

INVITATION TO BID - ANNUAL CONTRACT							
SEALED BIDS will be received by the PURCHASING DIVISION of the CITY OF BATON ROUGE, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH until 11:00 am CST, August 17, 2026 at the location shown below.							
TITLE: A26-98875-Rebid Interstate Mowing & Litter & Trash Pickup				RETURN BID TO: PURCHASING DIVISION <u>Physical Address:</u> 222 St. Louis Street 8th Floor Room 826 Baton Rouge, LA 70802 **NOTE: U.S. Postal Regular & Expedited Mail do not deliver to our physical address; delays may occur due to City Parish Mailroom processing			
FILE NO: 26-098875 AD DATES: 07/27/6 & 08/03/26							
SHIP TO ADDRESS: Department of Maintenance 222 Saint Louis Street, Room 809 Baton Rouge, LA 70802				Contact Regarding Inquiries: Purchasing Analyst: Dexter Stewart Telephone Number: 225-389-3259 x 3264 Email: <u>dsstewart@brla.gov</u>			
VENDOR NAME				MAILING ADDRESS			
REMIT TO ADDRESS				CITY, STATE, ZIP			
TELEPHONE NO.				E-MAIL			
FEDERAL TAX ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER				TITLE			
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (Required)				PRINTED NAME			
TO BE COMPLETED BY VENDOR: CONTRACTORS LICENSE IF APPLICABLE 1. _____ STATE DELIVERY DAYS MAXIMUM AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER. 2. _____ % discount for payment made within 30 days. Discount for payment made in less than 30 days, or less than 1%, or applicable to an indefinite quantity contract will be accepted but not an award consideration.							
Bidders should acknowledge all addenda and the date received. The Bidder acknowledges receipt of the following issued ADDENDA							
No.	Date:	No.	Date:	No.	Date:	No.	Date:
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F.O.B.: DESTINATION - PAYMENT TERMS: NET 30
ALL BLANKS ON THIS PAGE SHOULD BE COMPLETED TO AVOID REJECTION OF BID

The signature on this document certifies that proposer has carefully examined the instructions to bidders, terms and specifications applicable to, and made a part of this solicitation. By submission of this document, proposer further certifies that the prices shown are in full compliance with the conditions, terms and specifications of this solicitation. Bid must be signed in the designated space above and by person authorized to sign for bidder.

No alterations, changes or additions are allowed on this solicitation, and no additional information, clarifications or other documents are to be included unless specifically required by the specification. Any errors in extensions of prices will be resolved in favor of unit prices submitted.

If services are to be performed in East Baton Rouge City-Parish, evidence of a current occupational license and/or permit issued by the City-Parish shall be supplied by the successful vendor, if applicable.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS/TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR ANNUAL CONTRACTS

Bidders are urged to promptly review the requirements of these specifications, terms and conditions and submit questions for resolution as early as possible during the inquiry period. Questions or concerns must be submitted in writing to the purchasing division during the bid period. Otherwise, this will be construed as acceptance by the bidders that the intent of the specifications, terms and conditions are clear and that competitive bids may be obtained as specified herein. Protests with regard to the specification, terms and conditions documents will not be considered after bids are opened.

1. Read the entire bid, including all terms and conditions and specifications.
2. The City - Parish does not assume responsibility for failure of bidders to receive proposals. Bidders should rely only on advertisements in the local newspaper. Full information may be obtained, or any questions answered, by contacting the Purchasing Division, 222 Saint Louis Street, 8th Floor, Room 826, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 or by calling (225) 389-3259. The City will not accept fax proposals or proposals sent via email. All faxed or emailed proposals shall be rejected.
3. This proposal is to establish firm prices for materials supplies and services for the contract period to be determined. Delivery shall be made or services provided as needed throughout the contract period, or as required by the specification. Quantities, if shown, are estimated only. Smaller or larger quantities may be purchased based upon the needs of the City-Parish. There is no guaranteed minimum quantity.
4. **The contract shall be firm through the a one-year period. Upon agreement of both the contractor and the City-Parish, the contract may be extended a second, third, fourth, or a fifth-year or other shortened specified time periods. Extension of the contract into the second, third, fourth, or fifth time periods shall be made by letter on or before the expiration of the contract.**
5. The contract title, bidder's name, address and bid opening date should be clearly printed or typed on the outside of the bid envelope. Only one bid will be accepted from each bidder for the same job. Alternates will not be accepted unless specifically requested in the proposal. Submission of more than one bid or alternates not requested may be grounds for rejection of all bids by the bidder.
6. The method of delivery of bids is the responsibility of the bidder. All bids must be received by the Purchasing Division, 222 Saint Louis Street, 8th Floor, Room 826, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 on or before the specified bid opening date and time. Late bids will not be considered under any circumstances. **NO FAXED OR EMAIL BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
7. Failure to deliver within the time specified in the bid will constitute a default and may cause cancellation of the contract. Where the city has determined the contractor to be in default, the city reserves right to purchase any or all products or services covered by the contract on the open market and to charge the contractor with cost in excess of the contract price. Until such assessed charges have been paid, no subsequent bid from the defaulting contractor will be considered.
8. The City Parish specifically reserves the right to evaluate bids and award items separately, grouped or on an all or none basis, to accept the bid which is in the best interest of the City parish, and to reject all proposals if that is in the best interest of the City Parish.

