



NIFA

NASSAU COUNTY INTERIM FINANCE
AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

To Provide Media Communications and Public Relations
Services to the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority

RFP Issue Date: May 9, 2024

Proposal Due Date: May 31, 2024

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I. Overview

The Nassau County Interim Finance Authority (“NIFA or the “Authority”), a New York State (the “State”) public authority is soliciting offers for media communications services for a term of up to five years. This Request for Proposal (the “RFP”) seeks to provide NIFA with a fair and competitive process for the selection of a firm or firms to serve on an as-needed basis. The Authority reserves the right to select a firm or firms submitting proposals in accordance with this RFP.

Questions regarding this RFP must be sent (only in writing via e-mail) to Evan.Cohen@nifa.ny.gov and John.Chiara@nifa.ny.gov on or before 5:00 pm on May 20, 2024. Responses to any questions, which are deemed material to this RFP, will be posted on NIFA’s web site under the section containing this RFP. No other communication of questions and answers will be made. All respondents are responsible for consulting the NIFA website before submission of their proposal to see if there is additional information relevant to this process.

II. Background Information

For background information on NIFA, please refer to the Authority’s website at www.nifa.ny.gov.

III. Objective

The purpose of selecting a firm(s) is provide professional media communications and public relation services to NIFA to assist it in carrying out its oversight and other responsibilities.

IV. Scope of Services

The selected firm(s) shall carry out various media communications and public relations services on behalf of and as directed by NIFA, including, but not limited to:

1. Planning, coordinating, implementing and administering media communications and public relations services on behalf of NIFA.
2. Serving as a non-exclusive, full-service public relations agency.
3. Managing media relations, writing and distributing press releases and offering strategic media and public relations advice.
4. As necessary, managing proactive media outreach.
5. Handling any unforeseen communications or public relations crises or developments through a crisis management plan.

V. Proposals

To be considered, proposals must respond to the questions listed below. Proposals should not exceed ten (10) pages in no less than 12-point font, exclusive of exhibits or appendices. You should assume that the contract will be for a term of up to five years.

Experience

- Describe your firm's experience since January 1, 2021 with similar public and/or private entities.
- Provide a description of your firm's recent experience (since January 1, 2021) in the New York market, including any experience and familiarity with New York State or other state public authorities, public benefit corporations, municipalities or similar entities.
- Please identify the key personnel who will be assigned to NIFA and what role each will play in successfully fulfilling the scope of services, including the name of the person in charge of providing the services. Include (as an attachment to the proposal) each individual's resume.
- Please identify any personal or professional association with, or previous service engagement controlled by, any of NIFA's current Directors or staff, the Nassau County Executive or Nassau County Legislators or staff.
- Is your firm, or any of the professionals in your firm who would be assigned to NIFA, now, or in the past three years has it or any of them been, the subject of any investigative proceedings by any governmental agency? If so, please describe the circumstances and provide assurance to the Authority that these investigations or proceedings will not affect your ability to complete the proposed assignment.
- Has your firm ever been removed from an account prior to the expiration of its contract? If so, please explain the circumstances.
- Please disclose any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest (not answered in the question above) that may arise as a result of your firm's being hired for this engagement.
- Please provide at least three references with contact information. These should include, if possible, one or more references from a municipality, public authority or State entity. By providing this information, you are permitting NIFA to contact those entities or individuals.
- Firms must execute the attached certifications and affidavits, as required.

Fees (including expenses).

- Please provide a complete schedule of proposed fees and expenses. This must include specific positions and the hourly rate for their service. You may also suggest a monthly fee for services or an hourly fee schedule that is capped at a certain monthly maximum.
- The response must state the normal governmental rates charged by the firm and the discounted or preferred rate for each title/position expected to perform such services. Please indicate whether the rates or fees are the lowest charged to your firm's municipal clients; and, if not, please explain why.
- Out-of-pocket expenses should be separately categorized and shall only be reimbursed in accordance with the lower of the Authority's standard schedule, if any, or the U.S. General Services Administration's per diem rates applicable to the County. Such expenses shall be reviewed for reasonableness on a continuing basis.

VI. Competitive Selection; Evaluation Criteria and Process

The award will be made on the basis of the best value (the proposal which optimizes quality, cost and efficiency) to the most responsive and responsible proposer(s) as determined in the evaluation process. The contract will not necessarily be awarded solely on the basis of lowest cost. Instead, the award will be made to the respondent(s) whose proposal receives the highest overall evaluation based on the following criteria:

- Capability of firm(s) to provide the services including a demonstrated understanding of the Authority's needs.
- Experience of professionals to be assigned to the engagement.
- Fees for the services.

The Authority may interview finalists.

NIFA shall not be liable for any expenses incurred by the respondents in the preparation and presentation of the proposals and may terminate the selection process at any time without prior notice. All offers submitted pursuant to this RFP will become property of NIFA. NIFA reserves the right to waive any informality in any offer. NIFA reserves the right to negotiate all fees and expenses.

The Authority's selection of the successful respondent(s) shall not be binding until it has been approved by the Directors of the Authority. No payment for services rendered can be made under the contract until such approval is obtained.

VII. Submittal Requirements

A. Timeline

EVENT	DATE
RFP Released	May 9, 2024
Deadline for Questions	May 20, 2024 at 5:00 pm
Proposal Due Date	May 31, 2024 at 5:00 pm

B. Contact Information.

You must direct all your communications regarding this RFP, in writing, to the “Authorized Contacts” unless the RFP specifically provides otherwise. The Authorized Contacts are:

Evan Cohen, Executive Director
John Chiara, General Counsel
Nassau County Interim Finance Authority
1305 Franklin Avenue, Garden City, New York 11530
E-mail: Evan.Cohen@nifa.ny.gov
John.Chiara@nifa.ny.gov

C. Submission of Proposals:

The bid proposal and accompanying transmittal letter signed by an individual authorized to legally bind the firm must be submitted via email to the Authorized Contacts prior **to 5 p.m. Eastern Time, on May 31, 2024**. Any proposals received after this deadline will be rejected. A confirming email will be sent to the proposer acknowledging receipt.

