



Attachment A
ST. BERNARD PARISH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
1125 East St. Bernard Highway
Chalmette, LA 70043

Closing Date: December 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Subject: Parishwide Blight Abatement Program
Grass Cutting services for Adjudicated
Residential Property

Company KIDS KAMPUS LEARNING CENTER, INC. Name KEVIN POTTER
Federal Tax I.D. No. 72-1257711 [PRINT OR TYPE]
Street Address 117 E. GENIE ST. Signature* Kevin Potter
City CHALMETTE Title VICE PRESIDENT - TREASURER
State LA. Zip Code 70043 Date DEC. 1, 2016
Telephone: (504) 421-5389 Fax _____
E-Mail KEVINPOTTERSR@gmail.com

**Authorized Signature: The signer declares under penalty of perjury that she/he is authorized to sign this document and bind the company or organization to the terms of this agreement.*

FOR CONSIDERATION AS A RESPONSIVE SUBMITTAL, THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:

- 1) All information on this Request for Proposal page must be completed.
- 2) This page must be signed with an original signature.
- 3) Submittals are due on or before the exact closing date and time. Submittals received after the exact closing date and time will NOT be considered. If hand delivering, please allow enough time for travel and parking to submit by the closing date and time.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS RFP, PLEASE CONTACT:

Jason Stopa, Director – Director, Department of Community Development E mail: jstopa@sbgg.net 504-355-4427

Teri Doskey, Executive Assistant/Office Manager E mail: tdoskey@sbgg.net 504-278-4314

**ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT
ST. BERNARD PARISH, LOUISIANA**

Request for Proposal (RFP)



**PARISHWIDE BLIGHT ABATEMENT PROGRAM
GRASS CUTTING SERVICES FOR ADJUDICATED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

RFP DUE DATE/TIME: DECEMBER 1, 2016 AT 10:00 AM.

POINT OF RECEIPT:

**St. Bernard Parish Government
Department of Public Works
1125 East St. Bernard Highway
Chalmette, LA 70043**

or

www.centralauctionhouse.com

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

St. Bernard Parish Government (SBPG) will require adjudicated residential property grass cutting services on an unspecified number of properties acquired from the St. Bernard Parish Tax collector. All of these properties are residential properties in subdivisions. The Parish cannot guarantee a minimum number of properties offered to any contractor(s).

The procedures for the selection of the firm(s) will be in accordance with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) rules and guidance and procurement policies of SBPG. All responses received will be evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria. The package also identifies the scope of services to be performed by the selected firm. SBPG reserves the right to hire multiple service firms.

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

1. The Submittal

Submittals should be submitted in the format outlined in this RFP and should be a complete response to this RFP. This submittal format is mandatory. This submittal should be submitted in a sealed envelope that shows the name and address of the person or persons submitting the submittal or submitted electronic by Central Bidding. The submittal should be signed by an officer authorized to make a binding commitment for the Firm making the submittal.

2. Acceptance of Submittals

The Parish of St. Bernard intends to award a contract to the respondent that best satisfies the needs of the Parish. All submittals received by the closing deadline will be carefully evaluated for conformance with the requirements of this RFP. Selection of a responsive and responsible respondent will be based upon criteria listed in this RFP. The Parish reserves the right to conduct negotiations with Respondents. This does not commit the Parish to award a contract. The Parish may award a contract solely on the basis of only the response submitted without any negotiations.

St. Bernard Parish reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive minor irregularities in submittals. A minor irregularity is a variation of the RFP which does not give one party an advantage or benefit not enjoyed by other parties, or adversely impacts the interest of St. Bernard Parish. Waivers, when granted, shall in no way modify the RFP requirements or excuse the party from full compliance with the RFP specifications and other contract requirements, if the party is awarded the contract. Contents of the submittal may become contractual obligations if a contract ensues. Failure of the respondent to honor these obligations may result in cancellation of the award.

3. Rejection of Submittals

Submittals that do not conform to the requirements set forth in this RFP may be rejected by St. Bernard Parish. Submittals may be rejected for reasons that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. The Submittal contains unauthorized amendments to the requirements of the RFP.
- B. The Submittal is conditional.
- C. The Submittal is incomplete or contains irregularities which make the submittal indefinite or ambiguous.
- D. The Submittal is not received by the deadline.
- E. The Submittal is not signed by an authorized representative of the party.
- F. The Submittal contains false or misleading statements or references.
- G. The Submittal does not offer to provide all services required by the RFP.

4. Submittal Acceptance Period

The original and five (5) copies of the submittal and all attachments (six (6) total) shall be signed and submitted, along with a CD, electronic copy, in a sealed envelope or package to the St. Bernard Parish Government, Department of Public Works, 1125 East St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette, LA 70043 no later than 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 1, 2016 or electronically by Central Bidding at www.centralauctionhouse.com. Timely submission of the submittal is the responsibility of the Respondent. Offers received after the specified time shall be rejected and returned to the Respondent unopened.

5. Expenses incurred in preparing offers

St. Bernard Parish accepts no responsibility for any expense incurred by the respondent in the preparation and presentation of an offer. Such expenses shall be borne exclusively by the Respondent.

6. Additional information

Questions concerning the Request for Proposal document must be submitted in writing to the St. Bernard Parish Government, Department of Community Development, 8201 West Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, Louisiana 70043 Attention: Jason Stopa, Director jstopa@sbsp.net 504-355-4427 and St. Bernard Parish Government, Department of Public Works, 1125 East St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette, Louisiana 70043 Attention: Teri Doskey, Executive Assistant/Office Manager tdoskey@sbsp.net 504-278-4314. Respondents are cautioned that any statements made by the contact person that materially change any portion of the Request for Proposal shall not be relied upon unless subsequently ratified by a formal written amendment to the Request for Proposal.

7. Award of Contract

In the event the Parish decides to award a contract pursuant to this RFP, the respondent will provide as requested any necessary documents to assist St. Bernard Parish Government as needed in the preparation of the purchase order or contract.

8. Insurance Requirements

GENERAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Any person or company contracting with the St Bernard Parish Government (hereafter referred to as "The Contractor") shall purchase and maintain, for the duration of the contract, insurance for any and all claims including but not limited to injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, volunteers, employees or subcontractors, etc.

A. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMITS OF INSURANCE

1. Workers Compensation

Workers Compensation insurance shall be in compliance with the Workers Compensation law of the State of Louisiana. Employers Liability is included with a minimum limit of \$500,000 per accident/per disease/per employee.

If work is to be performed over water and involves maritime exposure, applicable LHWCA, Jones Act, or other maritime law, coverage shall be included and include crewmembers or vessels including transportation, wages, and maintenance with the Employers Liability limit increased to a minimum of \$1,000,000. Coverage with an "In Rem" endorsement should the work to be performed involve watercraft.

