

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
Georgia's First Consolidated Government



FINANCE DEPARTMENT
PURCHASING DIVISION

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Date: August 31, 2021

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP No. 22-0014	Interested parties are requested to submit proposals, subject to conditions and instructions as specified, for the furnishing of: ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR FEEDING THE VALLEY FACILITY EXPANSION
GENERAL SCOPE	Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals from qualified offerors to provide architectural plans and drawings for Feeding the Valley Facility Enhancement. Feeding the Valley is a food bank serving several counties and communities in the River Valley region. The organization is looking to expand by adding an additional facility at its Columbus location in order to meet the growing needs of the food insecure in the area. This is a Section 3 Covered Contract and Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.
DUE DATE	OCTOBER 4, 2021 - 10:00 AM (EASTERN)
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS	See Appendices A through D for information and instructions on how to register and submit a proposal through DemandStar.
ADDENDA	The Purchasing Division will post addenda (if any) for this project at https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm . It is the vendors' responsibility to periodically visit the web page for addenda, before the due date and prior to submitting a response.
NO SUBMITTAL	If you are not interested in this solicitation, complete and return page 3.

Andrea J. McCorvey,
Purchasing Division Manager

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

E-Notification

The City uses the Georgia Procurement Registry e-notification system. You must register with the Team Georgia Marketplace to receive future procurement notifications at <http://doas.ga.gov/state-purchasing/suppliers/getting-started-as-a-supplier>.

If you have any questions or encounter any problems while registering, please contact the Team Georgia Marketplace Procurement Helpdesk:

Telephone: 404-657-6000

Fax: 404-657-8444

Email: procurementhelp@doas.ga.gov

STATEMENT OF "NO PROPOSAL SUBMISSION"

Notify the Purchasing Division if you do not intend to submit a Proposal:

Email: BidOpportunities@ColumbusGa.org

Fax: 706-225-3033

Attn: Della Lewis, CPPB, GCPA

Columbus Consolidated Government

Purchasing Division

P. O. Box 1340

We, the undersigned decline to submit a proposal for **RFP No. 22-0014** for **Architectural Services for Feeding the Valley Facility Expansion** for the following reason(s):

- ☐ Specifications are too "tight", i.e., geared towards one brand or manufacturer (explain below)
- ☐ There is insufficient time to respond.
- ☐ We do not offer this product and/or service.
- ☐ We are unable to meet specifications.
- ☐ We are unable to meet bond requirements.
- ☐ Specifications are unclear (explain below).
- ☐ We are unable to meet insurance requirements.
- ☐ Other (specify below)

Comments:

COMPANY NAME: _____

REPRESENTATIVE: _____

DATE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PROPOSALS WILL BE EVALUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED BELOW IN SECTION 3-110 AND SECTION 3-111 OF THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE. ALL PROPOSALS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AFTER AWARD.

3-110 Competitive Sealed Proposals (Negotiations)

(1) Conditions for Use

When the purchasing manager determines that the use of competitive sealed bidding for any procurement is either not practicable or not advantageous to the city, a contract may be entered into using the competitive sealed proposals (negotiation) method. In addition, the competitive sealed proposal process shall be used for the procurement of professional services, specialized equipment or supplies.

The competitive sealed proposal process may be used for procurements with an estimated total cost less than \$25,000.00, if deemed to be in the best interest of the City. If the total cost can be determined, the authority to approve such solicitations will be as prescribed by [article 3-104](#), purchasing limits. If, due to the required services, a total cost cannot be determined then the award recommendation will be approved by Council.

I. Request for Proposals

Proposals shall be solicited through Request for Proposals. The Purchasing Division shall establish the specifications with the using agency and set the date and time to receive proposals. The request for proposal shall include a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the service or item to be procured.

II. Public Notice

The public will be given adequate notice of the request for proposals, provided that, adequate notice shall mean at least [15](#) business days before the due date, which is stated in the request. ***The City reserves the right to seek request for proposals in a shorter period, if necessary, as determined by the Purchasing Manager.***

Notice shall be published in a reasonable time before due date, contain a description of the procurement in general terms, as well as, the place and due date for proposals, and appear in a newspaper(s) of general circulation, specifically the city's legal organ. In addition to publication in newspapers, notice shall also be made by electronic means, including posting on the internet and on the city's government access television channel.

Public works construction projects shall be advertised in accordance with Georgia State Law.

The City reserves the right to mail or e-mail invitations directly to vendors under the following circumstances:

- Solicitations for specialized equipment/supplies.
- Solicitations for specialized services.
- Re-bid of solicitations where normal advertising procedures netted no responses.
- Whenever deemed necessary by the purchasing manager.

III. Receipt of Proposals

Proposals must be received by the deadline date established. No public opening will be held. No proposals shall be handled to permit disclosure of the identity of any offeror or the contents of any proposal to competing offerors during the process of discussion. A register of proposals shall be prepared as part of the contract file, and shall contain the name of each offeror, the number of modifications received (if any), and a description sufficient to identify the item offered. The register of proposals shall be open for public inspection only after contract award.

IV. Evaluation Factors

The request for proposals shall identify the relative importance of cost (when applicable) and other evaluation criteria.

V. Evaluation Process

An odd number of voting members of a Selection or Evaluation Committee shall evaluate all proposals received based upon the criteria stated in the request for proposals. Each voting committee member shall grade each submitted proposal based upon the evaluation criteria.

VI. Discussion with Responsible Offerors and Revisions to Proposals

As provided in the Request for Proposals, discussions (negotiations) may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, to assure full understanding of and conformance to the solicitation requirements. All qualified, responsible offerors shall be given fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals, and such revisions may be permitted after submissions and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of the identity of competing offerors or any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors. If only one proposal response is received, then the award recommendation shall be to the single offeror, if the offeror meets all requirements.

VII. Award

After negotiations, the award recommendation must be presented to Columbus City Council for final approval. Award will be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City, taking into consideration total cost (if determined) and all other evaluation factors set forth in the Request for Proposals.

After council approval, a contract based on the negotiations (if negotiations were necessary) will be drawn and signed by all necessary parties. If Council does not approve the award, it may direct that further negotiations may take place with the recommended offeror, or that negotiations begin with the next most qualified offeror. Council may also exercise the option to reject all offers and instruct the Purchasing Manager to begin the procurement process again. The contract file shall contain the basis on which the award is made.

After contract award, the contract file, will be made public. Unsuccessful offerors will be afforded the opportunity to make an appointment with the purchasing division for a debriefing. After the award, the contract file and the unsuccessful proposals will become subject to disclosure under the Georgia Open Records Act.

3-111 Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Services

(1) Purpose

All architectural, engineering and land surveying services, regardless of the estimated value of the contract or project, will be procured through the use of competitive sealed proposals.

Except as provided under article 3-114, only known source procurement, 3-115, emergency procurements, or 3-118 state contracts and other cooperative contracts, procurements for architectural/engineering or land surveying services will be governed by the guidelines in above article 3-110, with the following modifications in this section:

A. Request for Proposals

The cost of services shall not be a required element in proposals for architectural, engineering and land surveying.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR NEED CLARIFICATION ABOUT THIS SOLICITATION?

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING ANY SOLICITATION CURRENTLY ADVERTISED MUST TAKE PLACE IN WRITTEN FORM AND ADDRESSED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

ALL QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. THE CITY WILL NOT ORALLY OR TELEPHONICALLY ADDRESS ANY QUESTION OR CLARIFICATION REGARDING BID/PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS. IF A VENDOR VISITS OR CALLS THE PURCHASING DIVISION WITH SUCH QUESTIONS, HE OR SHE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT THE QUESTIONS IN WRITING.

ALL CONTACT CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE MADE THROUGH THE PURCHASING DIVISION. BIDDERS SHALL NOT CONTACT CITY EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENT HEADS, USING AGENCIES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH QUESTIONS OR ANY OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION. QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CONCERNS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION IN WRITING. IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT A TECHNICAL QUESTION NEEDS ADDRESSING, THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD SUCH TO THE USING AGENCY, WHO WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN RESPONSE.

THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE RESPECTIVE BIDDER OR IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO REVISE ANY PART OF THIS SOLICITATION, A WRITTEN ADDENDUM WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL BIDDERS.

THE CITY IS NOT BOUND BY ANY ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CHANGES MADE TO THE WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS BY CITY EMPLOYEES, UNLESS SUCH CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE IS PROVIDED TO THE BIDDERS IN A WRITTEN ADDENDUM FROM THE PURCHASING MANAGER.

BIDDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO USE THE ENCLOSED "QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM" TO FAX OR EMAIL QUESTION.

ANY REQUEST, AFTER A SOLICITATION HAS CLOSED AND PENDING AWARD MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM

Date: _____

To: Della Lewis, Buyer Specialist
Email BidOpportunities@ColumbusGA.org or
Fax (706) 225-3033

Re: **Architectural Services for Feeding the Valley Facility Expansion – RFP No. 22-0014**

Questions and requests for clarification must be submitted at least five (5) business days before the due date:

From:

Company Name

Website

Representative

Email Address

Complete Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone Number

Fax Number

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Architectural Services for Feeding the Valley Facility Expansion RFP No. 22-0014

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This is a Section 3 Covered Contract and Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.

A. PROPOSAL DUE DATE:

PROPOSALS ARE DUE: OCTOBER 4, 2021 NO LATER THAN 10:00 AM (Eastern). *Submit one electronic response via DemandStar.*

After award of Contract by Columbus Council, awarded vendor will be notified to provide two (2) identical hard copies of submitted proposal with original signatures.