All proposals received in accordance with the terms herein will be reviewed and evaluated. Incomplete proposals and proposals that do not meet the minimum requirements will be rejected.

Proposers may be requested by NIFA to clarify the contents of their proposals.

All proposals must be irrevocable for 180 days and signed by an authorized officer of the firm.

VIII. MWBE and EEO Requirements and Disabled Veterans Goal

New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses

This RFP has a New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business goal of 6%. Proposers should identify ways to assist the Authority to achieve the New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business goal of 6%. In addition, proposers who are certified as a New York

State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business should include this information in their proposal. For more information regarding New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses, please visit the New York State Office of General Services webpage <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/Core/SDVOBA.asp>

Contractor Requirements and Procedures For Business Participation Opportunities For New York State Certified Minority- And Women-Owned Business Enterprises and Equal Employment Opportunities For Minority Group Members and Women

NEW YORK STATE LAW

Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR 140-145 the Authority recognizes its obligation under the law to promote opportunities for maximum feasible participation of certified minority-and women-owned business enterprises and the employment of minority group members and women in the performance of the Authority’s contracts.

In 2006, the State of New York commissioned a disparity study to evaluate whether minority and women-owned business enterprises had a full and fair opportunity to participate in state contracting. The findings of the study were published on April 29, 2010, under the title "The State of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises: Evidence from New York" (“Disparity Study”). The report found evidence of statistically significant disparities between the level of participation of minority-and women-owned business enterprises in state procurement contracting versus the number of minority-and women-owned business enterprises that were ready, willing and able to participate in state procurements. As a result of these findings, the Disparity Study made recommendations concerning the implementation and operation of the statewide certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises program. The recommendations from the Disparity Study culminated in the enactment and the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A, which requires, among other things, that the Authority establishes goals for maximum feasible participation of New York State Certified minority- and women – owned business enterprises (“MWBE”) and the employment of minority groups members and women in the performance of New York State contracts.

Business Participation Opportunities for MWBEs

For purposes of this RFP, the Authority hereby establishes an overall goal of 30% for MWBE participation, comprised of certified minority-owned business enterprises (“MBE”) participation and/or New York State certified women-owned business enterprises (“WBE”) participation (based on the current availability of qualified MBEs and WBEs). A contractor (“Contractor”) on the

subject contract (“Contract”) must document its good faith efforts to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract and the Contractor agrees that the Authority may withhold payment pending receipt of the required MWBE documentation. The directory of MWBEs can be viewed at: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>. For guidance on how the Authority will determine a Contractor’s “good faith efforts,” refer to 5 NYCRR §142.8.

In accordance with 5 NYCRR §142.13, the Contractor acknowledges that if it is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such finding constitutes a breach of Contract and the Authority may withhold payment from the Contractor as liquidated damages.

Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between: (1) all sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and (2) all sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.

By submitting a bid or proposal, a bidder on the Contract (“Bidder”) agrees to demonstrate its good faith efforts to achieve its goals for the utilization of MWBEs by submitting evidence thereof through the New York State Contract System (“NYSCS”), which can be viewed at <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>, provided, however, that a Bidder may arrange to provide such evidence via a non-electronic method by contacting the Authority. Please note that the NYSCS is a one stop solution for all of your MWBE and Article 15-A contract requirements. For additional information on the use of the NYSCS to meet Bidder’s MWBE requirements please see Appendix V.

Additionally, a Bidder will be required to submit the following documents and information as evidence of compliance with the foregoing:

- A. An MWBE Utilization Plan with their bid or proposal. Any modifications or changes to the MWBE Utilization Plan after the Contract award and during the term of the Contract must be reported on a revised MWBE Utilization Plan and submitted to the Authority. This form is located in Appendix V.

The Authority will review the submitted MWBE Utilization Plan and advise the Bidder of the Authority’s acceptance or issue a notice of deficiency within 30 days of receipt.

- B. If a notice of deficiency is issued, the Bidder will be required to respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt by submitting to the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority, 1305 Franlin Avenue, Garden City, New York 11530 phone

(516) 248-2828, fax (516) 248-4050 a written remedy in response to the notice of deficiency. If the written remedy that is submitted is not timely or is found by the Authority to be inadequate, the Authority shall notify the Bidder and direct the Bidder to submit, within five (5) business days, a request for a partial or total waiver of MWBE participation goals. Failure to file the waiver form in a timely manner may be grounds for disqualification of the bid or proposal.

The Authority may disqualify a Bidder as being non-responsive under the following circumstances:

- a) If a Bidder fails to submit a MWBE Utilization Plan;
- b) If a Bidder fails to submit a written remedy to a notice of deficiency;
- c) If a Bidder fails to submit a request for waiver; or
- d) If the Authority determines that the Bidder has failed to document good faith efforts.

Where applicable, the Contractor will be required to attempt to utilize, in good faith, any MBE or WBE identified within its MWBE Utilization Plan, during the performance of the Contract. Requests for a partial or total waiver of established goal requirements made subsequent to Contract Award may be made at any time during the term of the Contract to the Authority, but must be made no later than prior to the submission of a request for final payment on the Contract.

Where applicable, the Contractor will be required to submit a Contractor's Quarterly M/WBE Contractor Compliance & Payment Report to the Authority, by the 10th day following each end of quarter over the term of the Contract documenting the progress made toward achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract.

Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements

By submission of a bid or proposal in response to this RFP, the Bidder/Contractor agrees with all of the terms and conditions of Appendix III – Standard Clauses for All New York State Contracts including Clause 12 - Equal Employment Opportunities for Minorities and Women. For these purposes, equal opportunity shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, and rates of pay or other forms of compensation. This requirement does not apply to: (i) work, goods, or services unrelated to the Contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State.

The Bidder will be required to submit a Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises and Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement to the Authority with their bid or proposal. This Policy Statement is located in Appendix V.