9. Bid forms and submissions must be downloaded and submitted through the www.centralbidding.com on-line bidding site. Bids shall be accepted only on proposal forms furnished by the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge Purchasing Division. The City - Parish will only accept bids from those bidders in whose names the proposal forms and/or specifications were issued. Altered or incomplete proposals, or the use of substitute forms or documents, shall render the bid non-responsive and subject to rejection. The entire proposal package, including the specifications and copies of any addenda issued shall be submitted to the Purchasing Division as the bid
10. All proposals must be typed or written in ink. Any erasures, strikeover and/or changes to prices should be initialed by the bidder. Failure to initial may be cause for rejection of the bid as non-responsive.
11. All proposals must be manually signed by a properly authorized party. Failure to do so shall cause the bid to be rejected as non-responsive.
12. Where one or more vendor's exact products or typical workmanship is designated as the level of quality desired or equivalent, the Purchasing Division reserves the right to determine the acceptability of any equivalent offered.
13. If bidding other than specified, sufficient information should be enclosed with the bid in order to determine quality, suitability, and compliance with the specifications. Failure to comply with this request may eliminate your bid from consideration. If requested, literature and/or specifications must be submitted within seven (7) days.
14. Detailed factory specifications, illustrative literature and any deviations should be submitted with bid as required by the specifications or on the bid form. Representative samples shall be submitted upon request, if appropriate. Bidders proposing an equivalent brand or model should submit with the bid information (such as illustrations, descriptive literature, and technical data) sufficient for the City to evaluate quality, suitability, and compliance with the specifications in the solicitation.
15. Written addenda issued prior to bid opening which modifies the proposal shall become a part of the proposal for bid, and shall be incorporated within the purchase order and/or contract. Only a written interpretation or correction by Addendum shall be binding. Bidders shall not rely upon any interpretation or correction given by any other method.
16. For Printing solicitations, artwork, dies and/or molds shall become the property of the City - Parish Government and must be returned to the Purchasing Division, 222 Saint Louis Street, 8th Floor, Room 826, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, upon completion of the order.
17. All applicable chemicals, herbicides, pesticides and hazardous materials must be registered for sale in Louisiana by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, State of Louisiana, registered with the EPA and must meet all requirements of Louisiana State Laws. Additionally, Contractor must submit product labels, safety data sheets (SDS) (formerly material safety data sheets) and EPA registry number to the agency prior to work commencing. This information will be required on any subsequent deliveries if there is a change in chemical content or a different product is being supplied. Failure to submit this data may be cause for the contract being canceled.

Delivery of items must be made on time to City - Parish final destinations within East Baton Rouge Parish. All freight charges shall be prepaid by vendor. EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH requires all products to be new (current) and all work must be performed according to standard practices for the project. Unless otherwise specified, no aftermarket parts will be accepted. Unless otherwise specified, all workmanship and materials must have at least one (1) year guaranty, in writing, from the date of delivery and/or acceptance of the project. Any deviations or alterations from the specifications must be indicated and/or supporting documentation supplied with bid submission. .. Late deliveries or unsatisfactory performance may be cause to cancel the Purchase Order or contract.

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18. The City - Parish reserves the right to award items separately, grouped or on an all-or-none basis and to reject any or all bids and waive any informalities.

19. The State of Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics places restrictions on awarding contracts or purchase orders to persons who are employed by any agency of the City - Parish Government, or any business of which he or his spouse has more than a twenty-five percent (25%) interest. The Code also prescribes other restrictions against conflict of interest and establishes guidelines to assure that appropriate ethical standards are followed. If any question exists regarding potential violation of the Code of Ethics, bidders should contact the Purchasing Division prior to submission of the bid. Any violation of the Code of Ethics shall be grounds for disqualification of bid or cancellation of contract.
20. All Prices bid shall remain in effect for a period of at least sixty (60) days. City - Parish purchases are exempt from state and local taxes.
21. The City - Parish reserves the right to terminate this contract prior to the end of the contract period on twenty-four (24) hours written notice for unsatisfactory performance. Termination under this paragraph shall not relieve either party of any obligation or liability that may have occurred prior to the effective date of termination.
22. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes, a preference may be allowed for equivalent products produced, manufactured or grown in Louisiana and/or firms doing business in the State of Louisiana. Do you claim this preference if allowed?

YES___NO___ If this preference is claimed, attach substantiating information to the proposal to show the basis for the claim.