The City shall not be held liable for any expenses incurred by the respondent in preparing and submitting the proposal and/or attendance at any interviews, final contract negotiations or applicable site visits. **The City reserves the right to award this project or to reject any and all proposals; whichever is in the best interest of the City.**

B. RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS:

Unless otherwise stated in the technical specifications of the RFP, the City will accept one, and only one, proposal per Offeror. In the event a team of firms is entering into a joint venture to respond to the RFP, one firm shall be named the prime contractor and the proposal shall be submitted in the name of the prime contractor. All correspondence concerning the RFP will be between the City and prime contractor.

C. SUBCONTRACTING:

Should the offeror intend to subcontract all or any part of the work specified, names and address of subcontractors must be provided in proposal response. The offeror shall be responsible for subcontractors' full compliance with the requirements of the RFP specifications. If awarded the contract, payments will only be made to the offerors submitting the proposal. The Columbus Consolidated Government will not be responsible for payments to subcontractors.

D. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RFP:

Communication concerning any solicitation currently advertised must take place in writing and addressed to the Purchasing Division. See page titled "Do You Have Questions ..." within this proposal package. **Questions and Requests for Clarification will be received until five business days prior to the proposal due date.**

E. PUBLIC INFORMATION:

All information and materials submitted will become the property of the Columbus Consolidated Government, Columbus, Georgia; and shall be subject to the provisions of the Georgia public records law. If awarded the contract, the proposal submission, in its entirety, will be included as part of the contract documents and filed, as public record, with the Clerk of Council.

F. ADDENDA:

The proposer shall include acknowledgment of receipt of addenda (if any) in their sealed proposal. The proposer should include an initialed copy of each addendum in the proposal package. It is the proposer's responsibility to contact the City for copies of addenda if they receive the proposal document from any other source other than the City.

G. CONTRACT:

Each proposal is received with the understanding that an acceptance in writing by the City of the offer to furnish any or all of the services and materials described shall constitute a contract between the proposer and the City. This contract shall bind the proposers to furnish and deliver the services and materials quoted, at the prices stated and in accordance with the condition of said accepted proposal.

It is agreed that the successful respondent will not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of the contract or its right, title or interest in or to the same, or any part thereof, without previous consent of the City and any sureties.

H. NON-COLLUSION:

Proposer declares that the proposal is not made in connection with any other proposer submitting a proposal for the same commodity or commodities, and that the proposal is bona fide and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

I. INDEMNITY:

The Contractor covenants to save, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the City, and all of its officers, departments, agencies, agents, and employees (collectively the "City") from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorney's fees), charges, liability, or exposure, however caused, resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with the Contractor's intentional, negligent, or grossly negligent acts or omissions in performance or nonperformance of its work called for by the Contract Documents.

J. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CLAUSE:

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (minority or women owned businesses) will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin in consideration for an award. It is the policy of the City that disadvantaged business enterprises and minority business enterprises have an opportunity to participate at all levels of contracting in the performance of City contracts to the extent practical and consistent with the efficient performance of the contract.

K. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM - NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE:

The City has an Affirmative Action Program in connection with Equal Employment Opportunities. The successful vendor will comply with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, and will not discriminate between or among them by reason of race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or physical handicap.

L. SPECIFICATION DESCRIPTIONS:

The specifications detailed herein represent the quality of equipment, goods or services required by the City. Whenever in this invitation any particular process, service or equipment is indicated or specified by patent, proprietary or brand name of manufacturer/developer/inventor, such wording will be deemed to be used for the purpose of facilitating descriptions of the process, service or equipment desired by the City. It is not meant to eliminate offerors or restrict competition in any RFP process. Proposals that are equivalent or surpass stated specifications will be considered. Determination of equivalency shall rest solely with the City.

M. TAXES:

The City is exempt from State Retail Tax and Federal Excise Tax. Tax Exemption No. GA Code Sec. 48-8-3. Federal ID No. 58-1097948.

N. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:

Per Ordinance No. 93-55, in compliance with Federal and State Drug Free Workplace Acts, the Council of Columbus, Georgia adopted a drug free Workplace Policy. Consequently, any vendor providing goods or services to Columbus Consolidated Government must comply with all applicable Federal and State Drug Free Workplace Acts.

O. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL LAWS:

All respondents will comply with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations relative to conducting business in Columbus, Georgia and performing the prescribed service. Ignorance on the part of the respondent shall not, in any way, relieve the respondent from responsibility for compliance with said laws and regulations or any of the provisions of these documents.

P. PROVISIONS OF THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE:

The provisions of the Procurement Ordinance for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia as adopted and amended by Council shall apply to all invitations to respond to Requests for Proposals and is specifically incorporated herein by this reference. The Procurement Ordinance is codified on Section 2-3.03 of the Columbus Code and can be accessed through the City's website at https://library.municode.com/ga/columbus/codes/code_of_ordinances.

Q. INSURANCE:

All respondents shall maintain, and if requested, show proof of insurance applicable for services described in these specifications.

R. HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

The successful respondent hereby agrees to indemnify, hold free and harmless Columbus Consolidated Government (The City), its agents, servants, employees, officers, directors and elected officials or any other person(s) against any loss or expense including attorney fees, by reason of any liability imposed by law upon the City, except in cases of the City's sole negligence, sustained by any person(s) on account of bodily injury or property damage arising out of or in the consequence of this agreement.

S. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:

- 1. Default:** If the contractor refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this contract with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract, or any extension thereof, otherwise fails to timely satisfy the contract provisions, or commits any other substantial breach of this contract, the Purchasing Division Director may notify the contractor in writing of the delay or nonperformance and if not cured within **ten (10) days** or any longer time specified in writing by the Purchasing Division Director, such director may terminate the

contractor's right to proceed with the contract or such part of the contract as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

In the event of termination in whole or in part the Purchasing Division Director may procure similar supplies or services, from other sources, in a manner and upon terms deemed appropriate by the Purchasing Division Director. The contractor will continue performance of the contract to the extent it is not terminated and will be liable for excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods or services.

2. **Compensation:** Payment for completed supplies or services delivered and accepted by the City will be at the contract price. The City may withhold from amounts due the contractor such sums as the Purchasing Director deems to be necessary to protect the City against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders and to reimburse the City for the excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods and services.
3. **Excuse for Nonperformance or Delayed Performance.** Except with respect to defaults of subcontractors, the contractor shall not be in default by reason of any failure in performance of this contract in accordance with its terms (including any failure by the contractor to make progress in the prosecution of the work hereunder which endangers such performance) if the contractor has notified the Purchasing Division Director within 15 days after the cause of the delay and the failure arises out of causes such as: acts of God; acts of public enemy; acts of the City and any other governmental entity in its sovereign or contractual capacity; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes or other labor disputes; freight embargoes; or unusually severe weather, If the failure to perform is caused by the failure of a subcontractor to perform or to make progress, and if such failure arises out of causes similar to those set forth above, the contractor shall not be deemed to be in default, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor was reasonably obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the contractor to meet the contract requirements.

Upon request of the contractor, the Purchasing Division Director shall ascertain the facts and extent of such failure, and, if such director determines that any failure to perform was occasioned by anyone or more of the excusable causes, and that, but for the excusable cause, the contractor's progress and performance would have met the terms of the contract, the delivery schedule shall be revised accordingly.

T. TIME FOR CONSIDERATION:

Due to the evaluation process, proposals must remain in effect for at least **180 days** after date of receipt.

U. CONTRACT AWARD:

Award of this contract will be made in the best interest of the City.

V. REQUEST FOR EVALUATION RESULTS:

Per the City's Procurement Ordinance, evaluation results cannot be divulged until after the award of the contract. After contract award, proponents desiring to review documents relevant to the RFP evaluation results shall submit a written request to the Purchasing Division.

W. GOVERNING LAW:

The parties agree that this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Georgia, both as to interpretations and performance.

X. FINAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

It is understood that the final contract shall include the following: **1)** The RFP; **2)** Addenda; **3)** Awarded Vendors(s) response; **4)** Awarded Vendor(s) Clarifications; **5)** Negotiated Components; and **6)** Awarded Vendor(s) Business Requirements.

Y. PAYMENT DEDUCTIONS:

The City reserves the right to deduct, from payments to awarded vendor(s), any amount owed to the City for various fees, to include, but not limited to: False Alarm fees, Ambulance fees, Occupation License Fees, Landfill fees, etc.

Z. PAYMENT TERMS:

The City's standard payment term is usually net 30 days, after successful receipt of goods or services. Payment may take longer if invoice is not properly documented or not easily identifiable, goods/services are not acceptable, or invoice is in dispute.

AA. RIGHT TO PROTEST:

- A. Right of Protest. Any actual or prospective bidder offeror, or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with a solicitation or award of a contract may protest to the Purchasing Manager initially. All protests shall be filed in the manner prescribed herein. Protests that do not comply with the following rules shall be deemed invalid and of no effect.
- B. The protest must be in writing, executed by a company officer that is authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the bidder or offeror or provided by an authorized legal representative of the protestor.
- C. A protest with respect to an invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing no less than five (5) business days prior to the opening of bids or the closing date of proposals or qualification statements.
- D. Stay of Procurement During Protests. If there is a timely protest submitted as described above, the Purchasing Manager shall not proceed further with the solicitation or award of the contract until all administrative remedies have been exhausted or until the City Council, Mayor, or City Manager makes a determination on the record that the award of the contract without delay is necessary to protect substantial interests of the City.

NOTICE TO VENDORS

Sec. 2-3.05. - Submitting bids to Consolidated Government, etc.—By mayor or councilmembers.

Neither the mayor nor any member of the Columbus Council shall submit any bid to the consolidated government, nor shall the mayor or any member of the Columbus Council own or have a substantial pecuniary interest in any business that submits a bid to the consolidated government. (Ord. No. 92-60, 6-23-92)

Sec. 2-3.06. - Same—By members of boards, authorities, commissions.