To ensure compliance with this Section, the Bidder will be required to submit with the bid or proposal an Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan (Appendix V) identifying the anticipated work force to be utilized on the Contract and if awarded a Contract, will, upon request, submit an Equal Employment Opportunity Workforce Employment Utilization Compliance Report identifying the workforce actually utilized on the Contract, if known, through the New York State Contract System; provided, however, that a Bidder may arrange to provide such report via a non-electronic method by contacting the Authority.

Further, pursuant to Article 15 of the Executive Law (the “Human Rights Law”), all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor and sub-contractors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

Please Note: Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of the Contract, leading to the withholding of funds, suspension or termination of the Contract or such other actions or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

IX. Disclosure of Proposal Contents/State Finance Law

Information submitted to NIFA, including the information contained in proposals submitted in response to this RFP, may be subject to disclosure under the New York Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") and other laws. If a vendor is submitting information that it believes is protected from disclosure under FOIL or similar laws, it should clearly identify, at the time of submission, the information at issue and the basis for non-disclosure. If NIFA receives a request for disclosure of the identified information and NIFA determines that the identified information is required by FOIL or any other law to be disclosed, NIFA will use reasonable efforts to notify the vendor prior to disclosing the information in order to enable the vendor to take such action as the vendor deems appropriate. Copies of executed contracts are not exempt from disclosure under FOIL and similar laws.

State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k (collectively, the "Procurement Requirements") apply to this RFP. These Procurement Requirements (1) govern permissible communications between potential respondents and NIFA or other involved governmental entities with respect to this RFP; (2) provide for increased disclosure in the public procurement process through identification of persons or organizations whose function is to influence procurement contracts, public works agreements and real property transactions; and (3) establish sanctions for knowing and willful violations of the provisions of the Procurement Requirements, including disqualification from eligibility for an award of any contract pursuant to this RFP.

Compliance with the Procurement Requirements requires that (x) all communications regarding this RFP, from the time of its issuance through final award and execution of any resulting contract (the "Restricted Period"), be conducted only with the designated contact person listed below; (y) the completion by respondents of the Certification at Appendix IV as part of their proposal; and (z) periodic updating of such forms during the term of any contract resulting from this RFP.

The Procurement Requirements also require NIFA staff to obtain and report certain information when contacted by prospective bidders during the restricted period, make a determination of the responsibility of bidders and make all such information publicly available in accordance with applicable law. If a prospective bidder is found to have knowingly and willfully violated the State Finance Law provisions, that prospective bidder and its subsidiaries, related or successor entities will be determined to be a non-responsible bidder and will not be awarded any contract issued pursuant to this RFP. In addition, two such findings of non-responsibility within a four-year period can result in debarment from obtaining any New York State governmental procurement contract. For the purpose of compliance with State Finance Law Sections 139-j, contact with John Chiara at NIFA is considered permissible.

APPENDIX I

NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION

REQUIRED BY SECTION 139-D OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW

By submission of this bid, bidder and each person signing on behalf of bidder certifies, and in the case of joint bid, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

[1] The prices of this bid have been arrived at independently, without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purposes of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Bidder or with any competitor;

[2] Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the Bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the Bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other Bidder or to any competitor; and

[3] No attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

A BID SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD NOR SHALL ANY AWARD BE MADE WHERE [1], [2], [3] ABOVE HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT IF IN ANY CASE THE BIDDER(S) CANNOT MAKE THE FORGOING CERTIFICATION, THE BIDDER SHALL SO STATE AND SHALL FURNISH BELOW A SIGNED STATEMENT WHICH SETS FORTH IN DETAIL THE REASONS THEREFORE:

Subscribed to under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New York, this _____

day of _____, 2024 as the act and deed of said corporation of partnership.

IF BIDDER(S) (ARE) A PARTNERSHIP, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FOR THE PARTNERS OR PRINCIPALS THAT WOULD PARTICIPATE ON THIS ENGAGEMENT:

NAMES OF PARTNERS OR PRINCIPALS

LEGAL RESIDENCE

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

IF BIDDER(S) (ARE) A CORPORATION, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

NAMES

LEGAL RESIDENCE

_____	_____
President	
_____	_____
Secretary	
_____	_____
Treasurer	
_____	_____
President	
_____	_____
Secretary	
_____	_____
Treasurer	

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Identifying Data:

Potential Contractor: _____

Street Address: _____

City, Town, etc. _____

Telephone: _____ Title: _____

If applicable, Responsible Corporate Officer Name

Title

Signature

Joint or combined bids by companies or firms must be certified on behalf of each participant:

Legal name of person, firm or corporation

Legal name of person, firm or corporation

By _____
(Name)

By _____
(Name)

Title

Title

Street Address

Street Address

City and State

City and State

APPENDIX II

NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

MACBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES

In accordance with section 165 of the State Finance Law, the bidder, by submission of this bid certifies that it or any individual or legal entity in which the bidder holds a 10% or greater ownership interest, or any individual or legal entity that holds a 10% or greater ownership in the bidder, either:

(answer yes or no to one or both of the following, as applicable),

(1) has business operations in Northern Ireland;

Yes ____ or, No ____ if yes;

(2) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations that it has in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles relating to nondiscrimination in employment and freedom of workplace opportunity regarding such operations in Northern Ireland, and shall permit independent monitoring of their compliance with such Principles.

Yes ____ or, No ____

Signature

APPENDIX III

(Often Referred to in State Documents as “Appendix A”)

STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NEW YORK STATE CONTRACTS

For the purposes of this Schedule A, the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority is hereinafter referred to as “NIFA.”

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter, “the contract” or “this contract”) agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract (the word “Contractor” herein refers to any party other than NIFA, whether a contractor, consultant, licensor, licensee, lessor, lessee or other party):

SUPERVISION BY NIFA. The services to be performed by Consultant under this Agreement shall be subject to the general supervision and direction of NIFA provided that neither NIFA's exercise nor failure to exercise such supervision and direction shall relieve the Consultant of any of its obligations or responsibilities for its acts or failure to act pursuant to this Agreement.