23. Right To Audit Clause: The Contractor shall permit the authorized representative of the City-Parish to periodically inspect and audit all data and records of the Contractor relating to his performance under this contract. In accordance with the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2212.9, in awarding contracts after August 15, 2010, any public entity is authorized to reject the lowest bid from, or not award the contract to, a business in which any individual with an ownership interest of five percent or more has been convicted of, or has entered a plea of guilty or ***Nolo Contendere*** to any state felony crime or equivalent federal felony crime committed in the solicitation or execution of a contract or bid awarded under the laws governing public contracts under the provisions of Chapter 10 of this Title, professional, personal, consulting, and social services procurement under the provisions of Chapter 16 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, or the Louisiana Procurement Code under the provisions of Chapter 17 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.
24. In accordance with Louisiana Law (R.S. 12:262.1 and 12:1308.2), all corporations and limited liability companies must be in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State at the time of execution of the contract.
25. Terms and Conditions: This solicitation contains all terms and conditions with respect to the purchase of the goods and/or services specified herein. Submittal of any contrary terms and conditions may cause your bid to be rejected. By signing and submitting a bid, vendor agrees that contrary terms and conditions which may be included in their bid are nullified; and agrees that this contract shall be construed in accordance with this solicitation and governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana as required by Louisiana Law.

26. Certification of no suspension or debarment. By signing and submitting any bid for \$25,000 or more, the bidder certifies that their company, any subcontractors, or principals are not suspended or debarred by the general services administration (GSA) in "Audit Requirements In subpart F of the Office of Management and Budget's uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for federal awards" (Formerly OMB circular a-133).
- a. A list of parties who have been suspended or debarred can be viewed via the internet at <http://www.sam.gov>
 - b. A contract award must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management. (SAM), in accordance with OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. 180. SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.
27. Bid prices shall include delivery of all items F.O.B. destination or as otherwise provided. Bids containing "Payment in Advance" or "C.O.D. requirements may be rejected. Payment is to be made within 30 days after receipt of properly executed invoice or delivery, whichever is later.
28. East Baton Rouge Parish is exempt from paying sales tax under LSA-R.S. 47:301 (8)(c). All prices for purchases by East Baton Rouge Parish of supplies and materials shall be quoted in the unit of measure specified and unless otherwise specified, shall be exclusive of state and local taxes. The price quoted for work shall be stated in figures. In the event there is a difference in unit prices and totals, the unit price shall prevail.
29. Bidders may attend the bid opening, but no information or opinions concerning the ultimate contract award will be given at the bid opening or during the evaluation process. Bid tabulations may be accessed at: <https://city.brla.gov/dept/purchase/bidresults.asp>
30. Contractor agrees, upon receipt of written notice of a claim of a claim or action, to defend the claim or action, or take other appropriate measure, to indemnify, and hold harmless, the city, its agents and employees from and against all claims and actions for bodily injury, death or property damages caused by fault of the contractor, its officers, its agents, or its employees. Contractor is obligated to indemnify only to the extent of the fault of the contractor, its officers, its agents, or its employees, however the contractor shall have no obligation as set forth with respect to any claim or action from bodily injury, death or property damages arising out of the fault of the City, its officers, its agents, or its employees.
31. Vendors submitting signed bids agree to EEOC compliance and certify that they agree to adhere to the mandates dictated by Title VI and VII of the Civil Right Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, Federal Executive Order 11246, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Act of 1975, and agrees to abide by the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
- Bidders must agree to keep informed of and comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations which affect their employees or prospective employees.

The City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge launched a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, Vendor Self Service (VSS) via Munis. VSS replaced the legacy vendor database and will be used by all departments and agencies citywide.

Vendor Self-Service (VSS) enables vendors to register and maintain information about their organization for the purpose of doing business with City-Parish and receive notifications of business opportunities. The City-Parish procurement activities are subject to the State of Louisiana Public Bid Law, local city-parish ordinances as well as applicable federal statutes as directed by grant providers. Vendors must be registered to receive bid notifications.

New vendors or existing vendors who need to create a VSS account can do so clicking the Registration link at <http://brla.gov/vss>. Vendors are encouraged to review the step by step <https://www.brla.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4899/Vendor-Self-Service-Registration-Guide-PDF> before beginning the registration process which may be assessed at <https://www.brla.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4899/Vendor-Self-Service-Registration-Guide-PDFide>.

Additional information regarding how to do business with EBRCity-Parish is available at: <https://www.brla.gov/DocumentCenter/View/678>.

We also post our scheduled bid results, after the bids have been opened at <http://city.brla.gov/dept/purchase/bids.asp>.

Note: Commodity codes are required for setting up your profile. These numbers tell us what commodities and services that you can provide. When agencies request products or services, our buyers pull directly from these numbers to send out solicitations, bids, and quotes. The first 3 numbers are the class numbers; the subclasses are two digit numbers that better describe the commodity or service. For questions regarding commodity codes, please contact purchasing at (225) 389-3259 Ext 0.

Important! - A W-9 Form is required in order to do business with City-Parish. Part of the online enrollment process requires you to upload a completed W-9 form. Please have the completed form in an electronic format so that you can submit it as part of the registration process. The W-9 form can be downloaded from the IRS website. We have created step by step directions on how to properly complete the W-9 Form.

FEDERAL CLAUSES, IF APPLICABLE.

I. Remedies for Breach

Bidder acknowledges that contracts in excess of the simplified purchase threshold (\$150,000.00) shall contain provisions allowing for administrative, contractual, or legal remedies for contractor breaches of the contract terms, and shall provide for such remedial actions as appropriate.