No member of any board or authority or commission or other independent or subordinate entity of the consolidated government shall submit any bid to the consolidated government or have a substantial pecuniary interest in any business that submits a bid to the consolidated government if such bid pertains to the board or authority or commission on which such person holds such membership. (Ord. No. 92-61, 6-23-92)

SPECIFICATIONS
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR
FEEDING THE VALLEY FACILITY ENHANCEMENT
RFQ No. 22-0001

I. SCOPE

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals from qualified offerors to provide architectural plans and drawings for Feeding the Valley Facility Enhancement. Feeding the Valley is a food bank serving several counties and communities in the River Valley region. The organization is looking to expand by adding an additional facility at its Columbus location in order to meet the growing needs of the food insecure in the area.

This is a Section 3 Covered Contract and Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply. Refer to Attachment A for additional information.

II. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

The architect will provide plans and drawings to assist in the development and implementation of a Community Development Block Grant application. The application will consist of building improvements.

The architect will be responsible for providing a preliminary architectural report during the development phase of the application which meets the guidelines set forth in the 2021 Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) CDBG-CV applicants manual. To be selected, the architect must show the ability to produce the required preliminary plans and cost estimates within 30 days of selection.

If funded, the Architect will be responsible for final design, plans and specifications, obtaining necessary permits and/or easements; preparing for bid and contract documents, including advertising and bidding procedures; supervising construction and project closeout, as well as other necessary services.

The grant project period for this DCA CDBG-CV project has a completion time of two (2) years from award date.

III. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- A. A complete and working knowledge of the Scope and Project Requirements.
- B. Evidence of ability to perform.
- C. Experience in developing projects of this type.

IV. INDEMNITY CLAUSE

The Contractor covenants to save, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the City, and all of its officers, departments, agencies, agents, and employees (collectively the “City”) from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorney’s fees), charges, liability, or exposure, however caused, resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with the Contractor’s intentional, negligent, or grossly negligent acts or omissions in performance or nonperformance of its work called for by the Contract Documents.

V. INSURANCE

The vendors shall be required, at their own expense, to furnish to the City of Columbus Purchasing Division, evidence showing the insurance coverage to be in force throughout the term of the contract. Insurance requirements are listed on the attached **Insurance Checklist (Form 5)**. **The limits shown are minimum limits. Vendor shall indicate the actual limit they will provide for each insurance requirement. The bidder shall complete the Insurance Checklist and include with bid response. Certificate of Insurance is acceptable.** The Insurance Checklist will indicate to the City, the bidder's ability and agreement to provide the required insurance, in the event of contract award.

The successful candidate shall provide the required Certificates of Insurance within **10 business days** after award notification. The Certificates of Insurance will name Columbus Consolidated Government as an additional insured, **as well as list the applicable project or annual contract name, and/or solicitation name and number.** The Certificate of Insurance will be included with the contract documents prior to signing.

VI. E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, a public employer shall not enter into a contract for the performance of services unless the contractor registers and participates in the federal work authorization program. If a supplier is providing services under a contract with a total compensation amount of \$2,500 or greater, (even if such services will be performed outside of the State of Georgia), Columbus Consolidated Government requires a notarized affidavit from the supplier attesting to the following:

- (A) The affiant has registered with, is authorized to use, and uses the federal work authorization program;
- (B) The user identification number and date of authorization for the affiant;
- (C) The affiant will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period; and
- (D) The affiant will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the same information required by subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph.

Additional information regarding the State's E-Verify requirements can be found at: <http://www.audits.ga.gov/NALGAD/IllegalImmigrationReformandEnforcementAct.html>. **A completed, notarized E-Verify Affidavit must be included with sealed proposal; failure to do so will render the firm's or individual's proposal non-responsive and ineligible for award consideration.**

VII. PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

Responses must be submitted via DemandStar. See Appendices A through D for information and instructions on how to register and submit proposals through DemandStar.

Firms should submit qualification packages that address each of the sections specified below. ***With the exception of the E-Verify Affidavit (Form 1), the form titled "Communication Concerning This Solicitation" (Form 2), and the proposed cost, fees, etc.,*** the City reserves the right to request any omitted information. Firms shall be notified, in writing, and shall have two (2) days, after notification, to submit the omitted information. If the omitted information is not received within two (2) days, the firm shall be deemed non-responsive, and the proposal will not receive further consideration.

Section 1: Transmittal Letter

Transmittal letter shall introduce the applicant/business, describe the ownership, include complete address, phone, and fax numbers (if applicable), and **include the name and email address(es) of contact person(s) during this proposal process**. Include a statement to the effect that the submittal is binding for at least 180 days from the proposal date. **An authorized agent of the business must sign the transmittal letter.**

Section 2: E-Verify Affidavit (Form 1)

A properly completed, notarized E-Verify Affidavit must be included with sealed package; failure to do so will render the firm's proposal non-responsive and ineligible for further consideration. Additional information regarding the State's E-Verify requirements can be found at:

<https://www.audits.ga.gov/NALGAD/IllegalImmigrationReformandEnforcementAct.html>

Section 3: Addenda Acknowledgement

Acknowledge receipt for all addenda (if any). Addenda will be posted at: https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm. It is the vendors' responsibility to periodically visit the web page for addenda before the due date and before submitting a proposal.

Section 4: Communication Concerning This Solicitation

Complete the form titled *Communication Concerning This Solicitation (Form 2)*

Section 5: Exceptions to RFP

A. List **ANY AND ALL** exceptions to the RFQ specifications in this section of proposal submission. Exceptions listed in other areas of the vendor's submission will not be considered. All exceptions will be vetted during the RFQ process, and if found unacceptable, the vendor's proposal will be rejected and no longer considered for award. Exceptions shall be considered by the Evaluation Committee. The vendor's proposal may not receive further consideration if exceptions are not acceptable and/or cannot be clarified to the Committee's satisfaction. Vendors shall be notified in writing if exceptions are not acceptable. **PLEASE NOTE: EXCEPTIONS TO THE RFQ GENERAL PROVISIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, AND IF SUBMITTED WILL AUTOMATICALLY RENDER THE RESPONSE NON-RESPONSIVE.**

B. **VENDOR AGREEMENT/CONTRACT FORM:** Exceptions also include the terms of any contract or other agreements which the vendor or any subcontractors will require to be executed by the City.

C. **If there are no exceptions, vendor must include a statement for this Section stating the following: No Exceptions.**

Section 6: Qualifications and Experience

A. **Firm**

1. Describe the Firm's qualifications and experience in performing similar services.
2. Provide the firm's professional credentials, the number of years the company has been in business under its present company/trade name, and any other information that uniquely qualifies the firm for this project. Identify the major principals of the firm.
3. Provide a list of all sub-consultants (if any) to be assigned to the contract. Columbus Consolidated Government reserves the right to approve all sub-consultants used on the contract.

4. Indicate whether your firm has been involved in any litigation/claims.

B. Staff

1. Provide resumes of all professional personnel who will be expected to actually perform the services on this contract. Include name and title, project assignment, years of experience, education, active/current registrations/certificates, other experience and qualifications relevant to the proposed project.
2. Additionally, provide an explanation of how the firm is organized and how its resources will be allocated for the contract.

Section 7: Client Work History

Use **Form 3** to provide details of the three (3) most recent projects for which your company has provided the same or similar services within the last five (5) years. The City reserves the right to contact additional clients not listed by the Offeror.

Section 8: Proposed Timeline

Provide an estimated timeline for completion of the services; include project milestones. **Do not include actual dates in the timeline, rather days, weeks and months.**

NOTE: The grant project period for this DCA CDBG-CV project has a completion time of two (2) years from award date.

Section 9: Contract Signature Page

Complete **Form 4**. City officials will sign the copies after Columbus Council approves the contract award with the successful firm (*see note below*). Per the General Provisions, Page 14, Item X, the final contract shall include the following: 1) The RFQ; 2) Addenda; 3) Awarded Vendor(s) response; 4) Awarded Vendor(s) Clarifications; 5) Negotiated Components; and 6) Awarded Vendor(s) Business Requirements.

Please note: After award of contract by Columbus Council, awarded vendor will be notified to provide two (2) identical hard copies of submitted proposal with original signatures.

Section 10: Section 3 Documents (if applicable)

If Offeror is claiming a preference as a Section 3 Contractor, include the forms specified in Attachment A.

If Offeror is **not** claiming a preference as a Section 3 Contractor, Offeror must include a statement for this Section stating, “*We are not claiming a preference as a Section 3 Contractor*”.

Section 11: Proof of Insurance

Provide Insurance Checklist (**Form 5**) or Certificate of Insurance.

Section 12: Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Complete and return **Page 1** of the Form W-9 at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

Section 13: Business License (Occupation License)

Provide a current copy of the Business License (Occupation License) that is required to conduct business at your location.

If awarded the contract, the successful vendor must obtain a business license from the City of Columbus. However, if the business is located in Georgia and has proof of being properly licensed by a municipality in Georgia, and paid applicable occupation taxes in that city, the contractor will not be required to pay occupation taxes in Columbus, Georgia.

If you have questions regarding this requirement, please contact Yvonne Ivey, Revenue Division Manager, at telephone 706-225-3091.

XI. RFP EVALUATION

Each submittal will be evaluated to determine the ability of each offeror to provide the required services. The following weighted criteria will be used to evaluate proposals:

Criteria for Evaluation Weight	Weight
A. Qualifications/Experience	45%
B. Client Work History	45%
C. Proposed Timeline	10%

Each of the above criteria (A - D) will be given a rating, of 1 through 100, by each member of the Evaluation Committee. The ratings are as follows:

RATING	
1-20	Poor
21-40	Fair
41-60	Good
61-80	Excellent
81-100	Superior

After the review and rating of proposal (s) by the evaluation committee, individual scores will be averaged and ranked. Offerors will be ranked in descending order of numerical predominance.