CONSULTANT'S PERSONNEL. The Consultant shall designate in writing to NIFA one individual, satisfactory to NIFA, who shall be responsible for coordinating all of the services to be rendered by the Consultant and who shall be NIFA's normal point of contact with the Consultant on matters relating to such services. Such individual shall be replaced upon NIFA's written request.

APPROVAL OF SUBCONSULTANTS. The Consultant shall not employ, contract with or use the services of any consultant, special contractors, or other third parties (collectively "Subconsultant") in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of NIFA. The Consultant shall inform NIFA in writing of the name, proposed service to be rendered, and compensation of the Subconsultant, and of any interest it may have in the proposed Subconsultant.

CONSULTANT AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the Consultant's status (and that of any Subconsultant) shall be that of an independent contractor and not that of an agent or employee of NIFA. Accordingly, neither the Consultant nor any Subconsultant shall hold itself out as, or claim to be acting in the capacity of an employee, or agent of NIFA.

CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST. The Consultant represents that:

- (a) The Consultant has not now, and will not acquire, any interest, direct or indirect, present or prospective, in the project to which the Consultant's work relates or the real estate which is the subject of the project, or in the immediate vicinity thereof and has not employed and will not knowingly employ

in connection with work to be performed hereunder, any person or entity having any such interest during the term of this Agreement.

(b) No officer, employee, agent or director of NIFA, or any of its subsidiaries shall be admitted to any share or part hereof or to any benefit to arise here from.

(c) No officer, employee, agent or director of NIFA, or any of its subsidiaries shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects his personal interest or the interests of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he is directly or indirectly interested; nor shall any officer, agent, director or employee of NIFA, or any of its subsidiaries have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceedings thereof.

CONSULTANT TO COMPLY WITH LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. The Consultant in performing its obligations and in preparing all documents required under this Agreement shall comply with all material applicable laws and regulations. All provisions required by such laws and regulations to be included in this Agreement shall be deemed to be included in this Agreement with the same effect as if set forth in full.

NO ASSIGNMENT WITHOUT CONSENT. The Consultant agrees that:

(a) It is prohibited from assigning, transferring or otherwise disposing of this Agreement, or of its rights or interests therein, or its power to execute such agreement to any person, company, partnership, or corporation, without the previous written consent of NIFA;

(b) If the prohibition of this Section be violated, NIFA may revoke and annul this Agreement and NIFA shall be relieved from any and all liability and obligations hereunder to the Consultant and to the person, company, partnership or corporation to whom such assignment, transfer or other disposal shall have been made and the Consultant and such assignee or transferee shall forfeit and lose all the money theretofore earned under this Agreement.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT/AMENDMENT. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties hereto and no statement, promise, condition, understanding, inducement, or representation, oral or written, expressed or implied, which is not contained herein shall be binding or valid and this Agreement shall not be changed, modified or altered in any manner except by an instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto.

CONFIDENTIALITY. Consultant hereby agrees that all data, recommendations, reports and other materials developed in the course of this study are strictly confidential between Consultant and NIFA and Consultant may not at any time reveal or disclose such data, recommendations or reports in whole or in part to any third party without first obtaining permission from NIFA, other than as required by law. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, Consultant shall cooperate fully with such third parties as NIFA may designate by written request. Such cooperation shall include making available to such parties, data, information and reports used or developed by Consultant in connection with this study.

INDEMNIFICATION. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, Consultant shall be responsible for all injuries to persons, including death, or damage to property sustained while performing or resulting from the work under this Agreement, if and to the extent the same results from any act, omission, negligence, fault or default of Consultant or Sub consultants, or their employees, agents, servants, independent contractors or subcontractors retained by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the indemnities (the State of New York and NIFA) harmless from any and all claims, judgments and liabilities, including but not limited to, claims, judgments and liabilities for injuries to persons (including death) and damage to property, if and to the extent the same results from any act, omission, negligence, fault or default of Consultant or its Sub consultants, or their agents, employees, servants, independent contractors and subcontractors and from any claims against, or liability incurred by the indemnities by reason of claims against Consultant or its Sub consultants, or their employees, agents, servants, independent contractors and subcontracts for any matter whatsoever in connection with the services performed under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, claims for compensation, injury or death, and agree to reimburse the indemnities for reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the above. Consultant shall be solely responsible for the safety and protection of all its Sub consultants, or the employees, agents, servants, independent contractors, or subcontractors of Consultant or its Sub consultants, and shall assume all liability for injuries, including death, that may occur to said persons due to the negligence, fault or default of Consultant, its Sub consultants, or their respective agents, employees, servants, independent contractors or subcontractors.

This indemnification provision shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION BENEFITS. In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, this Agreement shall be void and of no force and effect unless Contractor provides and maintains coverage during the life of this Agreement for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.

NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS. Contractor shall comply with Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex (including gender identity or expression), national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or marital status. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that this contract shall be performed within the State of New York, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. Contractor is subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or

Section 239 as well as possible termination of this contract and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.

WAGE AND HOURS PROVISIONS. If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor's employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department. Furthermore, Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law and shall comply with all requirements set forth in Article 8 or Article 9 of the Labor Law whichever Article applies. Additionally, effective April 28, 2008, if this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law, the Contractor understands and agrees that the filing of payrolls in a manner consistent with Subdivision 3-a of Section 220 of the Labor Law shall be a condition precedent to payment by the State of any State approved sums due and owing for work done upon the project.

NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION. In accordance with Section 2878 of the Public Authorities Law, if this contract was awarded based upon the submission of bids, Contractor warrants, under penalty of perjury, that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. Contractor further warrants that, at the time Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to NIFA a non-collusive bidding certification on Contractor's behalf.

INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT PROHIBITION. In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law and Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000, Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the contract, that neither Contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC app. Sections 2401 et seq.) or regulations thereunder. If such Contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of Contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the contract's execution, such contract, amendment or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. Contractor shall so notify the State Comptroller within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal (2NYCRR 105.4).