II. Termination and Settlement

Bidder acknowledges that contracts in excess of \$10,000.00 shall contain termination provisions including the manner in which termination shall be effected and the basis for settlement. In addition, such provisions shall describe conditions for termination due to fault and for termination due to circumstances outside of the contractors' control.

III. Access to Records

Bidder acknowledges that all contracts (except those for less than the small purchase threshold) shall include provisions authorizing the recipient, US Funding Agency, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives access to all books, documents, papers, and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to a specific program for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

IV. Equal Employment Opportunity

Bidder acknowledges that all contracts shall contain provisions requiring compliance with E.O. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by E.O. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11236 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Dept. of Labor.

V. Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act

Bidder acknowledges that all construction/repair contracts and sub-grants in excess of \$2,000 shall include provisions requiring compliance with the Copeland "Anti-kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. §3141-3148), which provides that each contractor or sub-recipient shall be prohibited from inducing any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the entitled.

VI. Davis-Bacon Act

Bidder acknowledges that all construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 shall include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires contractors to pay laborers and mechanics wages at a rate not less than the minimum wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. Additionally, contractors shall be required to pay wages not less than once a week.

VII. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

Bidder acknowledges that all construction contracts in excess of \$2,000, and all other contracts involving the employment of mechanics or laborers in excess of \$2,500 shall include provisions for compliance with sections 102 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which requires each contractor to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours. Section 107 is applicable to construction work and provides that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous.

VIII. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

Bidder acknowledges that contracts for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall include provisions providing for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and the Small Business Firms under Governments Grants, Contracts, and Cooperative Agreements"

IX. Clean Air Act

Bidder acknowledges that the Clean Air Act (CAA) is the comprehensive federal law regulating air emissions from stationary and mobile sources. Among other things, this law authorizes EPA to establish National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) to protect public health and public welfare and to regulate emissions of hazardous air pollutants

X. Clean Water Act.

The contractor hereby agrees to adhere to the provisions which require compliance with all applicable Standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 508 of the clean water act which prohibits the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA list of violating facilities

XI. Energy policy and conservation act

The contractor hereby recognizes the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy Efficiency which is contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the energy policy and Conservation act (P.L. 94-163).

Bidders must agree to keep informed of and comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations which affect their employees or prospective employees.

MBE/SBE/WBE Initiative
Participation by Certified Small Entrepreneurships/DBE Initiative

This procurement has been designated as suitable for certified small entrepreneurships (MBE/SBE/WBE) participation.

The City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge strongly encourages the participation of Small and Minority and Women-owned business in all contracts or procurements let by the City of Baton Rouge Consolidated Government for goods and services and labor and material. To that end, all Service Providers and suppliers are encouraged to utilize federal, state or locally certified Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses in the purchase or sub-contracting of materials, supplies, services and labor and material in which disadvantaged businesses are available.

Proposers that are not eligible for certification are encouraged to use Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses where sub-contracting opportunities exist. To be responsive to this request for proposal, the proposer should be a Small, Minority or Women-owned businesses or have put forth a good faith effort to use certified Small, Minority or Women-owned businesses as subcontractors. By submitting and signing a proposal, the proposer certifies that they are in compliance with this requirement. The proposer shall submit with the proposal a plan and selection process outlining good-faith efforts to utilize Small, Minority or Women-owned businesses as subcontractors.

Written notification is the preferred method to inform Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses of potential subcontracting opportunities. A current list of certified Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses may be obtained from the Louisiana Economic Development Certification System at <http://smallbiz.louisianaeconomicdevelopment.com/certifiedbusiness/default.aspx>.

Additionally, a current list of Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses, which have been certified by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and have opted to enroll in the State of Louisiana Procurement and Contract (LaPAC) Network, may be accessed from <http://www.prd1.doa.louisiana.gov/OSP/LaPAC/Vendor/srchven2.cfm>. You may then determine the search criteria (i.e. alphabetized list of all certified vendors, by commodities, etc.), and select "SmallE". Additional assistance may also be obtained from the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce to solicit and use these firms at <http://www.mbda.gov/contact>.

Copies of notification to certified Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses will satisfy the notification requirements. Notification must be provided to the certified entrepreneurships by the proposer in writing no less than five working days prior to the date of proposal deadline.

Notification must include the scope of work, location to review plans and specifications (if applicable), information about required qualifications and specifications, any bonding and insurance information and/or requirements (if applicable), and the name of a person to contact.

In the event questions arise after an award is made relative to the proposer's good faith efforts, the proposer will be required to provide supporting documentation to demonstrate its good faith subcontracting plan was actually followed. If it is at any time determined that the Service Provider did not in fact perform its good faith subcontracting plan, the contract award or the existing contract may be terminated.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS BID

The City-Parish, its officers, employees and agents, shall not be responsible for the negligent acts and omissions of the Contractor or the Contractor's officers, employees, agents or subcontractors, nor shall the Contractor or the Contractor's officers, employees or agents be responsible for the negligent acts or omissions of the City - Parish, its officers, employees and agents. Accordingly, Contractor shall indemnify and save City - Parish, its officers, employees and agents, harmless from any and all claims, suits and actions of any character, name or description brought for or on account of any injury or damage to any person or property arising out of the work performed by the Contractor and resulting from the negligence, commission or omission of any act by the Contractor, or Contractor's officers, employees, agents or subcontractors.