2. Commercial General Liability

Commercial General Liability insurance, Broad Form Damage, including Personal and Advertising Injury

Liability, Contractual Liability for Contractor's obligation assumed hereunder, Independent Contractors Coverage, Premises/Operations and Products/Completed Operations. There shall be a minimum limit per occurrence of \$1,000,000 and a minimum general aggregate of \$2,000,000. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability occurrence coverage form CG 00 01 (or current form approved or for use in Louisiana), or equivalent, is to be used in the policy. Claims-made form is unacceptable. If applicable, coverage for occurrences results from blasting, explosion or collapse, damage to underground property and injury or destruction of any property resulting there from.

~~3. Environmental Pollution Liability~~

~~Pollution Liability insurance, including gradual release as well as sudden and accidental shall have a minimum limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim \$2,000,000 Aggregate. Higher limits may be required based on work being performed. This policy should be on an Occurrence basis. Coverage should include the contractor's self-performed work and extend to that of their contractors. A claims-made form will be acceptable with a policy period inception date of no later than the first day of anticipated work under this contract and an expiration date of no earlier than 30 days after anticipated completion of all work under the contract shall be provided. There shall be an extended reporting period of at least 24 months, with full reinstatement of limits, from the expiration date of the policy.~~

4. Commercial Automobile Liability

Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance shall have a minimum combined single limit per occurrence of \$1,000,000. ISO form number CA 00 01 (or current form approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalent, is to be used in the policy. This insurance shall include third-party bodily injury and property damage liability for owned, hired and non-owned automobiles.

5. Excess Umbrella

Excess Umbrella insurance may be used to meet the minimum requirements for General Liability and Automobile Liability only.

~~6. Aircraft & Watercraft Liability~~

~~When used by contractor in connection with the work described hereunder, such insurance to include all leased, hired or other non-owned aircraft or watercraft.~~

~~Minimum Liability Limits: Aircraft: \$10,000,000~~

~~Watercraft: Limits up to the value of the vessel or~~

~~\$ 5,000,000, whichever is greater.~~

~~Watercraft to have "In Rem" endorsement. Protection and Indemnity Insurance on all watercraft owned, operated and/or chartered by a contractor.~~

7. Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions) Insurance

Insurance shall be maintained appropriate to the Contractors profession, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate. St. Bernard Parish Government does not have to be named as an additional Insured on this policy.

~~8. Flood Insurance~~

~~Flood insurance is required on all *eligible* construction contracts.~~

- ~~a. If at the time of the contract, there is a current NFIP flood insurance policy in effect that the St. Bernard Parish Government purchases through the NFIP but the construction cost increases the value of the building within the \$500,000 NFIP limit, the contractor is responsible for any additional NFIP premium to bring the coverage up to the greater of the fully completed project value or the amount of the construction contract including any amendments or change orders, including content coverage, if such is part of the construction contract.~~
- ~~b. If at the time of the contract, there is a current NFIP flood insurance policy in effect that the St. Bernard Parish Government purchases through the NFIP, Excess Flood Insurance is required if the construction cost increases the value of the location above the NFIP \$500,000 maximum policy limit. Coverage shall be equal to the greater of the fully completed project value or the amount of the construction contract including any amendments or change orders and shall be upon the entire work included in the contract, including content coverage, if such is part of the construction contract.~~

~~Excess Flood Insurance may be provided by the contractor as part of a Builders Risk policy in lieu of a separate Excess Flood policy but either type of flood insurance coverage is acceptable.~~

- ~~c. If St. Bernard Parish Government does not have a current NFIP flood insurance policy in place, the contractor shall obtain flood insurance. Coverage may be through the NFIP for the first layer up to the \$500,000 maximum policy limits allowed. Should the fully completed project value or the amount of the construction contract including any amendments or change orders exceed the \$500,000 NFIP maximum policy limit, an Excess Flood insurance policy or Builders' Risk policy which includes flood~~
- ~~d. insurance coverage is required, including content coverage, if such is part of the construction contract.~~
- ~~e. Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining the elevation certificate should one be needed to secure insurance coverage. For new construction, upon completion of the job, the contractor shall furnish the St. Bernard Parish Government with an elevation certificate for each building which is part of the contract.~~

~~9. Builder's Risk~~

~~Builder's Risk Insurance shall be in an amount equal to the greater of the fully completed project value or the amount of the construction contract including any amendments or change orders and shall be upon the entire work included in the contract. The policy shall provide coverage equivalent to the ISO form number CP 10 20, Broad Form Causes of Loss (extended, if necessary, to include "all perils" of wind, named storm, earthquake, flood-collapse, vandalism/malicious mischief, and theft, including theft of materials whether or not attached to any structure). The policy must include architects' and engineers' fees necessary to provide plans, specifications and~~

~~supervision of work for the repair and/or replacement of property damage caused by a covered peril, not to exceed 10% of the cost of the repair and/or replacement.~~

~~The policy must include coverage for the Owner, Contractor and any subcontractors as their interests may appear.~~

~~The Contractor shall:~~

- ~~a. Be responsible for all deductibles and self-insured retentions;~~
- ~~b. Be responsible for all work in progress until final completion;~~
- ~~c. Procure and maintain for the duration of the work and until acceptance by owner, an All Risk Builders Risk Policy, including Flood and Named Windstorms;~~
- ~~d. Name the St. Bernard Parish Government as a Loss Payee or Named Insured;~~
- ~~e. Provide proof of coverage.~~

B. DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS

~~The Contractor shall be responsible for all deductibles and self-insured retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and accepted by the St. Bernard Parish Government.~~

C. OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverage

- a. The St. Bernard Parish Government, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers shall be named as an Additional Insured with a Waiver of Subrogation as regards negligence by the contractor. ISO Form CG 20 10 (or current form approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalent, is to be used when applicable. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the parish.
- b. The Contractor's insurance shall be primary as respects the St. Bernard Parish Government, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the St. Bernard Parish Government shall be excess and non-contributory of the Contractor's insurance.
- c. The Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the policy limits.

2. Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Coverage

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the St. Bernard Parish Government, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the Contractor for the St. Bernard Parish Government.

3. All Coverage

- a. Coverage shall not be canceled, suspended, or voided by either party (the Contractor or the insurer) or reduced in coverage or in limits except after 30 days written notice has been given to the St. Bernard Parish Government. Ten-day written notice of cancellation is acceptable for non-payment of premium. Notifications shall comply with the standard cancellation provisions in the Contractor's policy.
- b. Neither the acceptance of the completed work nor the payment thereof shall release the Contractor from the obligations of the insurance requirements or indemnification agreement.
- c. The insurance companies issuing the policies shall have no recourse against the St. Bernard Parish Government for payment of premiums or for assessments under any form of the policies.
- d. Any failure of the Contractor to comply with reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the St. Bernard Parish Government, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.
- e. If the Contractor maintains higher limits than the minimum show herein, the St. Bernard Parish Government shall be entitled to coverage to the higher limits maintained by the Contractor.
- f. If the Contractor does not maintain proper coverage, he will be given notice to stop work and informed that any such stoppage is a violation of the contract and that the contractor is liable for any losses or delays.

D. ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS

All required insurance shall be provided by a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located. Insurance shall be placed with insurers with an A.M. Best's rating of A-: VI or higher.