SET-OFF RIGHTS. NIFA shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, NIFA's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to Contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing to NIFA with regard to this contract, any other contract with NIFA, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract, plus any amounts due and owing to NIFA for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto. NIFA shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal State practices including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by NIFA, its representatives, or the State Comptroller.

RECORDS. Contractor shall establish and maintain complete and accurate books, records, documents, accounts and other evidence directly pertinent to performance under this contract (hereinafter,

collectively, "the Records"). The Records must be kept for six (6) years following the expiration or earlier termination of the contract. The State Comptroller, the Attorney General and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the agency or agencies involved in this contract, shall have access to the Records during normal business hours at an office of Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying. NIFA shall take reasonable steps to protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law (the "Statute") provided that: (i) Contractor shall timely inform NIFA in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records as exempt under the Statute is reasonable. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

DISCLOSURE OF NIFA RECORDS OR INFORMATION. If any third party requests that Contractor disclose NIFA records or information, as defined in subdivision 4 of section 86 of the Public Officers Law, Contractor shall notify NIFA of such request and NIFA shall determine, in accordance with Chapter 39 of the Laws of 2010, whether such NIFA records or information may be disclosed.

CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the contract (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of this Schedule A, the terms of this Schedule A shall control.

GOVERNING LAW. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise.

LATE PAYMENT. Timeliness of payment and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment shall be governed by Section 2880 of the Public Authorities Law and the guidelines adopted by NIFA thereto.

SERVICE OF PROCESS. In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law & Rules ("CPLR"), Contractor hereby consents to service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon Contractor's actual receipt of process or upon the State's receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal Service as refused or undeliverable. Contractor must promptly notify the State, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the State to the last known address shall be sufficient. Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.

PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS. Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of State Finance Law §165 (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of Contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State. In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of

tropical hardwoods as detailed in §165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in §165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

MACBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES. In accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (Chapter 807 of the New York Laws of 1992), Contractor hereby stipulates that Contractor either (i) has no business operations in Northern Ireland, or (ii) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (as described in Article 165 of, the New York State Finance Law), and shall permit independent monitoring of compliance with such principles.

OMNIBUS PROCUREMENT ACT OF 1992 (as amended or supplemented). It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority and women-owned business enterprises as bidders, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts. Information on the availability of New York State subcontractors and suppliers is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division for Small Business
30 South Pearl St – 7th Floor
Albany, New York 12245
Telephone: 518-292-5220
Fax: 518-292-5884
<http://www.empire.state.ny.us>

A directory of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Minority and Women's Business Development Division
30 South Pearl St – 2nd Floor
Albany, New York 12245
Telephone: 518-292-5250
Fax: 518-292-5803
<http://www.empire.state.ny.us>

The Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that:
(a) Contractor has made commercially reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of New York State Business Enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority and woman-

owned business enterprises, on this Project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;

- (b) Contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as amended; and
- (c) Contractor agrees to make commercially reasonable efforts to provide notification to New York State residents of employment opportunities on this Project through listing any such positions with the Job Service Division of the New York State Department of Labor, or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. Contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request.
- (d) Contractor acknowledges that the State may seek to obtain offset credits from foreign countries as a result of this contract and agrees to cooperate with the State in these efforts.

RECIPROCITY AND SANCTIONS PROVISIONS. Contractor is hereby notified that if its principal place of business is located in a state that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services it offers are substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act 1994 amendments (Chapter 684, Laws of 1994) require that Contractor be denied contracts which it would otherwise obtain. NOTE: As of May 15, 2002, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of South Carolina, Alaska, West Virginia, Wyoming, Louisiana and Hawaii. Contact NYS Department of Economic Development for a current list of jurisdictions subject to this provision.

PROCUREMENT LOBBYING. To the extent this agreement is a “procurement contract” as defined by State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k, by signing this agreement the contractor certifies and affirms that all disclosures made in accordance with State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k are complete, true and accurate. In the event such certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, the State may terminate the agreement by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

OPTIONAL TERMINATION BY THE AUTHORITY. NIFA reserves the right to terminate this contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by Contractor in accordance with New York State Finance Law § 139-k was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, NIFA may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to Contractor in accordance with the written notification terms of the contract.

CONTINGENT FEES. Contractor hereby certifies and agrees that (a) Contractor has not employed or retained and will not employ or retain any individual or entity for the purpose of soliciting or securing any NIFA contract or any amendment or modification thereto pursuant to any agreement or understanding for receipt of any form of compensation which in whole or in part is contingent or dependent upon the award of any such contract or any amendment or modification thereto; and (b) Contractor will not seek or be paid an additional fee that is contingent or dependent upon the completion of a transaction by NIFA.

COMPLIANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE INFORMATION SECURITY BREACH AND NOTIFICATION ACT. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208). Contractor shall be liable for the costs associated with such breach if caused by Contractor’s negligent or willful acts or omissions, or the negligent or willful acts or omissions of the Contractor’s agents, officers, employees or subcontractors.

PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES: REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

General Provisions (See also the Attachments to this Schedule A, which are incorporated into this Schedule A)

The Nassau County Interim Finance Authority (“NIFA”) is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and Parts 140-145 of Title 5 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”) for all State contracts, as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.

The contractor to the subject contract (the “Contractor” and the “Contract,” respectively) agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to NIFA, to fully comply and cooperate with NIFA in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and the regulations promulgated thereunder. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women (“EEO”) and contracting opportunities for New York State-certified minority and women-owned business enterprises (“MWBEs”). The Contractor’s demonstration of “good faith efforts” pursuant to 5 NYCRR § 142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the “Human Rights Law”) and other applicable federal, state, and local laws.

Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the assessment of liquidated damages pursuant to Section VII of this Schedule A and such other remedies are available to NIFA pursuant to the Contract and applicable law.