If work is to be performed on site, contractor shall furnish proof of insurance as required in specifications.

Payment terms for services will be **Net 30** days based on the monthly invoice. Agencies will be invoiced monthly in arrears by the contractor. Advanced payments shall not be made.

The City-Parish reserves the right to cancel this contract with thirty (30) days written notice.

Termination for Cause: The City-Parish may terminate this Contract for default by giving the contractor written notice thereof, specifying with particularity each such default. After the first such notice of default, Contractor shall have ten (10) days after receipt of notice to cure or take reasonable steps to cure the default. If the contractor fails to cure or take reasonable steps to cure the default within such ten-day period, the City-Parish may declare this Contract, as appropriate, terminated. In the event of a second notice of default, whether for the same or a different infraction of contractual obligations, the contractor will be given five (5) days to cure the default. If a third notice of default should become necessary, the contract may be terminated upon notification of said default.

Termination for Convenience: The City-Parish may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice.

Termination for Non-Appropriation Clause: Should the Invitation to Bid result in a multi-year contract, a non-appropriation clause shall be made a part of the contract terms as required by state statutes, allowing the City-Parish to terminate the contract for lack of appropriated funds on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.

Cybersecurity Training Requirement: Contractor, including all principals, sub-contractors and employees who require access to City-Parish information technology assets, shall complete the cybersecurity training required by La. R.S. 42:1267 and furnish the City Parish proof of said completion prior to being granted access to said assets.

Force Majeure: In case by reason of force majeure either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Agreement, then except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, if such party shall give notice and full particulars of such force majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied on, the obligations of the party giving such notice (other than the obligations of the *[name of payer]* to make the payments required under the terms hereof, or to comply with Section *[number of section]* or *[number of section]* hereof), as far as they are affected by such force majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed which shall include a reasonable time for the removal of the effect thereof, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch. The term "force majeure," as employed herein, shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, acts of the public enemy, orders of any kind of the Government of the United States or of the State or any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrest, restraining of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, partial or entire failure of utilities, shortages of labor, material, supplies or transportation, or any other similar or different cause not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of existing or impending strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances shall be entirely within the discretion of the party having the difficulty and that the above requirements that any force majeure shall be reasonably beyond the control of the party and shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall be deemed to be fulfilled even though such existing or impending strikes, lockouts, and other industrial disturbances may not be settled but could have been settled by acceding to the demands of the opposing person or persons.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS BID (continued)

If the Company fails to perform any of the other provisions of this contract, or so fails to make progress as to endanger the performance of this contract in accordance with its terms, and either of these two circumstances does cure such failure within a period of ten (10) days (or such longer period as the Parish may authorize in writing), after receipt of notice from the City specifying such failure; or

Continuing non-performance of the Proposer in terms of specifications shall be a basis for the termination of the contract by the City. The City shall not pay for work, equipment or supplies which are unsatisfactory. Vendors will be given a reasonable opportunity before termination to correct the deficiencies. This however, shall in no way be construed as negating the basis for termination for non-performance; or

In the event the City terminates this Contract in whole or in part, as above provided, the City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the City may deem appropriate, items purchased similar to those terminated, and the Company shall be liable for any excess costs for such similar items, provided that the Company shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this paragraph.

Ethics: Vendors and service providers are responsible for adhering to the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics throughout the duration of this contract. As such, vendors and service providers shall be responsible for determining and ensuring that there will be no conflict or violation of the Louisiana Ethics Code if their company is awarded a contract with the City/Parish.

SDSs SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH BID OR WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF REQUEST FROM PURCHASING OFFICE– FAILURE TO PROVIDE WILL DEEM YOUR BID AS NON-RESPONSIVE:

All applicable chemicals, herbicides, pesticides and hazardous materials must be registered for sale in Louisiana by the Department of Agriculture, State of Louisiana, registered with the EPA and must meet all requirements of Louisiana State Laws. Additionally, Contractor must submit product labels, safety data sheets (SDS) (formerly material safety data sheets) and EPA registry number to the agency prior to work commencing. This information will be required on any subsequent deliveries if there is a change in chemical content or a different product is being supplied. Failure to submit this data may be cause to the contract being canceled.

BID LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

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The State of Louisiana requires certification to purchase and apply any Restricted Use Pesticide, and certification and a license is required to apply any pesticide for a fee. Each company that applies any pesticide is required to possess a current **GROUND OWNER OPERATOR** license and employ at least one **COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR** with certification in **Category (6) RIGHT OF WAY & INDUSTRIAL PEST CONTROL** issued by the **Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry**. Additional employees may apply pesticides under the supervision of one or more certified Commercial Pesticide Applicators. Bidders must include a copy of certification and licenses with the bid.

More information regarding Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry pesticide licensing can be found at the following link:

<https://www.ldaf.la.gov/licensing-permits>

MANDATORY PREBID CONFERENCE

When: AUGUST 6, 2026

Time: 9:00 A.M.