If at any time an insurer issuing any such policy does not meet the minimum A.M. Best rating, the Contractor shall obtain a policy with an insurer that meets the A.M. Best rating and shall submit another Certificate of Insurance as required in the contract.

E. VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE

Contractor shall furnish the St. Bernard Parish Government with Certificates of insurance reflecting proof of required coverage. The Certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The Certificates are to be received and approved by the St. Bernard Parish Government y before work commences and upon any contract renewal thereafter.

In addition to the Certificates, Contractor shall submit the declarations page and the cancellation provision endorsement for each insurance policy. The St. Bernard Parish Government reserves the right to request complete certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.

Upon failure of the Contractor to furnish, deliver and maintain such insurance as above provided, this contract, at the election of the St. Bernard Parish Government, may be suspended, discontinued or terminated. Failure of the Contractor to purchase and/or maintain any required insurance shall not relieve the Contractor from any liability or indemnification under the contract.

F. SUBCONTRACTORS

The Contractor shall include all subcontractors as an insured under its policies OR shall be responsible for verifying and maintaining the Certificates provided by each subcontractor. Subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein. The St. Bernard Parish Government reserves the right to request copies of subcontractor's Insurance policies or Certificates of Insurance at any time.

G. WORKERS COMPENSATION INDEMNITY

In the event Contractor is not required to provide or fails to provide workers compensation coverage, the parties hereby agree that Contractor, its owners, agents and employees will have no cause of action against, and will not assert a claim against, the St. Bernard Parish Government, its departments, agencies, agents and employees as an employer, whether pursuant to the Louisiana Workers Compensation Act or otherwise, under any circumstance. The parties also hereby agree that the St. Bernard Parish Government, its departments, agencies, agents and employees shall in no circumstance be, or considered as, the employer or statutory employer of Contractor, its owners, agents and employees. The parties further agree that Contractor is a wholly independent contractor and is exclusively responsible for its employees, owners, and agents. Contractor hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold the St. Bernard Parish Government, its departments, agencies, agents and employees harmless from any such assertion or claim that may arise from the performance of this contract.

H. INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, save, and hold harmless, the St. Bernard Parish Government, all Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions, its officers, agents, servants, employees, and volunteers, from and against any and all claims, damages, expenses, and liability arising out of injury or death to any person or the damage, loss or destruction of any property which may occur, or in any way grow out of, any act or omission of Contractor, its agents, servants, and employees, or any and all costs, expenses and/or attorney fees incurred by Contractor as a result of any claims, demands, suits or causes of action, except those claims, demands, suits, or causes of action arising out of the negligence of the St. Bernard Parish Government, Departments, Agencies, Boards, Commissions, its officers, agents, servants, employees and volunteers.

Contractor agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for and defend any such claims, demands, suits, or causes of action at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto.

NOTE: Certain jobs may have risks and exposures that require additional or specific insurance requirements. If there are any questions, please contact Stephanie Bradbury, Risk Manager for the St. Bernard Parish Government at 504-278-4246 or email at sbradbury@sbsp.net.

9. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. Applicable Law

The contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, excluding its conflicts of laws, provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the state. The Respondent shall comply with applicable federal and state local laws and regulations.

B. Confidentiality

The Respondent shall agree to assure the confidentiality of any records obtained from St. Bernard Parish as required by state and federal privacy laws. No information, documents or other material provided to or prepared by the Respondent deemed confidential by St. Bernard Parish pursuant to state and federal privacy laws, shall be made available to any person or organization without the prior approval of St. Bernard Parish. Any liability resulting from the wrongful disclosure of confidential information on the part of the Respondent shall rest with the Successful Respondent.

C. Compliance with Laws

The Respondent understands that St. Bernard Parish is an equal opportunity employer and therefore maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, State, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful and the Respondent agrees during the term of the agreement that they will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and provision of services. The Respondent shall comply with, and all activities under this agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, State of Louisiana, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

D. Failure to Provide Service

If the Respondent fails to provide any services described in the contract, or fails to meet any obligations contained therein, the Parish reserves the right to terminate the contract by providing written notice to the Respondent. The Parish may provide a time table to allow the Respondent to cure the default based upon the immediate circumstances or terminate the contract.

E. CDBG Compliance Provisions

This project is governed by the rules and regulations as defined in the CDBG Construction Service Compliance Provisions made part of this RFP. **See Section VI.**

SECTION II: SCOPE OF SERVICES

St. Bernard Parish Government (SBPG) will require grass cutting services on an unspecified number of parish-owned properties acquired from the St. Bernard Parish Tax Collector. These properties are residential properties in subdivisions. The Parish cannot guarantee a minimum number of properties offered to any contractor(s).

Those services are:

Requirements

1. Grass cutting company must hold active and valid licenses in Louisiana.
2. The grass cutting company must have recent experience in the State of Louisiana.
3. The grass cutting firm must have recent experience in providing mass real estate property maintenance services.
4. The grass cutting company and all employees shall adhere to industry professional standards.
5. The grass cutting company shall perform its duties in accordance with the most current Louisiana Revised Statutes and professional standards governing public construction services including grass cutting.

Service Specifications

1. Cut and edge property.
2. The grass cutting services firm must provide SBPG with a complete hard file and an electronic file (PDF) of all required documents regarding the grass cut.
3. Contractors must input activities into the Parish's database.
4. All grass cuts shall be approved by SBPG prior to the cut. When the grass cut is initiated by SBPG it must be completed within seven(7) business days of direction given. Each respondent shall understand and adhere completely to the provisions for the Davis Bacon requirements and other governing requirements as specified in the attached CDBG provisions.

SECTION III: PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Company Overview

1. Contact information: Name of Company, business address, phone number, website and contact information for primary company representative submitting the proposal
2. Company history: Year established and any former company names, if applicable
3. Type of ownership and parent company, if applicable.
4. Submittal Submission Form – Completed and signed on attached application (**Attachment A**).

Key Personnel

1. Personnel qualifications and experience including resumes of key personnel including length of service with the company, professional education and experience to be utilized to execute the work. If more than one company is involved, please indicate the anticipated share of the project that will be handled by each partner and the lead company.
2. Identical information for any subcontractors or project partners expected to participate in the project.
3. Project organizational chart with a designated primary point of contact for the project team.

Professional Capabilities and Experience

1. Provide a list of similar projects involving identical work (minimum of three), the cost and the client contact information for those projects.
2. Provide a brief Letter of Interest describing the company's interest, capabilities, and qualifications for this project (please limit to two pages)

Cost Proposal

Cost proposals shall be presented by service descriptions identified in the table below. Proposed cost shall be a fixed fee/lump sum price inclusive of all indirect and direct cost including all expenses related to completion of the assigned properties along with consultation with SBPG representatives.