E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of **Columbus Consolidated Government** has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Company ID Number (*numerical, 4-7 digits*)

Date of Authorization

****See <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/emp/vislogin.aspx?JS=YES> to access your E-Verify Company Identification Number.**

Name of Contractor**Architectural Services for Feeding the Valley Facility Expansion – RFP No. 22-0014**

Name of Project

Columbus Consolidated Government

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, ___, 20__ in _____ (city), _____ (state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

Subscribed and sworn before me on this the ___ day of _____, 20__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

A properly completed, notarized E-Verify Affidavit must be included with sealed proposal; failure to do so will render the firm's proposal non-responsive and ineligible for further consideration.

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH THE VENDOR’S BID/PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS FORM WILL AUTOMATICALLY RENDER VENDOR’S RESPONSE NON-RESPONSIVE.

ALL QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. THE CITY WILL NOT ORALLY OR TELEPHONICALLY ADDRESS ANY QUESTION OR CLARIFICATION REGARDING BID/PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS. IF A VENDOR VISITS OR CALLS THE PURCHASING DIVISION WITH SUCH QUESTIONS, HE OR SHE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT THE QUESTIONS IN WRITING.

ALL CONTACT CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE MADE THROUGH THE PURCHASING DIVISION. BIDDERS SHALL NOT CONTACT CITY EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENT HEADS, USING AGENCIES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS, INCLUDING NON-CCG EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTED PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT (I.E. ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CONSULTANTS), OR ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH QUESTIONS OR ANY OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION. QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CONCERNS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION IN WRITING. IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT A TECHNICAL QUESTION NEEDS ADDRESSING, THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD SUCH TO THE USING AGENCY, WHO WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN RESPONSE.

THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE RESPECTIVE BIDDER. IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO REVISE ANY PART OF THIS SOLICITATION, A WRITTEN ADDENDUM WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL BIDDERS.

THE CITY IS NOT BOUND BY ANY ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CHANGES MADE TO THE WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS BY CITY EMPLOYEES, UNLESS SUCH CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE IS PROVIDED TO THE BIDDERS IN A WRITTEN ADDENDUM FROM THE PURCHASING MANAGER.

BIDDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO USE THE ENCLOSED “QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM” TO FAX OR EMAIL QUESTION. **QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE DUE DATE.**

ANY REQUEST/CONCERN/PROTEST, AFTER A SOLICITATION HAS CLOSED AND PENDING AWARD, MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

I agree to forward all communication about this solicitation, in writing, to the Purchasing Division. I understand that communication with other persons, other than the Purchasing Division, will render my Bid/Proposal response non-responsive and I will no longer be considered in the solicitation process.

Vendor Name: _____

Print Name of Authorized Agent: _____

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____

CLIENT WORK HISTORY
Architectural Services for Feeding the Valley Expansion
RFP No. 22-0014

Provide all requested information for the three (3) most recent projects for which your company has provided the same or similar services within the last five (5) years. The City reserves the right to contact additional clients not listed by the Offeror.

Client Name:	Contract Value:
	Contract Begin Date:
Contact Name:	Contract End Date:
Address:	Telephone:
	E-Mail:
Description of Services:	
Client Name:	Contract Value:
	Contract Begin Date:
Contact Name:	Contract End Date:
Address:	Telephone:
	E-Mail:
Description of Services:	
Client Name:	Contract Value:
	Contract Begin Date:
Contact Name:	Contract End Date:
Address:	Telephone:
	E-Mail:
Description of Services:	

Company Name**Authorized Signature****Print Name of Signatory****Date**

CONTRACT SIGNATURE PAGE
Architectural Services for Feeding the Valley Facility Expansion
RFP No. 22-0014

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY DECLARES THAT HE HAS/THEY HAVE CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE SPECIFICATIONS HEREIN REFERRED TO AND WILL PROVIDE ALL EQUIPMENT, TERMS AND SERVICES TO THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

Witness as to the signing of the contract

Signature of Authorized Representative Date

Witness as to the signing of the contract

Print Name and Title of Signatory

Corporate seal (if applicable)

Company Name

Company Ordering Address

Company Payment Address

Contact: _____

Contact: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Fax: _____

CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Accepted this ____ day of _____ 20____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Isaiah Hugley, City Manager

Clifton C. Fay, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

INSURANCE CHECKLIST

**Architectural Services for Feeding the Valley Facility Expansion
RFP No. 22-0014**

**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE MUST SHOW ALL COVERAGE
AND ENDORSEMENTS INDICATED BY "X"**

CSL = Combined Single Limit; BI = Bodily Injury; PD=Property Damage

Required Coverage(s)		Limits (Figures denote minimums)	Bidders Limits/Response
X	1. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability	STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS	
	Comprehensive General Liability		
X	2. General Liability Premises/Operations	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
X	3. Independent Contractors and Sub - Contractors	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	4. Products Liability	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	5. Completed Operations	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
X	6. Contractual Liability (Must be shown on Certificate)	\$ 1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	Automobile Liability		
X	7. *Owned/Hired/Non-Owned Vehicles/ Employer non ownership	\$1 Million BI/PD each Accident, Uninsured Motorist	
	Others		
X	8. Miscellaneous Errors and Omissions	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	9. Umbrella/Excess Liability	\$1 Million Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal Injury	
	10. Personal and Advertising Injury Liability	\$1 Million each offense, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
X	11. Professional Liability	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
X	12. Architects and Engineers	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	13. Asbestos Removal Liability	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
	14. Medical Malpractice	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	15. Medical Professional Liability	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	16. Dishonesty Bond		
	17. Builder's Risk	Provide Coverage in the full amount of contract	

Required Coverage(s)		Limits (Figures denote minimums)	Bidders Limits/Response
	18. XCU (Explosive, Collapse, Underground) Coverage		
	19. USL&H (Long Shore Harbor Worker's Compensation Act)		
	20. Contractor Pollution Liability	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
	21. Environmental Impairment Liability	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
X	22. Carrier Rating shall be Best's Rating of A-VII or its equivalents		
X	23. Notice of Cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage shall be provided to City at least 30 days prior to action.		
X	24. The City shall be named Additional Insured on all policies		
X	25. Certificate of Insurance shall show Bid Number and Bid Title		
	26. Pollution:	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	

*If offeror's employees will be using their privately owned vehicles while working on this contract and are privately insured, please state that fact in the **Bidders Limits/Response** column of the insurance checklist.

BIDDER'S STATEMENT:

If awarded the contract, I will comply with contract insurance requirements.

BIDDER NAME: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

DEMANDSTAR SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Responses must be submitted via DemandStar. See Appendices B, C & D for Submission Requirements Checklist, Registering for DemandStar and Responding to an Electronic Bid in DemandStar.

There is no cost to submit responses electronically through DemandStar; you will only incur a fee if you opt to receive e-notifications directly from DemandStar. You must select “Columbus Consolidated Government” as your free agency (see registration instructions). Solicitations may be accessed thru the DemandStar link that is posted at

https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm.

Per Georgia HB489, the Purchasing Division will continue to post solicitations on the Georgia Procurement Registry. To receive future procurement notifications, you must register with the Team Georgia Marketplace at <http://doas.ga.gov/state-purchasing/suppliers/getting-started-as-a-supplier>.

Excluding responses to Requests for Proposals (RFP), a tabulation of responses will be available on DemandStar shortly after the solicitation closes. The Purchasing Division will also continue to post tabulations at

https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/tabulations/bid_tabulations.htm.

Failure to submit electronic responses, via DemandStar, will result in the rejection of your response. Submittals received via U.S. Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, etc., will be returned unopened at the expense of the sender. The Purchasing Division will not accept hand-delivered submittals and will immediately discard any submittal left in the reception area of the Finance Department.

The Purchasing Division sincerely appreciates your cooperation during these unprecedented times.

APPENDIX B

ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

Architectural Services for Feeding the Valley Facility Expansion
RFP No. 22-0014

Submit your electronic response as instructed below:

1. Vendors shall submit **only** the required documents listed using the “**Bidder Response ALL Documents**” function.
2. **Zip files with multiple files are not acceptable**; vendors shall submit one PDF file of their submittal.
3. Due to file size limitations, please **do not resend the City’s full specifications** as this information is already on file.
4. **In the event DemandStar requires a dollar value for your submittal, enter “0”.**

- ☐ 1. Transmittal Letter
- ☐ 2. E-Verify Affidavit (*Form 1*)
- ☐ 3. Addenda Acknowledgement (if any)
- ☐ 4. Communication Concerning this Solicitation (*Form 2*)
- ☐ 5. Exceptions to RFP
- ☐ 6. Qualifications and Experience (Items A & B)
- ☐ 7. Client Work History (*Form 3*)
- ☐ 8. Proposed Timeline
- ☐ 9. Contract Signature Page (*Form 4*)
- ☐ 10. Section 3 Documents (*if applicable*)
- ☐ 11. Proof of Insurance (*Form 5*)
- ☐ 12. Form W-9 (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>)
- ☐ 13. Business License (Occupation License) or Articles of Incorporation

Please note: After award of contract by Columbus City Council, awarded vendor will be notified to provide two (2) identical hard copies of submitted proposal with original signatures.

APPENDIX C

Registering for DemandStar



We are pleased to announce our membership in the DemandStar network. DemandStar is an online marketplace that connects our suppliers directly to the bids, quotes and RFPs that matter to them.