**Location: Purchasing Bid Room
225 St Louis Street – 8th Floor – Room 806
Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

Contact: Bart Sutton

Phone: 225-400-4381

Only companies represented at the prebid conference shall be considered for award through this Invitation to Bid.

Vendor sign-in forms must be signed to evidence participation in the prebid meeting. It will be the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that a representative from their company signs the attendance sheets at the prebid meeting. Failure to attend pre-bid conference will cause your bid to be deemed non-responsive.

INQUIRY PERIOD

An inquiry period is hereby firmly set for all interested bidders to perform a detailed review of the bid documents and to submit any written questions relative thereto. Without exception, all questions MUST be in writing.

The City-Parish shall not and cannot permit an open-ended inquiry period, as this creates an unwarranted delay in the procurement cycle and operations of our departments. The City-Parish reasonably expects and requires responsible and interested bidders to conduct their in-depth review of the bid document and submit inquiries in a timely manner.

All inquiries shall be received by 5:00 pm CST, August 10, 2026.

Inquiries and/or questions shall not be entertained thereafter.

Inquiries are to be directed as follows:

Dexter Stewart

Email: dsstewart@brla.gov

BID OPENING INSTRUCTIONS

The City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, Purchasing Division, is offering teleconference and in-person attendance by vendors at public bid openings for bids published by our office.

NOTE: The only vendor information shared at the bid opening will be the reading of the names of those vendors who submitted bids.

Any vendor who would like to listen to the opening of this bid can access the following link, at the date and time of this bid opening:

Join by phone:

+1-408-418-9388 United States Toll

Access code: 263 373 080 (followed by the # button)

Alternate numbers to call if number above is not available, which may occur due to network traffic (use the same Access Code, followed by the # button):

United States Toll (Boston) +1-617-315-0704

United States Toll (Chicago) +1-312-535-8110

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This numbers above will provide you with live audio access to this bid opening. The numbers will be live at the noted bid opening time and date.

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CP-DOM-001 LITTER and TRASH COLLECTION							
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Approx. Acres	Cycles Per Year	Total Approx. Acres per Year (a)	UNIT OF MEASURE (b)	UNIT PRICE (c)	TOTAL AMOUNT PER YEAR (a) x (c)
CP-DOM-001 LITTER and TRASH COLLECTION							
0001	Litter and Trash Collection: Interstate 12 (Approx 205.46 ACRES)	205.46	16	3,287.36	Per Acre	\$_____	\$_____
0002	Litter and Trash Collection: Interstate 10 (Approx. 145.68 ACRES)	145.68	16	2,330.88	Per Acre	\$_____	\$_____
0003	Litter and Trash Collection: Interstate 110 (Approx. 248.30 ACRES)	248.30	16	3,972.80	Per Acre	\$_____	\$_____
CP-DOM-002 MAINTENANCE and MOWING (See Mowing Schedule Below)							
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Approx. Acres	Cycles Per Year	Total Approx. Acres per Year (a)	UNIT OF MEASURE (b)	UNIT PRICE (c)	TOTAL AMOUNT PER YEAR (a) x (c)
0004	Mowing: Interstate 12 (Approx. 205.46 ACRES)	205.46	16	3,287.36	Per Acre	\$_____	\$_____
0005	Mowing: Interstate 10 (Approx.. 145.68 ACRES)	145.68	16	2,330.88	Per Acre	\$_____	\$_____
0006	Mowing: Interstate 110 (Approx. 248.30 ACRES)	248.30	16	3,972.80	Per Acre	\$_____	\$_____

Interstate 12 (JCT. I-10 Southbound to the Amite River / Parish Line)
Interstate 10 (Mississippi River, including 10/12 split to Exit #163 - eastbound)
Interstate 110 (JCT. I-10 to US 61)

Mowing Litter and Trash Collection Schedule
Monthly - (November – February) 4 Cuts
Tri-Weekly - (March – October)12 Cuts
Annually16 Cuts

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CP-DOM-003 SPRAYING WEEDS and WEED EATING CONCRETE MEDIANS and PARKING LOTS (See Spraying Schedule Below)							
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Approx. Acres	Cycles Per Year	Total Approx. Acres per Year (a)	UNIT OF MEASURE (b)	UNIT PRICE (c)	TOTAL AMOUNT PER YEAR (a) x (c)
0007	Spraying and Weed Eating Vegetation Growing in Cracks and Joints of Concrete Medians: Interstate 12 (APPROX. 0.99 ACRES)	0.99	3	2.97	Per Acre	\$_____	\$_____
0008	Spraying and Weed Eating Vegetation Growing in Cracks and Joints of Concrete Medians: Interstate 10 (APPROX. 1.76 ACRES)	1.76	3	5.28	Per Acre	\$_____	\$_____
0009	Spraying and Weed Eating Vegetation Growing in Cracks and Joints of Concrete Medians and Parking Lots Under Interstate 110 from Government Street to North Street: Interstate 110 (APPROX. 16.61 ACRES)	16.61	3	49.83	Per Acre	\$_____	\$_____

Interstate 12 (JCT. I-10 Southbound to the Amite River / Parish Line)
Interstate 10 (Mississippi River, including 10/12 split to Exit #163 - eastbound)
Interstate 110 (JCT. I-10 to US 61)

Spraying Schedule
Round 1 (April)
Round 2 (July)
Round 3 (October)

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SECTION 1. TERM:

This contract shall commence upon the issuance of a Notice of Contract Execution by the Authorized City-Parish Representative and shall continue for the duration of one year, unless renewed, or until contract funds are expended, whichever occurs first. This proposal is to establish firm prices for materials supplies and services for the contract period shown. Delivery shall be made or services provided as needed throughout the contract period, or as required by the specification. Quantities (Acreage), if shown, are estimates only.