Provide lump sum costs for the following:

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	LUMP SUM VALUE
CUT PER PROPERTY	# 20.00
EDGE PER PROPERTY	# 5.00
BLOW GRASS FROM STREET AND ADJOURNING PROPERTIES PER PROPERTY	# 5.00

SECTION IV: EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS

The procedures for the selection of the firm(s) will be in accordance with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) rules and guidance and procurement policies of SBPG. All responses received will be evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria. SBPG reserves the right to hire multiple grass cutting firms. All responses will be evaluated based on the relative merits of the proposal received in addition to price. The following criteria and point scoring will be followed:

1. Criteria:

Respondent meeting the minimum qualifications and requirements in this RFP will be evaluated on the basis of the following:

- Professional expertise, training and experience, especially in relation to the type and magnitude of services required **0-30 points**
 - Past and/or current experience working with municipalities on similar service contracts **0-25points**
 - Past and current contract references attesting to the quality of work with previous compliance to CDBG grant funded projects including but not limited to the Davis Bacon Act. **0-25 points**
 - *Note: Proposers are requested to provide information on problems encountered on the identified contracts and the proposer’s corrective actions taken if the proposer deems it necessary. In the case that a proposer cannot provide a record of relevant past performance or which information on past performance is not available, the proposer may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on past performance.*
 - Cost Proposal – Lump Sum Cost **0-20 points**
- TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS 100 points**

Cost of Service points will be awarded on the basis of the following formula:

$$(A/B)*C = D$$

- A is the lowest proposed fee submitted.
- B is the Proposer’s proposed fee.
- C is the maximum number of cost points, and
- D is the cost of service points actually awarded to the proposal being granted

The Parish Government, or appointed Committee, shall evaluate each RFP received per CDBG rules and regulations pertaining to procurement and SBPG procurement policies. If the Parish desires, the firms will be notified to make a presentation before the selection process is completed.

St. Bernard Parish Government reserves the right to negotiate with any and all persons or firms submitting an RFP, and award contracts to multiple firms to execute the scope of services of this RFP. The selection process shall comply with Louisiana Revised Statutes, St. Bernard Parish Procurement Policies for Professional Services and CDBG Rules and Guidance.

St. Bernard Parish reserves the right to reject any RFP for failure to meet the requirements contained herein, to waive any technical requirement, and to select the firm, in the Parish’s judgment, whom best meets the requirements of this project and the needs of the Parish.

SECTION V: SUBMITTAL PACKAGE AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

The Request for Proposal submittal shall consist of one (1) original and five (5) copies of your proposal and all attachments (6 submittals total) shall be submitted, along with a CD, electronic copy, in a sealed envelope or package as follows:

Address Proposal to:

Keith LaGrange
Director
Department of Public Works
St. Bernard Parish Government
1125 E. St. Bernard Hwy.
Chalmette, Louisiana 70043

REFERENCE:

**PARISHWIDE BLIGHT ABATEMENT PROGRAM
Grass Cutting Services for Adjudicated Residential Property**

Sealed Request for Proposal Packages will be received until the hour of **10:00 a. m. on Thursday, December 1, 2016, in the St. Bernard Parish Government, Office of the Department of Public Works, located at 1125 East St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette, Louisiana** are electronically by Central Bidding at www.centralauctionhouse.com.

To be a valid delivery, Sealed Proposal Packages must be delivered electronically by Central Bidding or by hand to St. Bernard Parish Government, Department of Public Works, 1125 East St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette, Louisiana during normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on or before **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2016. NO LATE SUBMITTALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Timely submission of the submittal is the responsibility of the Respondent. Offers received after the specified time shall be rejected and returned to the Respondent unopened.

Sealed Proposal Packages delivered to any other St. Bernard Parish Government location or other room number prior to the receipt deadline will not be considered.

St. Bernard Parish Government is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

**SECTION VI - CDBG PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS
(Attachment B)**

Attachment B

CDBG COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS

for

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

(These provisions must be included in all construction contracts)

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1. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (Equal Opportunity Clause)**
(applicable to contracts and subcontracts above \$10,000)

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

- A. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. 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 setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- B. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- C. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Contract Compliance Officer advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor's commitment under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- D. The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- E. The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the Department and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and others.
- F. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the non-discrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- G. The Contractor will include the provisions of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph A and the provisions of paragraphs A through G 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, 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 Department may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Department, the Contractor

may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the United States.

2. **STANDARD FEDERAL EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS
(applicable to contracts and subcontracts above \$10,000)

A. As used in these specifications:

- (1) "Covered area" means the geographical area described in the solicitation from which this contract resulted;
- (2) "Director" means Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, United States Department of Labor, or any person to whom the Director delegates authority;
- (3) "Employer identification number" means the Federal Social Security number used on the Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return, U.S. Treasury Department Form 941.
- (4) "Minority" includes:
 - (a) Black (all persons having origins in any of the Black African racial groups not of Hispanic origin);
 - (b) Hispanic (all persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South America or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race);
 - (c) Asian and Pacific Islander (all persons having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands); and
 - (d) American Indian or Alaskan Native (all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and maintaining identifiable tribal affiliations through membership and participation or community identification).

B. When the Contractor, or any subcontractor, at anytime, subcontracts a portion of the work involving any construction trade, it shall physically include in each subcontract, in excess of \$10,000, the provisions of these specifications and the Notice which contains the applicable goals for minority and female participation and which is set forth in the solicitations from which this contract resulted.

C. If the Contractor is participating (pursuant to 41 CFR 60-4.5) in a Hometown Plan approved by the U.S. Department of Labor in the covered area either individually or through an association, its affirmative action obligations on all work in the Plan area (including goals and timetables) shall be in accordance with that Plan for those trades which have unions participating in the Plan. Contractors must be able to demonstrate their participation in compliance with the provisions of any such Hometown Plan. Each Contractor or subcontractor participating in an approved Plan is individually required to comply with its

obligations under the EEO clause, and to make a good faith effort to achieve each goal under the Plan in each trade in which it has employees. The overall good faith performance by other Contractors or subcontractors toward a goal in an approved Plan does not excuse any covered Contractor's or subcontractor's failure to take good faith efforts to achieve the Plan goals and timetables.

- D. The Contractor shall implement the specific affirmative action standards provided in paragraphs G(1) through G(16) of these specifications. The goals set forth in the solicitation from which this contract resulted are expressed as percentages of the total hours of employment and training of minority and female utilization the Contractor should reasonably be able to achieve in each construction trade in which it has employees in the covered area. Covered construction contractors performing contracts in geographical areas where they do not have a federal or federally-assisted construction contract shall apply the minority and female goals established for the geographic area where the contract is being performed. Goals are published periodically in the Federal Register in notice form and such notices may be obtained from any Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs office or from Federal procurement contracting officers. The Contractor is expected to make substantially uniform progress in meeting its goals in each craft during the period specified.
- E. Neither the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement, nor the failure by a union with whom the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement, to refer either minorities or women shall excuse the Contractor's obligations under these specifications, Executive Order 11246, or the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.
- F. In order for the non-working training hours of apprentices and trainees to be counted in meeting the goals, such apprentices and trainees must be employed by the Contractor during the training period, and the Contractor must have made a commitment to employ the apprentices and trainees at the completion of their training, subject to the availability of employment opportunities. Trainees must be trained pursuant to training programs approved by the U.S. Department of Labor.
- G. The Contractor shall take specific affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunity. The evaluation of the Contractor's compliance with these specifications shall be based upon its effort to achieve maximum results from its actions. The Contractor shall document these efforts fully, and shall implement affirmative action steps at least as extensive as the following:
 - (1) Ensure and maintain a working environment free of harassment, intimidation, and coercion at all sites, and in all facilities at which the Contractor's employees are assigned to work. The Contractor, where possible, will assign two or more women to each construction project. The Contractor shall specifically ensure that all foremen, superintendents and other on-site supervisory personnel are aware of and carry out the Contractor's obligation to maintain such a working environment, with specific attention to minority or female individuals working at such sites or in such facilities.
 - (2) Establish and maintain a current list of minority and female recruitment sources, provide written notification to minority and female recruitment sources and to community organizations when the Contractor or its unions have employment opportunities available, and maintain a record of the organization's responses.