DemandStar is open and accessible to all businesses and provides instant access to our solicitations. By registering for your complimentary DemandStar account, you will receive:

- **Instant** access to bids, quotes and RFPs
- **Automatic** notifications, right to you inbox, of bids that match the commodity codes you select
- The ability to **quickly view** the contractual terms and scope of work
- All the **forms and documents** you need in one place
- Access to **more government bids** in neighboring cities, counties and states

It's EASY! Get started with these 3 easy steps!

1 REGISTER

Go to:

<https://www.demandstar.com/registration>

Create an Account with DemandStar

You are one step away from picking your free government agency

Email Address

Your email address here

Company Name

Your company name here

☐ I accept the DemandStar [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)

Next



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2 CHOOSE YOUR FREE AGENCY

Type in the name of the government agency you'd like to add, for example "City of Metropolis" in the Search Box

Choose Your Free Agency

Receive full access to the government agency of your choice and receive advance notifications of new opportunities.

City of Metropolis

Narrow down your search by selecting a state and county.

State

Select State

County

Select County

☐

City of Metropolis – Board of Commissioners

☐

City of Metropolis Purchasing

☒

Metropolis Technical College

3 CHECK OUT

Check out with your **FREE AGENCY** Registration by clicking "Skip for now" on the page where it gives you options to add additional counties and States

You have chosen **Metropolis Technical College** as your free agency.
Add additional government agencies below for \$25 per County, Statewide and National subscriptions available.

My Subscriptions [0]

Nation (0)

States (0)

Counties (0)

		Your Current Rate
Total	(0 subscriptions)	\$0/year

Proceed to Checkout

Skip for Now



SIGN UP

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APPENDIX D

Responding to an Electronic Bid

5 Step Instructions

Step 1

Many governments are moving toward requiring bid responses electronically. Here are the steps to respond to a bid Electronically.

- Click on the solicitation name

The screenshot shows a web interface for a procurement portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Board', 'Bids' (highlighted in teal), 'Quotes', 'Coming Soon! Activities', 'Coming Soon! Messages', and 'Responses'. Below the navigation bar is a dark blue header area. A large orange arrow labeled 'Bids' points to the first item in a list. A red arrow points to the solicitation name 'TSEBIDVINO24JAN01' in the first row of the list. The list contains three items, each with a status 'Active' in an orange button. The first item is 'TSEBIDVINO24JAN01' with details: 'City of Fort Pierce - Purchasing Department, Fort Pierce, AZ', 'ID: BID-TSEBIDVINO24JAN01-0-2020/al', 'Broadcast: 1/24/2020', 'Due: 3/1/2020', 'Planholders: 3', and a 'Watch' button. The second item is 'AA-BB-CC-DD-EE' with details: 'agency2.0, Texas, FL', 'ID: EBID-001-946-00-0-2020/AD', 'Broadcast: 2/4/2020', 'Due: 2/29/2020', 'Planholders: 0', and a 'Watch' button. The third item is 'TESTBID' with details: 'agency2.0, Texas, FL'.

Solicitation Name	Status
TSEBIDVINO24JAN01	Active
AA-BB-CC-DD-EE	Active
TESTBID	Active

Step 2

Once you are in the solicitation, you will see the Bid Details page that is standard for all solicitations

- When you are ready to submit your bid, click on “Submit E-Bid Proposal”

TESTBID

Active

Bid Details

Agency Name	Agency 200
Bid Writer	Agency 200
Bid ID	8810-12345678-123456
Bid Type	E-BID - E-BID
Broadcast Date	12/18/2020 2:40 AM Eastern
Fiscal Year	2020
Due	12/18/2020 11:59 PM Eastern
Bid Status Text	BID STATUS

Scope of Work

SCOPE OF WORK

Documents

Filename	Type	Date Modified	Status
File	Attachment	12/18/2020	Complete

Distribution Info

Bid Bond	None
Plan (Blueprint)	None
E-Bidding	Submit
Distributed By	Demarcator
Distribution Method	Download and Print
Distribution Options	Bid has no blueprints associated with it
Project Estimated Budget	\$100,000.00
Distribution Notes	None

Publications

View Log/Ad

Pre-Bid Conference

No Pre-Bid Conference Data Found

Commodity Code

0001-040-00 FINANCIAL SERVICES

Submit E-Bid Proposal

Step 3

Enter information requested page-by-page and you can see what will come next via the menu bar on the left under “E-Bid Progress”

Enter “0” as your bid (proposal) amount.

(As cost proposals remain confidential until after contract award (if any), Columbus Consolidated Government will not consider proposed costs, fees, revenues, etc., that are entered directly into DemandStar.)

The screenshot shows the DemandStar web application interface for an E-Bid Response. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'Bids', 'Quotes', 'Activities', 'Responses', and a user profile 'Robyn Gallardi'. The left sidebar shows 'E-Bid Progress' with sub-items: 'Contact Information', 'Documents Upload', and 'Review Bid'. The main content area is titled 'E-Bid Response' and contains a 'Contact Information' form. The form includes fields for Company Name (Calgon Carbon Corporation), Address 1 (P. O. Box 717), Address 2, City (Pittsburgh), Country (United States of Ame...), State/Province (Pennsylvania), County (Select...), Postal Code (15230-0717), Phone Number (4127876810), and Extension. There are also fields for Bid Amount (127,000) and Alternate Bid Amount, both marked as 'Invalid'. A 'Notes' field contains the text 'For the full 6 month contract'. A 'Next' button is at the bottom right.

Step 4

After you click NEXT on the Contract Information page, you will be directed to enter the documents required.

Create one (1) file containing **only** the required documents listed on the "Electronic Proposal Submission Checklist" page of the specifications and upload using the "Bidder Response ALL Documents" function.

NOTE: Do not enter information using the "Supplemental Documents" function.

Due to file size limitations, please do not include the City's specification document in your uploaded response as this information is already on file. Font and page limitations may also apply.

BEST PRACTICE TIP: In some instances, multiple addenda may be issued for a solicitation. To avoid having to re-upload your firm's response file multiple times, it is **recommended** that vendors upload within five (5) business days of the due date. The City posts all documents, to include addenda, on the Finance Department Bid Opportunities web page:
https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm.

The screenshot displays the DEMANDSTAR E-Bid Response interface. On the left, the 'Bid Details' section lists: Agency Name (agency23), Bid Number (000-123456-0-000000), Bid Due Date (12/01/2024 (PST)), Bid Opening (23 days, 00 hours, 07 minutes, 23 seconds Remaining), and Bid Name (T137000). Below this is the 'E-Bid Progress' section with steps: Contract Information, Documents Upload, and Review Bid. The main content area is titled 'E-Bid Response'. It includes a 'Required Documents' section with a list of 'Agency Accepted File Formats' such as Adobe Acrobat (.PDF), AutoCAD Drawing (.DWG), JPEG Image (.JPG), Microsoft Excel (.XLS), Microsoft Word (.DOC), Microsoft PowerPoint (.PPT), Plain Text (.TXT), Rich Text Format (.RTF), WordPerfect (.WP5), AutoCAD Drawing (.DWG), GIF Image (.GIF), Microsoft Excel (.XLS), Microsoft PowerPoint (.PPT), Microsoft Word (.DOC), Plot File (.PLOT), TIFF Image (.TIFF), and ZIP Compressed Archive (.ZIP). Below this is a table with columns 'Required Document', 'Submission Option', and 'Uploaded Document'. The first row shows 'Service Doc agency23' with a 'Name' field and a 'Choose a File' button. There is also a 'Supplemental Documents' section with a note 'You can upload additional documents here.', a 'Document Title' field, a 'Document Type' field, and an 'Add Document' button. At the bottom are 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons. A green arrow labeled 'UPLOAD COMPLETE FILE' points to the 'Next' button. A red arrow labeled 'DO NOT USE SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS' points to the 'Supplemental Documents' section.

Step 5

Review Your E-Bid Response, and if everything is correct, then press “Submit Response”

You are done! And the government to which you’ve submitted this will download your responses and documents and see the day and time upon which you submitted your proposal.

DEMANDSTAR Dashboard Bids Quotes Activities Messages Responses

Robyn Gallardi

Home > Bids > 11217810 > My E-Bid Response

Review Your E-Bid Response

Bid Details

Agency Name	Agency 2.0
Bid Number	EBID 123456-0-0000AD
Bid Due Date	02/09/2020 (PST)
Bid Opening	22 days, 04 hours, 10 minutes, 47 seconds Remaining
Bid Name	11217810

E-Bid Progress

- Contact Information
- Documents Uploaded
- Review Bid

Contact Info

Company Name	Calgon Carbon Corporation
Address 1	P.O. Box 717
Address 2	
City	Pittsburgh
State	Pennsylvania
Country	United States of America
Postal Code	15200-0717
Phone Number	4127876810
Fax	
Bid Amount	\$127,000.00
Alternate Bid Amount	
Notes	For the full 6 month contract

Agency Required Documents

- Service Doc agency 2.0 (Electronic/Online)

Supplemental Documents

- References (Electronic/Online)

After clicking "Submit Response" the following process will follow:

1. We will verify that your response is complete as entered.
2. You will see a confirmation page with your confirmation number and date/time stamp of your upload.
3. You will receive a confirmation e-mail indicating a successful response submitted.
4. You may track your response submission under the Responses at (206) 840-0005.

If you do not receive any of the above, please call Supplier Services at (206) 840-0005.

Previous Submit Response

Mandatory Section 3 Solicitation Package

This mandatory solicitation package has been developed in accordance with DCA's Section 3 Policy for Covered HUD Funded Activities. DCA encourages all sub-recipients, contractors, and sub-contractors to review this policy prior to completion of the solicitation package. For those solicitations that meet the applicable Section 3 thresholds, this package must be returned in accordance with the applicable instructions to the contracting entity prior to award ***or at the time of submission of a bid/proposal in order to claim a Section 3 preference***. The Section 3 Clause, required forms, and instructions are included in this package.