The number of cycles will be based upon the needs of the City-Parish and determined by the Authorized City-Parish Representative. There is no guaranteed minimum number of cycles.

This contract may be renewed at the City-Parish exclusive option for **Four (4) additional 1-year periods**. Upon agreement of both the contractor and the City-Parish, the contract may be extended a second, third, fourth, or a fifth-year or other shortened specified time periods. Extension of the contract into the second, third, fourth, or fifth time periods shall be made by letter on or before the expiration of the contract.

CITY OF BATON ROUGE RIGHT TO CHANGE, OR CANCEL ITEMS: In addition, the City-Parish reserves the right to temporarily suspend or cancel any items within the limits of this Contract.

SECTION 2. NOTICE TO PROCEED:

The Maintenance contractor shall begin each cycle of mowing and/or trash collection, and brush cutting and tree removal under this Contract, within seven (7) calendar days of written notification from the Authorized City-Parish Representative. Failure of the Maintenance contractor to begin work after notification within the specified time or failure to prosecute the work with sufficient personnel and equipment to complete the work within the allotted time shall be a breach of this Contract.

SECTION 3. TIME LIMITS:

All work to accomplish one combined cycle of mowing, litter and trash collection, and/or herbicide application for each of the three individual sections of interstate in this Contract shall be completed within **TEN (10)** calendar days.

SECTION 4. EQUIPMENT:

Rotary, flail, and/or ZTR (Zero Turn Mowers) mowers shall normally be utilized in the mowing of the right-of-way; however, sickle mowers, side mounts, flail, or boom mowers may be used to mow around bridges, culverts, signposts, mailboxes, delineators, flex beam guardrails, wet areas, ditches, etc., as approved by the Authorized City-Parish Representative. Other types of grass-cutting equipment may be used, provided it has been approved by the Authorized City-Parish Representative prior to use.

All rotary, and flail mowers must be equipped with safety chains, rubber/plastic curtain or, metal guards to prevent damage to property by flying debris from under the mower. If chains are used they shall be a minimum of three-eighths inches (3/8") in size and links spaced side by side around the mower's front and sides and long enough to drag the ground at all times during mowing operations. On the rear of the mower, the length of the chains shall be as directed by the Authorized City-Parish Representative. Heavy rubber/plastic curtain guards may be used on the front and back and must provide coverage to the ground. Maximum cutting widths for rigid frame flail mowers shall be seventy-two inches (72"). Boom mounted or side cut rotary mowers may be required to cut roadside ditches, laterals, and any other area not readily accessible to standard mowing equipment.

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Hand trimming (string trimming/weed-eating) shall be required in some areas. All mowers shall be kept in good operating condition, shall be maintained to provide a clean sharp cut of vegetation at all times.

All equipment shall be inspected periodically by the Authorized City-Parish Representative for safety devices and suitability for the work prior to being placed in operation. All safety devices shall be properly maintained and functioning at all times.

SECTION 5. METHODS OF OPERATION:

A. Prior to beginning operations, a conference between representatives of the City-Parish, DOTD, and the Maintenance contractor, shall be arranged by the Authorized City-Parish Representative in accordance with Article VI, 6.2 of this Contract.

B. The maintenance contractor shall submit to the Authorized City-Parish Representative a list of supervisors who have authority and control over work crews and who will be present with each crew while work is performed. These supervisors shall be so identified to the Authorized City-Parish Representative and shall have authority to order equipment operators to correct deficient work or to stop mowing operations should unsafe conditions be encountered or if ordered by the Authorized City-Parish Representative to do so. All Maintenance contractor's supervisors shall be equipped with mobile telephones. The Maintenance contractor shall provide the Authorized City-Parish Representative with all the supervisors' mobile phone numbers.

C. Mowers shall be adjusted for a cutting height as outlined in Maintenance Specification Section 12, CP-DOM-002 for Mowing and Maintenance. Mowing shall not be permitted when, in the opinion of the Authorized City-Parish Representative, soil and weather conditions are such that right-of-way property will be damaged. However, the Maintenance contractor will be required to provide specialized equipment such as boom or slope mowers to mow areas not accessible to standard mowing equipment. Maintenance contractors must use caution to assure that mud is not tracked onto the road surface. Recurring problems with mud tracking shall result in a five (5) percent reduction in payment for all appropriate mowing cycles.

D. The Maintenance contractor shall mow as close as practicable to all fixed objects exercising extreme care not to damage trees, plants, shrubs, delineators, or other road appurtenances that are part of the right-of-way. Hand trimming and/or herbicide applications to remove vegetation around such objects shall be required of the Maintenance contractor.