- (3) Maintain a current file of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each minority and female off-the-street applicant and minority or female referral from a union, a recruitment source, or community organization and of what action was taken with respect to each such individual. If such individual was sent to the union hiring hall for referral and was not referred back to the Contractor by the union or, if referred, not employed by the Contractor, this shall be documented in the file with the reason therefore, along with whatever additional actions the Contractor may have taken.
- (4) Provide immediate written notification to the Director when the union or unions with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement have not referred to the Contractor a minority person or woman sent by the Contractor, or when the Contractor has other information that the union referral process has impeded the Contractor's efforts to meet its obligations.
- (5) Develop on-the-job training opportunities and/or participate in training programs for the area which expressly includes minorities and women, including upgrading programs and apprenticeship and trainee programs relevant to the Contractor's employment needs, especially those programs funded or approved by the Department of Labor. The Contractor shall provide notice of these programs to the sources compiled under G(2) above.
- (6) Disseminate the Contractor's EEO policy by providing notice of the policy to unions and training programs and requesting their cooperation in assisting the Contractor in meeting its EEO obligations; by including it in any policy manual and collective bargaining agreement; by publicizing it in the company newspaper, annual report, etc.; by specific review of the policy with all management personnel and with all minority and female employees at least once a year; and by posting the company EEO policy on a bulletin board accessible to all employees at each location where construction work is performed.
- (7) Review, at least annually, the company's EEO policy and affirmative action obligations under these specifications with all employees having any responsibility for hiring, assignment, layoff, termination, or other employment decisions including specific review of these items with on-site supervisory personnel such as Superintendents, General Foreman, etc., prior to the initiation of construction work at any job site. A written record shall be made and maintained identifying the time and place of these meetings, persons attending, subject matter discussed, and disposition of the subject matter.
- (8) Disseminate the Contractor's EEO policy externally by including it in any advertising in the news media, specifically including minority and female news media, and providing written notification to and discussing the Contractor's EEO policy with other Contractors and Subcontractors with whom the Contractor does or anticipates doing business.
- (9) Direct its recruitment efforts, both oral and written, to minority, female and community organizations, to schools with minority and female students and to minority and female recruitment and training organizations serving the

Contractor's recruitment area and employment needs. Not later than one month prior to the date for acceptance of applications for apprenticeship or other training by any recruitment source, the Contractor shall send written notification to organizations such as the above, describing the openings, screening procedures, and tests to be used in the selection process.

- (10) Encourage present minority and female employees to recruit other minority persons and women and, where reasonable, provide after school, summer, and vacation employment to minority and female youth both on the site and in other areas of a Contractor's work force.
 - (11) Validate all tests and other selection requirements where there is an obligation to do so under 41 CFR Part 60-3.
 - (12) Conduct, at least annually, an inventory and evaluation of all minority and female personnel for promotional opportunities and encourage these employees to seek or to prepare for, through appropriate training, etc., such opportunities.
 - (13) Ensure that seniority practices, job classifications, work assignments and other personnel practices, do not have a discriminatory effect by continually monitoring all personnel and employment related activities to ensure that the EEO policy and the Contractor's obligations under these specifications are being carried out.
 - (14) Ensure that all facilities and company activities are nonsegregated except that separate or single-user toilet and necessary changing facilities shall be provided to assure privacy between the sexes.
 - (15) Document and maintain a record of all solicitations of offers for subcontracts from minority and female construction contractors and suppliers, including circulation of solicitation to minority and female contractor associations and other business associations.
 - (16) Conduct a review, at least annually, of all supervisors' adherence to and performance under the Contractor's EEO policies and affirmative action obligations.
- H. Contractors are encouraged to participate in voluntary associations which assist in fulfilling one or more of their affirmative action obligations (G(1) through G(16)). The efforts of a contractor association, joint contractor-union, contractor-community, or other similar group of which the Contractor is a member and participant, may be asserted as fulfilling any one or more of its obligations under G(1) through G(16) of these specifications provided that the Contractor actively participates in the group, makes every effort to assure that the group has a positive impact on the employment of minorities and women in the industry, ensures that the concrete benefits of the program are reflected in the Contractor's minority and female workforce participation, makes a good faith effort to meet its individual goals and timetables, and can provide access to documentation which demonstrates the effectiveness of actions taken on behalf of the Contractor. The obligation shall not be a defense for the Contractor's non-compliance.

- I. A single goal for minorities and a separate single goal for women has been established. The Contractor, however, is required to provide equal employment opportunity and to take affirmative action for all minority groups, both male and female, and all women, both minority and non-minority. Consequently, the Contractor may be in violation of the Executive Order if a particular group is employed in a substantially disparate manner (for example, even though the Contractor has achieved its goals for women generally, the Contractor may be in violation of the Executive Order if a specific minority group of women is underutilized).
- J. The Contractor shall not use the goals and timetables or affirmative action standards to discriminate against any persons because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- K. The Contractor shall not enter into any subcontract with any person or firm debarred from government contracts pursuant to E.O. 11246.
- L. The Contractor shall carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of these specifications and of the Equal Opportunity Clause including suspension, termination, and cancellation of existing subcontracts as may be imposed or ordered pursuant to E.O. 11246, as amended.
- M. The Contractor, in fulfilling its obligations under these specifications, shall implement specific affirmative action steps, at least as extensive as those standards prescribed in paragraph G of these specifications, so as to achieve maximum results from its efforts to ensure equal employment opportunity. If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of the Executive Order, the implementing regulations, or these specifications, the Director shall proceed in accordance with 41 CFR 60-4.8.
- N. The Contractor shall designate a responsible official to monitor all employment related activity to ensure that the company EEO policy is being carried out, to submit reports relating to the provisions hereof as may be required by the government and to keep records. Records shall at least include for each employee, the name, address, telephone numbers, construction trade, union affiliation if any, employee identification number where assigned, social security number, race, sex, status (e.g., mechanic, apprenticeship trainee, helper, or laborer), dates of changes in status, hours worked per week in the indicated trade, rate of pay, and location at which the work was performed. Records shall be maintained in an easily understandable and retrievable form; however, to the degree that existing records satisfy this requirement, Contractors shall not be required to maintain separate records.
- O. Nothing herein provided shall be construed as a limitation upon the application of other laws which establish different standards of compliance or upon the application or requirements for the hiring of local or other area residents (e.g., those under the Public Works Employment Act of 1977 and the Community Development Block Grant Program).