To be considered for a contract award exceeding \$100,000, the entire solicitation package must be satisfactorily completed and submitted prior to award. In order to claim a preference for a contract award exceeding \$100,000, the Section 3 Self-Certification and Action Plan and the Section 3 Business Concern Self Certification portions of the solicitation package must be satisfactorily completed and submitted at the time of submission of a bid/proposal.

For Section 3 Covered Assistance of \$100,000 or less, the solicitation package must be made available to bidders/offerors in accordance with DCA's Section 3 Policy; however, bidders/offerors are not required to submit the solicitation package unless a preference is being claimed. In this case, only the Section 3 Self-Certification and Action Plan and the Section 3 Business Concern Self Certification must be completed at the time of submission of a bid/proposal

Any bid/proposal claiming a preference must include the completed and signed Section 3 Self-Certification and Action Plan and the Section 3 Business Concern Self Certification, and be submitted by the bid/proposal deadline.

The following Section 3 forms must be completed and returned as instructed:

- Section 3 Self Certification and Action Plan
- Previous Section 3 Compliance Certification
- Assurance of Compliance Certification

Additionally, if the contractor is claiming certification as a 51% Resident Owned Business (ROB) or is certifying as a 30% employer, the Resident Self-Certification and Skills Data Form must be returned for all employees who meet the low- or very low-income requirement as well as the appropriate Section 3 Business Certification.

Section 3 Solicitation Overview and Instructions for Contractors

The DCA Section 3 Policy requires that, when the **Section 3 regulation is triggered**, every effort within the contractor's disposal must be made, to the greatest extent feasible, to offer all available employment and contracting opportunities to Section 3 residents and Section 3 businesses based on the compliance methods below.

All Contracts and All Contractors must meet Section 3 compliance by:

- A. Giving notice of any and all opportunities for employment and contracting to residents of the local Public Housing Authority (PHA), and other low and very low income area residents and businesses, by posting the opportunity in community sources generally available to low income residents and the general public. Exercising a ***minimum of three (3)*** of the following listed sources must be completed prior to offering employment to anyone not covered by Section 3 requirements:
 - 1. The local community newspaper
 - 2. The most widely distributed newspaper
 - 3. Company or agency website
 - 4. The management office of the local housing authority/homeless service agency/local low income housing community
 - 5. Local Workforce Board (i.e. Department of Labor)
 - 6. Local office of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services
 - 7. Dodge Room <http://www.construction.com/dodge/dodge.asp>
 - 8. Other locations as approved by DCA
- B. The sub-recipient or contractor must check the HUD Section 3 Business Registry to determine if there are any Section 3 businesses in the County where the work will be performed. If there are Section 3 businesses in the County that may be able to perform the work, the sub-recipient or contractor must provide a copy of the contracting opportunity(ies) (e.g., bid notices) to the Section 3 businesses. See the HUD Section 3 Business Registry at: <https://portalapps.hud.gov/Sec3BusReg/BRegistry/What>.
- C. Clearly stating in notices that the position is a "Section 3 covered position under the HUD Act of 1968 and that Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns are encouraged to apply."
- D. Placing the Section 3 Clause provided in Appendix A in ALL solicitations.
- E. When possible, other activities may be done to demonstrate effort to comply with the Safe Harbor Limits. These other efforts are listed in the appendix to part 135 of the Code of Federal Regulations—24 CFR Part 135 and include:
 - 1. Distributing or posting flyers advertising positions to be filled;

2. Contacting the local government or housing authority for a list of residents who have expressed interest in Section 3 employment;
 3. Holding job informational meetings for residents, contractors, etc...;
 4. Contacting agencies administering HUD YouthBuild programs and requesting their assistance in recruiting HUD YouthBuild program participants for training and employment positions.
- F. Linking residents or businesses to local resources that may be available to help prepare them for applying for and achieving the opportunity.
- G. Working with DCA, the subrecipient or contractor as applicable in developing a communication and follow up process to track and report all Section 3 applications and hiring activities to ensure the reporting of compliance efforts, and that contracting and sub-contracting are accurate. Provide preference in hiring and contracting to Section 3 applicants and contractors when employment or contracting opportunities are offered and all requirements are met and remain equal. Contractors must:
1. Provide this package to all sub-contractors when soliciting bids for all contracts or sub-contracts;
 2. Meet all the same processes in A-E; and
 3. Provide Preference to all sub-contractors meeting the definitions as stated in Section VI of DCA's Section 3 Policy for Covered HUD Funded Activities.
- H. In order for Preference as a Section 3 Contractor to be factored into the award decision, all elements of the solicitation criteria must be equal between contracts. This means price and all other factors must be equal. Then the contractors that elect Preference on the Certification and Action Plan form that meet that Preference criterion will be provided Preference in the award of the contract as provided in Part VI., Preferences and Eligibility of DCA's Section 3 Policy for Covered HUD Funded Activities.

Example:

Bill's electrical and Sue's Electrical bid a job where the housing authority has a budget of \$500,000. Bill bids \$480,000 and elects a Preference as a Section 3 business concern because he qualifies as a 51% Resident Owned Business. Sue bids \$450,000 but does not elect any Preference. Both companies met all the other requirements. Sue will be awarded the contract because Bill's bid was higher.

Important items to remember about receiving Preferences in contract award:

All contractors and/or subcontractors that elect a Preference and are awarded a contract must be in compliance prior to the issuance of a Notice to Proceed by DCA, the subrecipient, or the contractor based on the policies established for the applicable DCA funding program. The contractor and/or subcontractor must maintain the elected Preference standard during the entire contract or risk having the contract terminated for failure to comply. **See Appendix B for further details.**

When a contractor and/or subcontractor that elected a Preference is unable to identify a Section 3 resident or a Section 3 business for employment or contracting opportunities, the contractor then **must** offer employment related training to the Section 3 residents in the county. The training must be provided according to Part VII – Other Economic Opportunities in DCA’s Section 3 Policy.

Appendix A

Section 3 Clause

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

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

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

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

Appendix B

Section 3 Contract Non-Compliance Cure /Termination Processes

This language is a component of contract compliance with the work to which you are responding in this solicitation. The full requirements are provided in the Section 3 Clause found elsewhere in this package and in DCA's Section 3 Policy for Covered HUD Funded Activities.

Any subrecipient or contractor claiming Preference **must be in compliance prior to issuance of a notice to proceed by DCA, subrecipient, or contractor based on the policies established for the applicable DCA funding program. This preference can be met by any of the three qualifications:**

1. Resident Owned Businesses (ROBs) owned and operated at 51% by Section 3 Residents.
2. Businesses that employ Section 3 residents at no less than 30% of the contractors aggregate full time staff.
3. Contractors that at the time of bid show evidence (meaning the specific name and preference met) of their intent to award no less than 25% of their total award to Section 3 business concerns.

The subrecipient or contractor must maintain compliance throughout the life of the contract. The contractor understands and agrees that a compliance management firm may be used to conduct routine and certified payroll reviews to ensure compliance. The Contractor agrees to provide the payroll data in an Excel or Word format each time the payroll is processed throughout the contract.

Failure to meet the Section 3 requirements will result in penalties up to and including contract termination. Any contractor triggering the regulation by doing any hiring or contracting once they are awarded the contract through execution must comply with the Section 3 requirements by executing the efforts on their Certification and Action Plan in accordance with DCA's Section 3 Policy.

DCA, the subrecipient or contractor shall execute these remedies to achieve compliance in this order:

NON-COMPLIANCE CURE PROCESS

- A. Based on the first observation or report of non-compliance with Section 3, the subrecipient or contractor will be sent an e-mail by the compliance manager notifying them of their non-compliance issue. The subrecipient or contractor will have until the next payroll or 10 business days, whichever is less, to bring the contract into compliance and/or justify in writing why they cannot meet compliance requirements.
- B. DCA, the subrecipient or contractor must render a response to the violating party within 10 business days of receipt of the violating party's letter of reason for non-compliance. If DCA, the subrecipient, or the contractor deems the reason to be unacceptable, at its option, DCA, the subrecipient, or the contractor can extend the response period one time

for up to 5 business days to allow the violating party to identify and secure other compliance options.

NON-COMPLIANCE TERMINATION PROCESS

If the violating party fails to take any corrective action to bring the contract into compliance within the allotted time, or DCA, the subrecipient, or the contractor rejects any of the corrective plans and justifications for non-compliance, DCA, the subrecipient, or the contractor will either terminate the contract immediately or impose liquidated damages equal to the number of days out of compliance divided by the total contract period multiplied by the contract amount. For example, if a violating party is out of compliance for 30 days of a total contract period of 120 days and as part of total contract of \$600,000, then the liquidated damages will equal 25% (30/120) of the total contract amount (\$600,000), or \$150,000. At DCA's determination, any liquidated damages received must be paid to the subrecipient or DCA, at DCA's determination, and be used to promote economic opportunities for Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns.

DCA, the sub-recipient, or the contractor will hold **all funds due to the violating party until such time that a financial workout is completed.**

Additionally the violating party may be banned by DCA, the sub-recipient, and the contractor on future HUD funded projects.