Contract Goals

For purposes of this Contract, NIFA hereby establishes an overall goal of 30 percent for MWBE participation, to be allocated between New York State-certified minority-owned business enterprise (“MBE”) participation and New York State-certified women-owned business enterprise (“WBE”) participation (collectively, “MWBE Contract Goals”) based on the current availability of MBEs and WBEs.

For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the MWBE Contract Goals established in Section II-A hereof, the Contractor should reference the directory of MWBEs at the following internet address: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>.

Additionally, the Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Women’s Business Development at (212) 803-2414 to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.

The Contractor understands that only sums paid to MWBEs for the performance of a commercially useful function, as that term is defined in 5 NYCRR § 140.1, may be applied towards the **achievement of the** applicable MWBE participation goal. The portion of a contract with an MWBE serving as a broker that shall be deemed to represent the commercially useful function performed by the MWBE shall be 25 percent of the total value of the contract.

The Contractor must document “good faith efforts,” pursuant to 5 NYCRR § 142.8, to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors and suppliers in the performance of the Contract. Such documentation shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

Evidence of outreach to MWBEs;

Any responses by MWBEs to the Contractor’s outreach;

Copies of advertisements for participation by MWBEs in appropriate general circulation, trade, and minority or women-oriented publications;

The dates of attendance at any pre-bid, pre-award, or other meetings, if any, scheduled by NIFA with MWBEs; and,

Information describing specific steps undertaken by the Contractor to reasonably structure the Contract scope of work to maximize opportunities for MWBE participation.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN.

The provisions of Article 15-A of the Executive Law and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder pertaining to equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women shall apply to the Contract.

In performing the Contract, the Contractor shall:

Ensure that each contractor and subcontractor performing work on the Contract shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.

The Contractor shall submit an EEO policy statement to NIFA within seventy-two (72) hours after the date of the notice by NIFA to award the Contract to the Contractor.

If the Contractor, or any of its subcontractors, does not have an existing EEO policy statement, NIFA may require the Contractor or subcontractor to adopt a model statement (see Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement).

The Contractor’s EEO policy statement shall include the following language:

The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or marital status, will undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force.

The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

The Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein.

The Contractor will include the provisions of Subdivisions (a) through (c) of this Subsection 4 and Paragraph "E" of this Section III, which provides for relevant provisions of the Human Rights Law, in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.

Workforce Employment Utilization Report (forms as required by this section are attached to this schedule)

The Contractor shall submit a Workforce Utilization Report (Attachment D), and shall require each of its subcontractors to submit a Workforce Utilization Report, in such form as shall be required by NIFA on a quarterly basis during the term of the Contract.

Separate forms shall be completed by the Contractor and any subcontractors.

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

IV. MWBE Utilization Plan

The Contractor represents and warrants that the Contractor has submitted an MWBE Utilization Plan (Attachment E), or shall submit an MWBE Utilization Plan at such time as shall be required by NIFA, through the New York State Contract System ("NYSCS"), which can be viewed at <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>, provided, however, that the Contractor may arrange to provide such evidence via a non-electronic method to NIFA, either prior to, or at the time of, the execution of the contract.

The Contractor agrees to adhere to such MWBE Utilization Plan in the performance of the Contract.

The Contractor further agrees that failure to submit and/or adhere to such MWBE Utilization Plan shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, NIFA shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding that the Contractor is non-responsive.

V. Waivers

If the Contractor, after making good faith efforts, is unable to achieve the MWBE Contract Goals stated herein, the Contractor may submit a request for a waiver through the NYSCS, or a non-electronic method provided by NIFA. Such waiver request must be supported by evidence of the Contractor's good faith efforts to achieve the maximum feasible MWBE participation towards the applicable MWBE Contract Goals. If the documentation included with the waiver request is complete, NIFA shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of approval or denial within twenty (20) business days of receipt.

If NIFA, upon review of the MWBE Utilization Plan, quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Reports described in Section VI, or any other relevant information, determines that the Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the MWBE Contract Goals, and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, NIFA may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The Contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE Contract Goals.

VI. Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report

The Contractor is required to submit a quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report (Attachment D) through the NYSCS, provided, however, that the Contractor may arrange to provide such report via a non-electronic method to NIFA by the 10th day following the end of each quarter during the term of the Contract.

VII. Liquidated Damages - MWBE Participation

Where NIFA determines that the Contractor is not in compliance with the requirements of this Schedule A and the Contractor refuses to comply with such requirements, or if the Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, the Contractor shall be obligated to pay to NIFA liquidated damages.

Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:

All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals;
and

All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.

In the event a determination has been made which requires the payment of liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by NIFA, the Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages to NIFA within sixty (60) days after they are assessed. Provided, however, that if the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pursuant to 5 NYCRR § 142.12, liquidated damages shall be payable only in the event of a determination adverse to the Contractor following the complaint process.

Attachment A (For Bid Proposals)

Certification Pursuant to State Finance Law §139

This form shall be completed and submitted with your bid proposal. Failure to complete and submit this form may result in a determination of non-responsiveness and disqualification of the proposal.

I. Affirmation relating to procedures governing permissible contacts:

(Proposer must check applicable box)

Proposer: affirms does not affirm

that it understands and has to date and agrees hereinafter to comply with the Authority's procedures relative to permissible contacts for this procurement as required by State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6) (b).

II. Disclosure of Findings of Non-Responsibility and Prior Contract Terminations or Withholdings under the 2005 Procurement Lobbying Law:

1. Has any "governmental entity," as defined by State Finance Law §139-j and §139-k, made a finding in the last four years that the firm was not responsible?

No Yes

2. If yes, was the basis for any such finding(s) the intentional provision of false or incomplete information required by State Finance Law § 139-j and §139-k, and/or the failure to comply with the requirements of State Finance Law §139-j (3) relating to permissible contacts?

No Yes

If yes, please provide details regarding each finding of non-responsibility below. (Attach additional pages, if necessary)

Governmental Entity: _____

Date of Finding: _____

Basis of Finding: _____

3. Has any "governmental entity" as defined in State Finance Law §139-j and §139-k terminated or withheld a procurement contract with the firm due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information required by such Laws and/or the failure to comply with the requirements of State Finance Law §139-k(3) relating to permissible contacts?