3. **NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**
(applicable to contracts and subcontract over \$10,000)

- A. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.

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

Goals for minority participation: (see table below)

Goals for female participation: 6.9%

These goals are applicable to all the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the contractor performs construction work in a geographic area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographic area where the work is actually performed.

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

MINORITY PARTICIPATION GOALS

PARISH	MIN. GOAL (%)	PARISH	MIN. GOAL (%)	PARISH	MIN. GOAL (%)	PARISH	MIN. GOAL (%)
Acadia	24.1	E. Baton Rouge	26.1	Madison	27.9	St. Landry	24.1
Allen	17.8	East Carroll	27.9	Morehouse	27.9	St. Martin	24.1
Ascension	26.1	East Feliciana	30.4	Natchitoches	29.3	St. Mary	24.1
Assumption	27.7	Evangeline	24.1	Orleans	31.0	St. Tammany	31.0
Avoyelles	29.3	Franklin	27.9	Ouachita	22.8	Tangipahoa	27.7
Beauregard	17.8	Grant	25.7	Plaquemines	27.7	Tensas	27.9
Bienville	29.3	Iberia	24.1	Pointe Coupee	30.4	Terrebonne	27.7
Bossier	29.3	Iberville	30.4	Rapides	25.7	Union	27.9
Caddo	29.3	Jackson	27.9	Red River	29.3	Vermilion	24.1
Calcasieu	19.3	Jefferson	31.0	Richland	27.9	Vernon	17.8
Caldwell	27.9	Jefferson Davis	17.8	Sabine	29.3	Washington	27.7
Cameron	17.8	Lafayette	20.6	St. Bernard	31.0	Webster	29.3
Catahoula	27.9	Lafourche	27.7	St. Charles	27.7	W. Baton Rouge	26.1
Claiborne	29.3	LaSalle	27.9	St. Helena	30.4	West Carroll	27.9
Concordia	30.4	Lincoln	27.9	St. James	27.7	West Feliciana	30.4
De Soto	29.3	Livingston	26.1	St. John the Baptist	27.7	Winn	29.3

- C. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs within 10 working days of award of any construction

subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the sub-contract; and the geographical area in which the contract is to be performed.

D. As used in this Notice, and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is *(insert description of the geographical areas where the contract is to be performed, giving the State, parish, and city, if any):*

4. **CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES**
(applicable to contracts and subcontracts over \$10,000)

By the submission of this bid, the bidder, offeror, applicant or subcontractor certifies that he/she does not maintain or provide for his/her establishments, and that he/she does not permit employees to perform their services at any location, under his/her control, where segregated facilities are maintained. He/she certifies further that he/she will not maintain or provide for employees any segregated facilities at any of his/her establishments, and he/she will not permit employees to perform their services at any location under his/her control where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder, offeror, applicant or subcontractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the equal opportunity clause of this contract.

As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms, and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are, in fact, segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin because of habit, local custom, or any other reason.

He/she further agrees that (except where he/she has obtained for specific time periods) he/she will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the equal opportunity clause; that he/she will retain such certifications in his/her files; and that he/she will forward the following notice to such proposed subcontractors (except where proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods).

5. **CIVIL RIGHTS**

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

6. **SECTION 109 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974**

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

available under this title. Section 109 further provides that discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 or with respect to an otherwise qualified handicapped individual as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, is prohibited.

7. **SECTION 3 OF THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1968 - COMPLIANCE IN THE PROVISION OF TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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

- G. With respect to work performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with Section 7(b).

8. **SECTION 503 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (29 USC 793)**
(applicable to contracts and subcontracts over \$10,000)

- A. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is otherwise qualified. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified handicapped individuals without discrimination based upon their physical or mental handicap in all employment practices such as the following: employment upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- B. The Contractor agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.
- C. In the event of the Contractor's 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.
- D. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the Contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified handicapped employees and applicants for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.
- E. The Contractor will notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the Contractor is bound by the terms of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment physically and mentally handicapped individuals.
- F. The Contractor will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order of \$10,000 or more unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to Section 503 of the Act, 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 of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

9. **SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, AS AMENDED**

The Contractor agrees that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely by reason of his disability, be denied the benefits, or be subjected to discrimination including discrimination in employment, any program or activity that receives the benefits from the federal financial assistance.

10. AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. No person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

11. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH AIR AND WATER ACTS
(applicable to contracts and subcontracts exceeding \$100,000)

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 USC 1857 et seq., the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251 et seq., and the regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect thereto, at 40 CFR Part 15, as amended.

In addition to the foregoing requirements, all nonexempt contractors and subcontractors shall furnish to the owner, the following:

- A. A stipulation by the Contractor or subcontractors, that any facility to be utilized in the performance of any nonexempt contract or subcontract, is not listed on the List of Violating Facilities issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to 40 CFR Part 15, as amended.
- B. Agreement by the Contractor to comply with all the requirements of Section 114 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (42 USC 1857 c-8) and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (33 USC 1318) relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports and information, as well as all other requirements specified in said Section 114 and Section 308, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder.
- C. A stipulation that as a condition for the award of the contract, prompt notice will be given of any notification received from the Director, Office of Federal Activities, EPA, indicating that a facility utilized, or to be utilized for the contract, is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.
- D. Agreement by the Contractor that he will include, or cause to be included, the criteria and requirements in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section in every nonexempt subcontract and requiring that the Contractor will take such action as the government may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions.

12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO HAZARDS, SAFETY STANDARDS AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION

- A. Lead-Based Paint Hazards
(include in contracts for construction or rehabilitation of residential structures)

The construction or rehabilitation of residential structures is subject to the HUD Lead-Based Paint regulations, 24 CFR Part 35. The Contractor and subcontractors shall comply with the provisions for the elimination of lead-based paint hazards under Subpart B of said regulations. The Owner will be responsible for the inspections and certifications required under Section 35.14 (f) thereof.

B. Use of Explosives (Modify as required)

When the use of explosives is necessary for the prosecution of the work, the Contractor shall observe all local, state and federal laws in purchasing and handling explosives. The Contractor shall take all necessary precaution to protect completed work, neighboring property, water lines, or other underground structures. Where there is danger to structures or property from blasting, the charges shall be reduced and the material shall be covered with suitable timber, steel or rope mats.

The Contractor shall notify all owners of public utility property of intention to use explosives at least 8 hours before blasting is done close to such property. Any supervision or direction of use of explosives by the engineer does not in any way reduce the responsibility of the Contractor or his Surety for damages that may be caused by such use.