Appendix C
Section 3 Forms

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Required Submittal - Section 3 Self-Certification and Action Plan

All firms and individuals intending to do business with DCA, its subrecipients and contractors MUST complete and submit this Action Plan and submit it with the bid, offer, or proposal in order to claim a preference on any contract or prior to award of a contract exceeding \$100,000 if no preference is claimed. ***For contracts exceeding \$100,000, this document (signed, and notarized) must be satisfactorily completed to be eligible for award.***

Business Name:			
D.B.A. (if different from above):			
Address:		City:	State/Zip:
Business Phone: ()		Fax: ()	
E-Mail:		Business Website:	
Federal Employer Identification Number:		Owner Social Security Number (if no EIN):	
Contact Person & Title:		Contact Phone:	
Trade Description: <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Heating (HVAC)</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Electrical</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Painting</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Masonry Restoration</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Roofing</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Lead (Abatement)</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> General Contractor</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Concrete</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Ironwork</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Carpet/Flooring</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Rubbish Removal/Hauling</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Appraisal Services</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Demolition</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</div> </div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>			
Date Business was established (MM/DD/YYYY): _____			
Type of Business (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Venture <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe): _____ _____ _____			
Number of employees: Full-time: _____ Part-time: _____ Contract: _____ Total: _____			
Section 3 employees: Full-time: _____ Part-time: _____ Contract: _____ Total: _____			

I am Certifying as a Section 3 Business Concern and requesting Preference accordingly (Select only One Option):

Option 1

- ☐ A business claiming status as a Section 3 Resident-Owned Business Concern (ROB) entity:

_____ Initial here to confirm selection of this option

Option 2

- ☐ A business claiming Section 3 status, because at least 30% of the existing or newly hired workforce for this specific contract will be Section 3 residents throughout the entire contract period. If a Prime or General Contractor is electing this option, the 30% employment requirement will be for the entire project including all the sub-contractors' employees:

Check all methods you will employ to secure Section 3 Residents/Persons

Posting the position in community sources that are generally available to low income residents and the general public is a standard requirement. **Check at least three (3) methods you will employ:**

- ☐ The local community newspaper
- ☐ The most widely distributed newspaper
- ☐ Company or agency website
- ☐ The management office of the local housing authority, or homeless service agency, or local low income housing community
- ☐ Local Workforce Board (i.e., Department of Labor)
- ☐ Local office of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services
- ☐ Local office of the Georgia Department of Public Health
- ☐ Dodge Room <http://www.construction.com/dodge/dodge.asp>
- ☐ Other locations identified below and subject to DCA approval:

_____ Initial here to confirm selection of this option

I anticipate my total number of employees for this contract to be _____ and _____ will be qualified Section 3 Residents/persons.

Option 3

- ☐ A business claiming Section 3 status by subcontracting 25% of the dollar award to qualified Section 3 Business:

Attach a list of intended subcontract Section 3 business(es) with subcontract amount.

Attach certification & all supporting documentation for each planned subcontract Section 3 Business.

_____ Initial here to confirm selection of this option

I am NOT Requesting Preference under Section 3:

- ☐ I am **NOT** certifying as a qualified Section 3 Business Concern and I am not requesting a preference. However **if** I do trigger the regulation by doing any sub-contracting or hiring, I will comply by meeting all requirements of DCA's Section 3 policy and am committing to do the outreach as specified below.

Check all methods you will employ to secure Section 3 Residents/Businesses

Posting the position/contract opportunity in community sources that are generally available to low income residents and Section 3 Businesses and the general public is a standard requirement. **Check at least three (3) methods you will employ:**

- ☐ The local community newspaper
- ☐ The most widely distributed newspaper
- ☐ Company or agency website
- ☐ The management office of the local housing authority, or homeless service agency, or local low income housing community
- ☐ Local Workforce Board (i.e., Department of Labor)
- ☐ Local office of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services
- ☐ Local office of the Georgia Department of Public Health
- ☐ Dodge Room <http://www.construction.com/dodge/dodge.asp>
- ☐ Other locations identified below and subject to DCA approval:

_____Initial here to confirm selection of this option

Signature: _____

Printed/Typed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Notarial Affidavit

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Notary Public

Printed Name of Notary Public

Commission Expiration Date: _____

(Notarial Seal)

**Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Required Submittal - Previous Section 3 Compliance Certification**

Name of Business: _____

Address of Business: _____

Type of Business (Check One): ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership
 ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Other

Business Activity: _____

All firms and individuals intending to do business with DCA, its subrecipients, or contractors **MUST** complete and submit this certification of prior compliance prior to award of any contract exceeding \$100,000. Please check the appropriate line box below and sign and date the form.

1. I am certifying that I have complied with the HUD Section 3 Regulations, when triggered by new hiring or contracting opportunities, in my past contracts **when required** by the recipient, subrecipient or contractor by either:
- i. Certifying as Resident Owned Business (ROB); or,
 - ii. Employing Section 3 residents for at least 30% of the newly hired workforce; or,
 - iii. Subcontracting 25% of the total dollar award to a qualified Section 3 Business; or,
 - iv. Hiring or contracting to the “greatest extent feasible” with Section 3 Residents or Section 3 Businesses.

☐ Check this box

2. I have never done any HUD funded contracting.

☐ Check this box

3. I completed HUD Section 3 covered contracts in the past three years but the regulation was not triggered because either there were no new hires on the contract(s) and/or I did not do any new contracting or subcontracting.

☐ Check this box

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Required Submittal - Assurance of Compliance Certification Section 3 Action Plan

**Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968
(12 U.S.C. 1701 U)**

Contract/Solicitation Name or Number:

DCA Funding

Program: _____

Entity Receiving DCA Funding Award: _____

Purpose: To ensure that regulations promulgated under 24 CFR Part 135 Employment Opportunities for Businesses and Lower Income Persons in Connection with Assisted Projects and the Section 3 Policy of DCA, its subrecipients and contractors to the greatest extent feasible is adhered to, and to serve as the “assurance of compliance” certification and action plan as required in the bid documents, supplemental general conditions, and required forms for the contract for any HUD work funded by DCA.

Description of the project’s work detail: The project work will be as listed in the final scope of work in the contract with DCA, its subrecipients and contractors including any change orders. List all known subcontractors below:

Subcontractor(s): _____

Subcontractor(s): _____

Subcontractor(s): _____

Subcontractor(s): _____

Subcontractor(s): _____

Subcontractor(s): _____

Subcontractor(s): _____

Subcontractor(s): _____

Use an additional sheet if required.

Note: If subcontractors are unknown at this time, print UNKNOWN on the line above. Also, the contractor must notify DCA or subrecipient if subcontractors are added or changed during the contract.

Any changes to this certification requires a resubmission of this form to DCA or subrecipient.

Preliminary Statement for Work Force Needs:

DCA intends to meet Section 3 compliance at the highest level and it is our intent to identify any short-term and long-term employment or contracting opportunities for qualified Section 3 persons and Business Concerns during the course of the contract funded by DCA via its subrecipients and contractors. Please list the status of all planned employment positions and opportunities for this contract. **Preference for all opportunities must be given to low and very low-income residents if they qualify. If awarded a contract, regardless of whether your firm has elected a preference, you are required to provide a list of your aggregate workforce on this project. Any changes to that workforce during the project will constitute NEW hires. You must notify DCA, its subrecipient or contractor (respectively) overseeing your contract of any new hire opportunities that arise during the life of your contract.** The *anticipated workforce list may be provided on a separate sheet or in a different format.*

<u>List All Employees</u>	<u>Date Hired</u>	<u>Section 3 Resident (Yes/No)</u>	<u>Job Title/Trade</u>	<u>Salary Range</u>
Name: Address: City, ZIP:				
Name: Address: City, Zip Code:				
Name: Address: City, Zip Code:				
Name: Address: City, Zip Code:				

Use additional pages as needed.

"To the Greatest Extent Feasible":

The Contractor has identified ____ # of **OPEN** positions with respect to this contract. The positions are filled by the _____ (Position title) of the Contractor.

Should the scope of work or duties of the contractor change to a degree requiring a modification of the work force needs, the contractor shall put forth a reasonable effort to fill vacant positions with eligible Section 3 residents.

Documentation of “To the Greatest Extent Feasible”:

The contractor will work with DCA, its subrecipients, and contractors staff to notify residents of any opportunities afforded under the contract. The contractor will partner with DCA, its subrecipients, and contractors by giving preference of any employment opportunities to the Section 3 persons or businesses.

The contractor shall recruit or attempt to recruit from the Section 3 area the necessary number of low-income and very low-income residents and Section 3 businesses, as applicable. The contractor must also document their recruiting efforts and any impediments to compliance with DCA’s Section 3 policy and the requirements of this solicitation package. This documentation must be submitted to the recipient or sub-recipient.

1. DCA, its subrecipients and contractors shall: Maintain a list of all low-income area residents who have applied, either on their own or from referral from any source, and employ such person if otherwise eligible and if a trainee vacancy exists.
2. Conduct solicitation in accordance with DCA’s Section 3 policy and the requirements outlined in the solicitation package.

The contractor shall review all employment applications and determine if low-income and very low-income residents or Section 3 businesses meet minimum hiring or contracting qualifications. If these applicants meet such minimum qualifications, but are not hired due to lack of employment opportunities or for other reasons, they will be placed on a priority list and offered positions/contracts upon the occurrence of the first available appropriate opening.

Utilization of Section 3 Businesses Located Within the County:

The subrecipient or contractor does ____ does not ____ intend to subcontract any of the work identified in the scope of work cited in the bid specifications, scope of work or General Conditions. Should the scope of work or needs of the contractor change, the contractor shall, to the greatest extent feasible, assure that subcontracts be awarded to business concerns within the Section 3 covered area, or to business concerns owned in the substantial part (at least 51%) by persons residing in the Section 3 covered area.

