents the type of business organization:

- Partnership Limited Liability Company Corporation Sole Proprietorship
 Limited Partnership Limited Liability Partnership Subchapter S Corporation

Sign and notarize the form below, and, if necessary, complete the stockholder list below.

Stockholders:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

% of Ownership: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

% of Ownership: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

% of Ownership: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

% of Ownership: _____

Signature of Respondent's Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This _____ day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public of _____
My commission expires _____

Signature of Notary Public

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE NOTICE
N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 AND N.J.A.C. 17:27**

**GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACTS
(INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES)**

This form is a summary of the successful bidder's requirement to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq.

The successful bidder shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of this contract, one of the following three documents as forms of evidence:

- (a) A photocopy of a valid letter that the contractor is operating under and existing Federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program (good for one year from the date of the letter);

OR

- (b) A photocopy of a Certificate of Employee Information Report approval, issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4;

OR

- (c) A photocopy of an Employee Information Report (Form AA302) provided by Division and distributed to the public agency to be completed by the contractor in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4.

The successful vendor may obtain the Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA302) from the contracting unit during normal business hours.

The successor vendor(s) must submit the copies of the AA 302 Report to the Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts (Division). The Public Agency copy is submitted to the public agency, and the vendor copy is retained by the vender.

The undersigned vendor certifies that he/she is aware of the commitment to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27.1 et seq. and agrees to furnish the required forms of evidence.

The undersigned vendor further understands that his/her bid shall be rejected as non-responsive if said contractor fails to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1, et seq.

COMPANY: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

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 an offeror or its authorized representative if the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the offer before award. If this solicitation is an invitation for bids, bids may be withdrawn at any time prior to bid opening.

7. Contract Award

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

(b) The HA may

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

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

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

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

8. Service of Protest

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

9. Offer Submission

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

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

[Describe bid or proposal preparation instructions here:]

Certifications and Representations of Offerors

Non-Construction Contract

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

OMB Approval No: 2577-0180 (exp. 7/30/96)

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

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

1. Contingent Fee Representation and Agreement

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) is, is not a small business concern. "Small business concern," as used in this provision, means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding, and qualified as a small business under the criteria and size standards in 13 CFR 121.
- (b) is, is not a women-owned small business concern. "Women-owned," as used in this provision, means a small business that is at least 51 percent owned by a woman or women who are U.S. citizens and who also control and operate the business.
- (c) is, is not a minority enterprise which, pursuant to Executive Order 11625, is defined as a business which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its voting stock is owned by one or more minority group members, and whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more such individuals.

For the purpose of this definition, minority group members are:
(Check the block applicable to you)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Americans | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific Americans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Americans | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian Americans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Americans | <input type="checkbox"/> Hasidic Jewish Americans |

3. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

(a) The bidder/offeror certifies that—

- (1) The prices in this bid/offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other bidder/offeror or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit a bid/offer, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;
 - (2) The prices in this bid/offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the bidder/offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder/offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and
 - (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder/offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a bid/offer for the purpose of restricting competition.
- (b) Each signature on the bid/offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory:
- (1) Is the person in the bidder/offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; or
 - (2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above (insert full name of person(s) in the bidder/offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the bidder/offeror's organization);
(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; and

(iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.

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

4. Organizational Conflicts of Interest Certification

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

- (i) Award of the contract may result in an unfair competitive advantage;
- (ii) The Contractor's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired; or
- (iii) That the Contractor has disclosed all relevant information and requested the HA to make a determination with respect to this Contract.

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

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

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

5. Authorized Negotiators (RFPs only)

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

6. Conflict of Interest

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

7. Offeror's Signature

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

Signature & Date:

Typed or Printed Name:

Title:



DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN FORM

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY
33 WEST STATE STREET, P.O. BOX 230 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625-0230

BID SOLICITATION # AND TITLE: _____

VENDOR NAME: _____

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-57, et seq. (P.L. 2012, c.25 and P.L. 2021, c.4) any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must certify that neither the person nor entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the New Jersey Department of the Treasury's Chapter 25 List as a person or entity engaged in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division's website at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>. Vendors/Bidders must review this list prior to completing the below certification. If the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property finds a person or entity to be in violation of the law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

I certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-57, et seq. (P.L. 2012, c.25 and P.L. 2021, c.4), that neither the Vendor/Bidder listed above nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the New Jersey Department of the Treasury's Chapter 25 List of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited activities in Iran.

OR

I am unable to certify as above because the Vendor/Bidder and/or one or more of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the New Jersey Department of the Treasury's Chapter 25 List. I will provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the Vendor/Bidder, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, has engaged in regarding investment activities in Iran by completing the information requested below.

Entity Engaged in Investment Activities
Relationship to Vendor/ Bidder
Description of Activities

Duration of Engagement
Anticipated Cessation Date

**Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary.*

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the Vendor, that the foregoing information and any attachments hereto, to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge that the State of New Jersey is relying on the information contained herein, and that the Vendor is under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contract(s) with the State to notify the State in writing of any changes to the information contained herein; that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification. If I do so, I may be subject to criminal prosecution under the law, and it will constitute a material breach of my contract(s) with the State, permitting the State to declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Signature

Date

Print Name and Title



**CERTIFICATION OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IN PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES
IN RUSSIA OR BELARUS PURSUANT TO P.L.2022, c.3**

CONTRACT / BID SOLICITATION TITLE _____

CONTRACT / BID SOLICITATION No. _____

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

I, the undersigned, am authorized by the person or entity seeking to enter into or renew the contract identified above, to certify that the Vendor/Bidder is not engaged in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus as such term is defined in [P.L.2022, c.3](#),¹ section 1.e, except as permitted by federal law.

I understand that if this statement is willfully false, I may be subject to penalty, as set forth in P.L.2022, c.3, section 1.d.

OR

I, the undersigned am unable to certify above because the person or entity seeking to enter into or renew the contract identified above, or one of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates may have engaged in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus. A detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities is provided below.

Failure to provide such description will result in the Quote being rendered as non-responsive, and the Department/Division will not be permitted to contract with such person or entity, and if a Quote is accepted or contract is entered into without delivery of the certification, appropriate penalties, fines and/or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.

Description of Prohibited Activity

Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary.

If you certify that the bidder is engaged in activities prohibited by P.L. 2022, c. 3, the bidder shall have 90 days to cease engaging in any prohibited activities and on or before the 90th day after this certification, shall provide an updated certification. If the bidder does not provide the updated certification or at that time cannot certify on behalf of the entity that it is not engaged in prohibited activities, the State shall not award the business entity any contracts, renew any contracts, and shall be required to terminate any contract(s) the business entity holds with the State that were issued on or after the effective date of P.L. 2022, c. 3.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Print Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Vendor Name

¹ Engaged in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus” means (1) companies in which the Government of Russia or Belarus has any direct equity share; (2) having any business operations commencing after the effective date of this act that involve contracts with or the provision of goods or services to the Government of Russia or Belarus; (3) being headquartered in Russia or having its principal place of business in Russia or Belarus, or (4) supporting, assisting or facilitating the Government of Russia or Belarus in their campaigns to invade the sovereign country of Ukraine, either through in-kind support or for profit.