No Yes

If yes, please provide details below. (Attach additional pages, if necessary)

Governmental Entity:

Date of Termination or Withholding of Contract:

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Basis of Termination or Withholding of Contract:

The undersigned acknowledges and states that all information provided to the Authority with respect to State Finance Law § 139-j and § 139-k is complete, true and accurate.

Signature of Authorized Officer

Date

Title

Address

Attachment B

NON-DISCRIMINATION/SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAUSE

During the term of the Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

1. In the hiring of any employees for the manufacture of supplies, performance of work, or any other activity required under the Contract or any subcontract, the Contractor, subcontractor or any person acting on behalf of the Contractor or subcontractor shall not by reason of gender, race, creed, sexual orientation, or color discriminate against anyone who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates.
2. Neither the Contractor nor any subcontractor nor any person on their behalf shall in any manner discriminate against or intimidate any employee involved in the manufacture of supplies, the performance of work or any other activity required under the contract on account of gender, race, creed, sexual orientation, or color.
3. The Contractor and any subcontractors shall establish and maintain a written sexual harassment policy and shall inform their employees of the policy. The policy must contain a notice that sexual harassment will not be tolerated and employees who practice it will be disciplined.
4. The Contractor shall not discriminate by reason of gender, race, creed, sexual orientation, or color against any subcontractor or supplier who is qualified to perform the work to which the contract relates.
5. The Contractor and each subcontractor shall furnish all necessary employment documents and records to and permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the contracting officer for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause. If the Contractor or any subcontractor does not possess documents or records reflecting the necessary information requested, it shall furnish such information on reporting forms supplied by the contracting officer.
6. The Contractor shall include the provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause in every subcontract so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.
7. Nassau County Interim Finance Authority may cancel or terminate the Contract and all money due or to become due under the Contract may be forfeited for a violation of the terms and conditions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause.

Contractor Signature

Date

Attachment C

EEO and MWBE Required Forms



Division of Minority
and Women's
Business Development


Your MWBE Utilization and Reporting Responsibilities

Under Article 15-A

As a vendor conducting business with New York State, you have a responsibility to utilize minority- and/or women-owned businesses in the execution of your contracts, per the MWBE percentage goals stated in your incentive proposal or contract documents.

The New York State Contract System ("NYSCS") is the tool that New York State uses to monitor MWBE participation in state contracting. Through the NYSCS you will submit utilization plans, request subcontractors, record payments to subcontractors, and communicate with your project manager throughout the life of your awarded contracts.

There are several reference materials available to assist you in this process. Once you log onto the website, click on the **Help & Support >>** link on the lower left hand corner of the Menu Bar to find recorded trainings and manuals

on all features of the NYSCS. You may also click on the  icon at the top right of your screen to find videos tailored to primes and subcontractors. There are also opportunities available to join live trainings, read up on the Knowledge Base through the Forum link, and submit feedback to help improve future enhancements to the system.

Technical assistance is always available through the **Contact Us & Support** link on the NYSCS website (<https://ny.newnycontracts.com>).

For more information, contact your project manager.

A Division of Empire State Development

Attachment C
MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – EQUAL
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT

M/WBE AND EEO POLICY STATEMENT

I, _____, the (awardee/contractor) _____ agree to adopt the following policies with respect to the project being developed or services rendered at _____

M/WBE

EEO

This organization will and will cause its contractors and subcontractors to take good faith actions to achieve the M/WBE contract participations goals set by the State for that area in which the State-funded project is located, by taking the following steps:

- (1) Actively and affirmatively solicit bids for contracts and subcontracts from qualified State certified MBEs or WBEs, including solicitations to M/WBE contractor associations.
- (2) Request a list of State-certified M/WBEs from NIFA and solicit bids from them directly.
- (3) Ensure that plans, specifications, request for proposals and other documents used to secure bids will be made available in sufficient time for review by prospective M/WBEs.
- (4) Where feasible, divide the work into smaller portions to enhanced participations by M/WBEs and encourage the formation of joint venture and other partnerships among M/WBE contractors to enhance their participation.
- (5) Document and maintain records of bid solicitation, including those to M/WBEs and the results thereof. The Contractor will also maintain records of actions that its subcontractors have taken toward meeting M/WBE contract participation goals.
- (6) Ensure that progress payments to M/WBEs are made on a timely basis so that undue financial hardship is avoided, and that bonding and other credit requirements are waived or appropriate alternatives developed to encourage M/WBE participation.

a) This organization will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on state contracts.

(b) This organization shall state in all solicitation or advertisements for employees that in the performance of the State contract all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex disability or marital status.

(c) At the request of the contracting agency, this organization shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of this organization's obligations herein.

(d) The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. The Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status

domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

(e) This organization will include the provisions of sections (a) through (d) of this agreement in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the State contract

Agreed to this _____ day of _____, 2 _____

By _____

Print: _____ Title: _____

_____ is designated as the Minority Business Enterprise Liaison
(Name of Designated Liaison)

responsible for administering the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises- Equal Employment Opportunity (M/WBE-EEO) program.

M/WBE Contract Goals

_____ 30% Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Participation

_____ % Minority Business Enterprise Participation

_____ % Women's Business Enterprise Participation

_____ (Authorized Representative)

Title: _____

Date: _____

Is this a final report? Check One

**Attachment D
Contractor M/WBE Quarterly Report
of**

NYS AGENCY Contract No. _____ Project No. _____

The following information indicates the payment amounts made by the grantee/contractor to the NYS Certified M/WBE subcontractor on this project.

The payments as shown made are in compliance with contract documents for the above referenced project.