C. Danger Signals and Safety Devices (Modify as Required)

The Contractor shall make all necessary precautions to guard against damages to property and injury to persons. He shall put up and maintain in good condition, sufficient red or warning lights at night, suitable barricades and other devices necessary to protect the public. In case the Contractor fails or neglects to take such precautions, the Owner may have such lights and barricades installed and charge the cost of this work to the Contractor. Such action by the Owner does not relieve the Contractor of any liability incurred under these specifications or contract.

13. **FLOOD DISASTER PROTECTION**

This contract is subject to the requirements of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234). Nothing included as a part of this contract is approved for acquisition or construction purposes as defined under Section 3(a) of said

Act, for use in an area identified by the Secretary of HUD as having special flood hazards which is located in a community not then in compliance with the requirements for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program pursuant to Section 201(d) of said Act; and the use of any assistance provided under this contract for such acquisition for construction in such identified areas in communities then participating in the National Flood Insurance Program shall be subject to the mandatory purchase of flood insurance requirements or Section 102(a) of said Act.

Any contract or agreement for the sale, lease, or other transfer of land acquired, cleared or improved with assistance provided under this Contract shall contain, if such land is located in an area identified by the Secretary as having special flood hazards and in which the sale of flood insurance has been made available under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq., provisions obligating the transferee and its successors or assigns to obtain and maintain, during the ownership of such land, such flood insurance as required with respect to

financial assistance for acquisition or construction purposes under Section 102(a) of Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

14. **ACCESS TO RECORDS - MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS**

The State of Louisiana, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this specific contract, for the purpose of audits, examinations, and making excerpts and transcriptions. All records connected with this contract will be maintained in a central location by the unit of local government and will be maintained for a period of five (5) years from the official date of the State's final closeout of the grant.

15. **INSPECTION**

The authorized representative and agents of the State of Louisiana and the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be permitted to inspect all work, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, invoices of materials, and other relevant data and records.

16. **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

The Contractor shall complete and submit all reports, in such form and according to such schedule, as may be required by the Owner.

17. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

A. No officer or employee of the local jurisdiction or its designees or agents, no member of the governing body, and no other public official of the locality who his/her tenure or for one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed. Further, the Contractor shall cause to be incorporated in all subcontracts the language set forth in this paragraph prohibiting conflict of interest.

B. No member of or delegate to Congress, or Resident Commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise therefrom, but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

18. **ACTIVITIES AND CONTRACTS NOT SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246, AS AMENDED**

(applicable to contracts and subcontracts of \$10,000 and under)

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

A. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants for employment are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, 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.

- B. The Contractor shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause. The Contractor shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- C. Contractors shall incorporate foregoing requirements in all subcontracts.

19. **PATENTS**

- A. The Contractor shall hold and save the Owner and its officers, agents, servants, and employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for, or on account of any patented or unpatented invention, process, article, or appliance manufactured or used in the performance of the contract including its use by the Owner, unless otherwise specifically stipulated in the Contract Document.
- B. License or Royalty Fees: License and/or Royalty Fees for the use of a process which is authorized by the Owner of the project must be reasonable, and paid to the holder of the patent, or his authorized license, direct by the Owner and not by or through the Contractor.
- C. If the Contractor uses any design device or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, he shall provide for such use by suitable agreement with the owner of such patented or copy-righted design device or material. It is mutually agreed and understood, that without exception the contract prices shall include all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device or materials, in any way involved in the work. The Contractor and/or his Sureties shall indemnify and save harmless the Owner of the project from any and all claims for infringement by reason of the use of such patented or copy-righted design, device or materials or any trademark or copy-right in connection with work agreed to be performed under this contract, and shall indemnify the Owner for any cost, expense, or damage which it may be obliged to pay by reason of such infringement at any time during the prosecution of the work or after completion of the work.

20. **COPYRIGHT**

No materials, to include but not limited to reports, maps, or documents produced as a result of this contract, in whole or in part, shall be available to the Contractor for copyright purposes. Any such materials produced as a result of this contract that might be subject to copyright shall be the property of the Owner and all such rights shall belong to the Owner.

21. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner his obligations under this contract, or if the Contractor shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, the Owner shall thereupon have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to the Contractor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least five (5) days before the effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports prepared by the Contractor under this contract shall, at the option of the Owner, become the Owner's property and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any work satisfactorily completed hereunder. Notwithstanding the above, the

Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the Owner for damages sustained by the Owner by virtue of any breach of the contract by the Contractor, and the Owner may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of set-off until such time as the exact amount of damages due the Owner from the Contractor is determined.

22. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

The Owner may terminate this contract at any time by giving at least ten (10) days notice in writing to the Contractor. If the contract is terminated by the Owner as provided herein, the Contractor will be paid for the time provided and expenses incurred up to the termination date.

23. **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

The Contractor shall comply with 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 (Public Law 94-163).

24. **SUBCONTRACTS**

- A. The Contractor shall not enter into any subcontract with any subcontractor who has been debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in contacting programs by any agency of the United States Government or the State of Louisiana.
- B. The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the Owner for the acts and omissions of the Contractor's subcontractors, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them, as he is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by the Contractor.
- C. The Contractor shall cause appropriate provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts relative to the work to bind subcontractor to the Contractor by the terms of the contract documents insofar as applicable to the work of subcontractors and to give the Contractor the same power as regards terminating any subcontract that the Owner may exercise over the Contractor under any provision of the contract documents.
- D. Nothing contained in this contract shall create any contractual relation between any subcontractor and the Owner.

25. **DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND INELIGIBILITY**

The Contractor represents and warrants that it and its subcontractors are not debarred, suspended, or placed in ineligibility status under the provisions of 24 CFR 24 (government debarment and suspension regulations).

26. **PROTECTION OF LIVES AND HEALTH**

The Contractor shall exercise proper precaution at all times for the protection of persons and property and shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property, either on or off the worksite, which occur as a result of his prosecution of the work. The safety provisions of applicable laws and building and construction codes, in addition to specific safety and health

regulations described by Chapter XIII, Bureau of Labor Standards, Department of Labor, Part 1518, Safety and Health Regulations for Construction, as outlined in the Federal Register, Volume 36, No. 75, Saturday, April 17, 1971, Title 29 - LABOR, shall be observed and the Contractor shall take or cause to be taken, such additional safety and health measures as the Owner may determine to be reasonably necessary.

27. **BREACH OF CONTRACT TERMS**

Any violation or breach of terms of this contract on the part of the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors may result in the suspension or termination of this contract or such other action that may be necessary to enforce the rights of the parties of this contract. The duties and obligations imposed by the contract documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law.

28. **PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW DEEMED INSERTED**

Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this contract shall be deemed to be inserted herein and the contract shall be read and enforced as though it were included herein, and if through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not inserted, or is not correctly inserted, then upon the application of either party the contract shall forthwith be physically amended to make such insertion or correction.

29. **CHANGES**

The Owner may, from time to time, request changes in the scope of the services of the Contractor to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Contractor's compensation which are mutually agreed upon by and between the Owner and the Contractor, shall be incorporated in written and executed amendments to this Contract.