Record Keeping:

The subrecipient, contractor or subcontractor, as applicable, shall maintain on file all records related to employment and job training of low-income and very low-income residents or other such records, advertisements, legal notices, brochures, flyers, publications, assurances of compliance from sub-contractors, etc., in connection with this contract. If a report is needed in the future, the subrecipient, contractor or subcontractor, as applicable, agrees to provide all records upon request. The contractor

shall, upon request, provide such records or copies of records to HUD, DCA, their subrecipients, contractors, staff, or agents. Records shall be maintained for at least three (3) years after the close of the contract.

Reports:

The subrecipient or contractor shall provide reports as required in connection with the contractor specifications. All certified and regular payrolls shall clearly detail which employees qualify under Section 3.

Certification:

The subrecipient or contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions that filled:

- 1) After the subrecipient or contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and
- 2) With persons other than those to who the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the subcontractor's obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.

Grievance and Compliance:

The subrecipient, contractor or subcontractor hereby acknowledges that they understand that any low-income and very low-income resident of the project area, for him/her or as representatives of persons similarly situated, seeking employment or job training opportunities in the project area, or any eligible business concerns seeking contract opportunities may file a grievance if efforts to the greatest extent feasible were not executed. The grievance must be filed with HUD not later than one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of the action (or omission) upon which the grievance is based.

I attest that the information on the preceding pages is true and correct.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Title

RESIDENT SECTION 3 SELF-CERTIFICATION AND SKILLS DATA FORM



The purpose of this form is to comply with HUD Section 3 administration and certification regulations.

Certification for Section 3 Residents or other Low-Income Persons Seeking Employment, Training or Contracting

I, _____, am a legal resident of the United States and meet the income eligibility and federal guidelines for a Section 3 Resident as defined within this Certification.

My home address is: _____
Must be a **Street** address not a P O Box # Apt Number

City State Zip Home # Cell #

County of Residence _____

Graduated High School or GED (month/year): _____ I Read and Speak English Fluently: Yes or No

Attended College, Trade, or Technical School: Yes or No Graduated? Yes or No Year Graduated: _____

Check the Skills, Trades, and/or Professions in which you have been employed or contracted to do for others:

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drywall Hanging | <input type="checkbox"/> Drywall Finishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Framing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HVAC | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Plumbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Plumbing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet Hanging | <input type="checkbox"/> Door Replacement | <input type="checkbox"/> Trim/Carpentry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input type="checkbox"/> Window/Door Replacement | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Framing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data Entry | <input type="checkbox"/> Receptionist | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Customer Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching/Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Care Aide | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDL License | <input type="checkbox"/> Roofing | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete/Asphalt Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Equipment Operator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal/Steel Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Welding | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

I am certifying as a Section 3 Resident: ☐ **Person seeking Training** or ☐ **Person seeking employment**

(Check all that apply):

☐ I am a public housing or section 8 Leaseholder ☐ I live in the service area

My total annual household income is \$ _____. There are a total of _____ people living in my household.

I certify that all of the information given on this Certification is true and correct. If found to be inaccurate, I understand that I may be disqualified as an applicant and/or a certified Section 3 individual which may be grounds for termination of training, employment, or contracts that resulted from this certification. I attest under penalty of perjury that my total household income annually, based on my total household size as listed above is at or below the income amount for that specific size at the time of this document is being signed and notarized. I understand that proof of this statement may be requested in the future.

Signature _____

Date _____

Printed Name: _____

Purpose:

The purpose of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (Section 3) is to ensure that employment and other economic and business opportunities generated by HUD Financial Assistance shall be directed to the Authority Residents and other low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government housing assistance and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to Residents and other low- and very low-income persons.

Section 3 resident means:

- (1) A public housing resident; or
- (2) An individual who resides in the metropolitan area or non-metropolitan county in which the section 3 covered assistance is expended, and who is:
 - I. A low-income person, as this term is defined in section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(2)). Section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act defines this term to mean families (including single persons) whose incomes do not exceed 80% of the median family income for the area, as determined by the Secretary, with adjustments for smaller and larger families, except that the Secretary may establish income ceilings higher or lower than 80% of the median for the area on the basis of the Secretary's findings that such variations are necessary because of prevailing levels of construction costs or unusually high or low-income families; or
 - II. A very low-income person, as this term is defined in section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(2)). Section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(2) defines this term to mean families (including single persons) whose incomes do not exceed 50% of the median family income for the area, as determined by the Secretary with adjustments made for smaller or larger families, except that the Secretary may establish income ceilings higher or lower than 50% of the median for the area on the basis of the Secretary's findings that such variations are necessary because of unusually high or low family incomes.
- (3) A person seeking the training and employment preference provided by section 3 bears the responsibility of providing evidence (if requested) that the person is eligible for the preference.

Service area means the geographical area in which the persons benefiting from the Section 3-covered project reside.

The figures below represent very low-income families; bottom figures represent low-income families. The most recent income limits established for each county may be found at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/limits/income/>.

Subrecipient or Contractor to Insert 2013 Income Limits for Project Location

FY 20XX Income Limit Area	Median Income	FY 20XX Income Limit Category	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
		Very Low (50%) Income Limits								
		Low (80%) Income Limits								

**RESIDENT SECTION 3 SELF-CERTIFICATION
AND SKILLS DATA FORM
AFFADAVIT**

STATE OF _____

County of _____

I, _____, a Notary Public of the City/County of _____,
State of _____, do hereby certify that, _____, whose
name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the _____ Day of _____,
20____, has acknowledged the same before me in my State aforesaid.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Notary Public

Printed Name of Notary Public

Commission Expiration Date: _____

(Notarial Seal)

SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERN SELF CERTIFICATION

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is seeking to extend the benefits of and to promote compliance with Section 3 by identifying Section 3 Business Concerns and targeting Section 3 Business Concerns for business opportunities, events and educational programs.

In an effort to comply with Federal Section 3 Regulations which promote contract, employment and training opportunities for State of Georgia residents, DCA has instituted a Section 3 Self Certification process.

Businesses seeking certification must complete and submit the attached Section 3 Business Concern Self Certification forms as follow:

1. If your company is qualified because it is owned (51% or more) by one or more Section 3 residents, then complete **Form A, "Section 3 Business Concern – Resident Business Owner(s) Verification"**;

OR

2. If your company is qualified because 30% or more of its full time permanent workforce are Section 3 Residents*, then complete **Form B, "Section 3 Business Concern – 30% + Workforce"**.

OR

3. If more than 25% of all subcontract work to be awarded shall be performed by Section 3 business concerns as described above, then complete **Form C, "Section 3 Business Concern-Subcontractor"**.

Please answer all questions, sign the completed forms, and notarize the affidavit.

Completed packets must be returned to the subrecipient or contractor as follows:

Name of subrecipient/contractor: _____

Attn: _____

Mailing Address: _____

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Form A
SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERN
Resident Business Owner(s) Verification

A business can be certified as a Section 3 Business Concern if the business is owned (51% or more) by Georgia Section 3 Resident(s).

Name of Owner: _____

Home Street Address: _____

Home City, County, & Zip Code: _____

Name of Business: _____

Percentage of Ownership: _____ %

Low- to – Moderate Income (80% of Median)

Check the appropriate box for your family size and income *if your total household income is equal to or less than the Gross Household Income Maximum amount listed for your appropriate household size:*

Check Box	# of Persons in Household	Gross Household Income Maximum
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Individual	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Individuals	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Individuals	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Individuals	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Individuals	
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 Individuals	
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Individuals	
<input type="checkbox"/>	8 Individuals	

(Effective _____, 2013)

If the business is owned by more than one Section 3 resident, list each owner below and each should submit a separate Resident Business Owner Verification Form (Form A).

Please list additional Section 3 Resident owners of the business below:

Name	Position	% Percentage of Ownership

I certify that I am a resident of the State of Georgia and my total household income last year was not more than the amount shown above for my family size. I further certify the information provided is true and accurate and agree to provide upon request, documents verifying the information submitted to qualify as a Section 3 Business Concern.

Print: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Form B

SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERN

30% + Workforce

A business can be certified as a Section 3 Business Concern if at least 30% of its permanent, full-time employees are Section 3 residents, or were Section 3 residents within three years of the date of the first employment with the business. You may also certify as a Section 3 Business Concern if, for this award, you will hire Section 3 residents for at least 30% of your permanent, full-time employees for this specific project. For your firm to be eligible UNDER THIS CRITERIA, you must provide the following information for **all permanent, full-time employees**.

You may attach additional copies of this chart, if necessary.

List All Employees	Date Hired	Section 3 Resident	Job Title/Trade	Salary Range
Name: Address: City/Zip:				
Name: Address: City/Zip:				
Name: Address: City/Zip:				
Name: Address: City/Zip:				
Name: Address: City/Zip:				
Name: Address: City/Zip:				
Total Number of Employees:	Full-Time: _____	Part-Time: _____	Contract: _____	
Number of Section 3 Residents:				
Section 3 % of Total Workforce:				

I certify that the information provided is true and accurate and agree to provide upon request, any/all documents verifying the information submitted to qualify as a Section 3 Business Concern.

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Form C
SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERN
Subcontractor Awarded

A business can be certified as a Section 3 Business Concern if the firm makes a commitment to subcontract in excess of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total amount of subcontracts to be awarded to: A) Section 3 Resident Owned Businesses; or B) Businesses for which 30% or more of their permanent full-time workforce is comprised of Section 3 Residents.

List all work performed by Section 3 Business Concerns Identified (This Form is to be updated as Section 3 Business Concerns are awarded through the completion of the project):

Name of Business	Qualifying Conditions	Total Contract Award

All identified Section 3 Business Concerns listed above are required to complete a Section 3 Self Certification Application (Forms A – C as appropriate) or provide proof of Section 3 Certification status. Attach all required documents to this form.

I certify that the information provided is true and accurate and agree to provide upon request, any/all documents verifying the information submitted to qualify as a Section 3 business concern.

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____