Contractors Name and Address		Federal ID#		Goals/\$ Amt. MBE ____%=_____ WBE ____%=_____		Contract Type _____				
		Project Completion Date		Work Location		Paid to Contractor This Quarter _____				
						Total Paid to Contractor To Date _____				
						Reporting Period: ___ 1 st Quarter (4/1-6/30) ___ 3 rd Quarter (10/1-12/31) ___ 2 nd Quarter (7/1-9/30) ___ 4 th Quarter (1/1-3/31)				
M/WBE Subcontractor/Vendor	Product Code*	Work Status This Report	Total Subcontractor Contract Amount		Payments this Quarter		Previous Payments		Total Payment Made to Date	
			MBE	WBE	MBE	WBE	MBE	WBE	MBE	WBE
Name:		___ Active								
FED ID#		___ Inactive								
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Name:		___ Active								
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Name:		___ Active								
FED ID#		___ Inactive								
		___ Complete								
Total										

*See Reverse Side for Product Codes

Date _____ **Name** _____ **Title** _____ **Signature** _____

PRODUCT KEY CODE

A	=	Agriculture/ Landscaping (e.g., all forms of landscaping services)
B	=	Mining (e.g., geological investigations)
C	=	Construction
C15	=	Building Construction – General Contractors
C16	=	Heavy Construction (e.g., highway, pipe laying)
C17	=	Special Trade Contractors (e.g., plumbing, heating, electrical, carpentry)
D	=	Manufacturing
E	=	Transportation, Communication and Sanitary Services (e.g., delivery services, warehousing, broadcasting and cable systems)
F/G	=	Wholesale/Retail Goods (e.g. hospital supplies and equipment, food stores, computer stores, office supplies)
G52	=	Construction Materials (e.g., lumber, paint, law supplies)
H	=	Financial, Insurance and Real Estate Services
I	=	Services
I73	=	Business Services (e.g., copying, advertising, secretarial, janitorial, rental services of equipment, computer programming, security services)
I81	=	Legal Services
I82	=	Education Services (e.g., AIDS education, automobile safety, tutoring, public speaking)
I83	=	Social Services (Counselors, vocational training, child care)
I87	=	Engineering, architectural, accounting, research, management and related services

A. Attachment E - M/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN

INSTRUCTIONS: This form must be submitted with any bid, proposal, or proposed negotiated contract or within a reasonable time thereafter, but prior to contract award. This Utilization Plan must contain a detailed description of the supplies and/or services to be provided by each certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) under the contract. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Offeror's Name:

Federal Identification No.:

Address:

Solicitation No.:

City, State, Zip Code:

Project No.:

Telephone No.:

M/WBE Goals in the Contract: MBE % WBE %

Region/Location of Work:

1. Certified M/WBE Subcontractors/Suppliers Name, Address, Email Address, Telephone No.	2. Classification	3. Federal ID No.	4. Detailed Description of Work (Attach additional sheets, if necessary)	5. Dollar Value of Subcontracts/ Supplies/Services and intended performance dates of each component of the contract.
A.	B. NYS ESD CERTIFIED MBE WBE			
B.	C. NYS ESD CERTIFIED MBE WBE			

6. IF UNABLE TO FULLY MEET THE MBE AND WBE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT, OFFEROR MUST SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR WAIVER FORM (M/WBE 104).

PREPARED BY (Signature): DATE: NAME AND TITLE OF PREPARER (Print or Type):	TELEPHONE NO.:	EMAIL ADDRESS:
	FOR M/WBE USE ONLY	
	REVIEWED BY:	DATE:

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM CONSTITUTES THE OFFEROR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE M/WBE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH UNDER NYS EXECUTIVE LAW, ARTICLE 15-A, 5 NYCRR PART 143, AND THE ABOVE-REFERENCED SOLICITATION. FAILURE TO SUBMIT COMPLETE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN A FINDING OF NONCOMPLIANCE AND POSSIBLE TERMINATION OF YOUR CONTRACT.

UTILIZATION PLAN APPROVED: YES NO Date:
Contract No.: **Project No. (if applicable):**

Contract Award Date:
Estimated Date of Completion:
Amount Obligated Under the Contract:
Description of Work:

NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ISSUED: YES NO Date: _____

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE ISSUED: YES NO Date: _____

D.

Reporting Entity Contractor Subcontractor

FEIN _____

Contractor Name _____

Contractor Address _____

Contract Number _____

January 1 - March 31 April 1 - June 30

July 1 - September 30 October 1 - December 31

Reporting Month - Select One

<input type="checkbox"/> January	<input type="checkbox"/> February	<input type="checkbox"/> March
<input type="checkbox"/> April	<input type="checkbox"/> May	<input type="checkbox"/> June
<input type="checkbox"/> July	<input type="checkbox"/> August	<input type="checkbox"/> September
<input type="checkbox"/> October	<input type="checkbox"/> November	<input type="checkbox"/> December

Workforce Identified in Report

Workforce Utilized in Performance of Contract

Contractor/Subcontractor's Total Workforce

Preparer's Name: _____

Preparer's Title: _____

Date: _____

By checking this box, I certify that I personally completed this document and typed above as my electronic signature under the NYS Electronic Signatures and Records Act, with like legal force and effect as if I had physically signed the document.

Occupation Classifications (SOC Major Group)	SOC Job Title	EEO Job Title	SOC Job Code	Number of Employees and Hours Worked by Race/Ethnic Identification During Reporting Period																							
				White						Black/African American						Hispanic/Latino						Asian/Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander					
				Male			Female			Male			Female			Male			Female			Male			Female		
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Collection and Submission of Workforce Utilization Reports

Workforce utilization reports are to be collected from each contractor and subcontractor performing work on state contracts. Contractors and subcontractors performing work on construction contracts with a total value in excess of \$100,000 are to submit workforce utilization reports to agencies and authorities on a monthly basis. Contractors and subcontractors performing work on commodities and services contracts with a total value in excess of \$25,000 are to submit workforce utilization reports to agencies and authorities on a quarterly basis. Agencies and authorities are to submit to the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development (the "Division") all workforce utilization reports collected in any quarter within fifteen (15) days of the end of that quarter as described below.