30. **PERSONNEL**

The Contractor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Contract. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the Owner.

All the services required hereunder will be performed by the Contractor or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under State and local law to perform such services.

No person who is serving sentence in a penal or correctional institution shall be employed on work under this Contract.

31. **ANTI-KICKBACK RULES**

Salaries of personnel performing work under this Contract shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a month without payroll deduction or rebate on any account except only such payroll deductions as are mandatory by law or permitted by the applicable regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the "Anti-Kickback Act" of June 13, 1934 (48 Stat. 948; 62 Stat. 740; 63 Stat. 108; Title 18 U.S.C. 874; and Title 40 U.S.C. 276c). The Contractor shall

comply with all applicable "Anti-Kickback" regulations and shall insert appropriate provisions in all subcontracts covering work under this contract to insure compliance by the subcontractors with such regulations, and shall be responsible for the submission of affidavits required of subcontractors thereunder except as the Secretary of Labor may specifically provide for variations of or exemptions from the requirements thereof.

32. **ASSIGNABILITY**

The Contractor shall not assign any interest in this Contract, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation) without prior written approval of the Owner provided that claims for money due or to become due the Contractor from the Owner under this Contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution, or to a Trustee in Bankruptcy, without such approval. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the Owner.

33. **INTEREST OF CONTRACTOR**

The Contractor covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the above described project or any parcels therein or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Contract no person having any such interest shall be employed.

34. **POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

The Contractor will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.), which limits the political activity of employees.

35. **COMPLIANCE WITH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

The parties agree to comply with the regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements of the Office of Management and Budget, Circulars A-95, A-102, A-133, and A-54, as they relate to the use of Federal funds under this contract.

36. **DISCRIMINATION DUE TO BELIEFS**

No person with responsibilities in operation of the project to which this grant relates will discriminate with respect to any program participant or any applicant for participation in such program because of political affiliation or beliefs.

37. **CONFIDENTIAL FINDINGS**

All of the reports, information, data, etc., prepared or assembled by the Contractor under this Contract are confidential, and the Contractor agrees that they shall not be made available to any individual or organization without prior written approval of the Owner.

38. **LOBBYING**

The Contractor certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

1. No federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the contractor, to 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 the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to 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 this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the contractor shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

39. **FEDERAL LABOR STANDARDS PROVISIONS**

The Contractor shall abide by the requirements of the Federal Labor Standards Provisions (form HUD-4010) as follows.

Federal Labor Standards Provisions
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Labor Relations

Applicability

The Project or Program to which the construction work covered by this contract pertains is being assisted by the United States of America and the following Federal Labor Standards Provisions are included in this Contract pursuant to the provisions applicable to such Federal assistance.

A. 1. (i) Minimum Wages. All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR Part 3), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics. Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under Section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv); also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs, which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period.

Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(ii) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible, place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

(ii) (a) Any class of laborers or mechanics which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. HUD shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefor only when the following criteria have been met:

(1) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and

(2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and

(3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(b) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and HUD or its designee agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by

HUD or its designee to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise HUD or its designee or will notify HUD or its designee within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB control number 1215-0140.)

(c) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and HUD or its designee do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), HUD or its designee shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of HUD or its designee, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise HUD or its designee or will notify HUD or its designee within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Number 1215-0140.)

(d) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to subparagraphs (1)(ii)(b) or (c) of this paragraph, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

(iii) Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

(iv) If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Number 1215-0140.)

2. Withholding. HUD or its designee shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other Federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee or helper, employed or working on the site of the work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased. HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the contractor, disburse such amounts withheld for and on account of the contractor or subcontractor to the respective employees to whom they are due. The Comptroller General shall make such disbursements in the case of direct Davis-Bacon Act contracts.

3. (i) Payrolls and basic records. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers

and mechanics working at the site of the work. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in Section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5 (a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in Section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Numbers 1215-0140 and 1215-0017.)

(ii) (a) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to HUD or its designee if the agency is a party to the contract, but if the agency is not such a party, the contractor will submit the payrolls to the applicant sponsor, or owner, as the case may be, for transmission to HUD or its designee. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i). This information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents (Federal Stock Number 029-005-00014-1), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Number 1215-0149.)

(b) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(1) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5 (a)(3)(i) and that such information is correct and complete;

(2) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in 29 CFR Part 3;

(3) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(c) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by subparagraph A.3.(ii)(b).

(d) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under Section 1001 of Title 18 and Section 231 of Title 31 of the United States Code.

(iii) The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under subparagraph A.3.(i) available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of HUD or its designee or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

4. Apprentices and Trainees.

(i) **Apprentices.** Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(ii) **Trainees.** Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full

amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(iii) Equal employment opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under 29 CFR Part 5 shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR Part 30.

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

6. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor will insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in subparagraphs 1 through 11 of this paragraph A and such other clauses as HUD or its designee may by appropriate instructions require, and a copy of the applicable prevailing wage decision, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in this paragraph.

7. Contract termination; debarment. A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

8. Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act Requirements. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR Parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

9. Disputes concerning labor standards. Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR Parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and HUD or its designee, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

10. (i) Certification of Eligibility. By entering into this contract the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of Section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1) or to be awarded HUD contracts or participate in HUD programs pursuant to 24 CFR Part 24.

(ii) No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of Section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1) or to be awarded HUD contracts or participate in HUD programs pursuant to 24 CFR Part 24.

(iii) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001. Additionally, U.S. Criminal Code, Section 1010, Title 18, U.S.C., "Federal Housing Administration transactions", provides in part: "Whoever, for the purpose of . . . influencing in any way the action of such Administration..... makes, utters or publishes any statement knowing the same to be false..... shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both."

11. Complaints, Proceedings, or Testimony by Employees. No laborer or mechanic to whom the wage, salary, or other labor standards provisions of this Contract are applicable shall be discharged or in any other manner discriminated against by the Contractor or any subcontractor because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding or has testified or is about to testify in any proceeding under or relating to the labor standards applicable under this Contract to his employer.

B. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. The provisions of this paragraph B are applicable only where the amount of the prime contract exceeds \$100,000. As used in this paragraph, the terms "laborers" and "mechanics" include watchmen and guards.

(1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of 40 hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in such workweek.

(2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of 40 hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph.

(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. HUD or its designee shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contract, or any other Federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act which is held by the same prime contractor such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph.

(4) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in subparagraph (1) through (4) of this paragraph and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in subparagraphs (1) through (4) of this paragraph.

C. Health and Safety. The provisions of this paragraph C are applicable only where the amount of the prime contract exceeds \$100,000.

(1) No laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his health and safety as determined under construction safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor by regulation.

(2) The Contractor shall comply with all regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Title 29 Part 1926 and failure to comply may result in imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 USC 3701 et seq.

(3) The Contractor shall include the provisions of this paragraph in every subcontract so that such provisions will be binding on each subcontractor. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Labor shall direct as a means of enforcing such provisions.

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