Prior to the use of any herbicides, the Maintenance contractor must contact the City-Parish Representative and receive approval for the use type and rate of application of any herbicide.

Contractor shall not prune, trim or use any type of chemical on trees or other ornamental plant material in the right-of-ways that are part of Baton Rouge Green's "Living Roadways Program" without the written consent of the Authorized City-Parish Representative or Baton Rouge Green Project Manager.

F. Stands of wildflowers shall not be mowed before their seeds have matured unless otherwise directed by the Authorized City-Parish Representative.

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SECTION 6. MOWING:

Mowing shall be performed in accordance with requirements specified in all provisions and specifications herein and shall consist of the following:

Divided and Undivided Highway and Frontage Roads: As defined below, all mowable areas within the DOTD right-of-way shall be mowed. Any overhanging vegetation or trees branches 2 inches or less in diameter and 10 feet or less tall which may hinder or prohibit mowing to the tree line or right of way line shall be removed or cut back to the tree line or right of way line by the Maintenance contractor. **Please contact the Authorized City Parish – Representative for cutting/removing trees and pruning of branches greater than 2 inches in diameter and or above 10 feet from the ground that hinder or prohibit mowing to the tree line or right of way line. The City Parish Representative is responsible for cutting trees and pruning tree branches greater than two inches in diameter and or above ten feet from the ground.** The trimmings shall be removed from the right-of-way or chipped, with the chips being dispersed in such a manner as to not interfere with drainage by a City Parish Representative or Maintenance Contractor depending on who did the tree pruning. **Any overhanging vegetation or fallen trees, regardless of size, which may hinder or prohibit mowing of this strip, shall be removed by the Maintenance contractor at no additional cost.**

Mowable Areas: All of the grassed or vegetative areas of the right-of-way, extending from right-of-way line to right-of-way line or tree line to tree line or fence line to fence line as applicable, including, but not limited to, banks of natural waterways, swale ditches, V-ditches, ditch bottoms, and slopes. Mowable areas include, but are not limited to, areas under bridges, around guard rails, signposts, delineators, culvert ends, trees, shrubs, plants, culvert headwalls, bridge abutments, bridge or overpass columns and pilings, paved or raised gore areas, paved or raised medians, and along curbs and fences, where the maintenance contractor is required to mow on both sides due to the presence of service roads, swale ditches, V-ditches, and slopes, or other facilities. These areas may not be accessible to standard mowing equipment and may require hand trimming or specialized mowing equipment such as boom or side mount mowers.

Mowable vegetation: Any tree, vegetation, brush, etc. which is two inches (2") or less in diameter, measured five inches (5") above the ground.

Right-of-Way Line: A strip approximately seven feet (7') wide along the fence line or right-of-way line is included as a mowable area, if applicable and terrain permits. **Any overhanging vegetation or fallen trees, regardless of size, which may hinder or prohibit mowing of this strip, shall be removed by the Maintenance contractor at no additional cost.** (See link to right-of-way map provided at end of this section.)

Natural Waterways or Canals Crossing the Right of Way: All vegetation (weeds, grasses, vines and trees (2") or less in diameter, measured five inches (5") above the ground) on waterway banks (slopes) or canal bottoms, in the median, beneath bridges, or in the right-of-way up to the tree line or right-of-way fence line, shall be cut to within five inches (5") of the ground by any means the Maintenance contractor chooses, except that all non-mowable vegetation will be removed to ground level. This work shall be performed not less than two (2) times (April and October, or as directed by the Authorized City-Parish Representative) during the annual Contract. Mowing of this area may require specialized equipment, such as weed trimmers or boom or slope mowers. There will be no direct pay for this work, as the area involved is included in the mowable acreage listed elsewhere. Failure to perform mowing of the natural waterways or canals as required will result in assessment of stipulated damages, placement of the maintenance contractor in default, or withholding up to fifty percent (50%) of any amounts due the Maintenance contractor until completion of the work in a manner satisfactory to the Authorized City-Parish Representative.

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Catch basins: The Maintenance contractor shall perform the mowing operation in such manner to prevent the buildup of debris such as grass clippings on catch basins. Should the mowing operation deposit grass clippings on catch basins, the Maintenance contractor shall be required to remove such from the entrance to the catch basin by hand or other methods.

SECTION 7. SIGNING AND TRAFFIC CONTROL:

An approved Traffic Control Plan is included in the Proposal for informational purposes only. This plan in no way replaces or relieves the Maintenance contractor from total compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the DOTD Maintenance Traffic Control Handbook. Signs, sign stands, and safety flags, as shown on the plans, may be required to protect the traveling public, shall be furnished by the Maintenance contractor. All work must be performed within the work zone protected by the required signs and traffic controls.

The Maintenance contractor shall be responsible for the maintenance, repairs, and/or replacement of all signs, sign stands, and safety flags which become defective.

Signs shall be kept clean and legible at all times. Any other safety materials or devices necessary to perform the work in a safe and orderly manner shall be furnished by the Maintenance contractor. Failure of the Maintenance contractor to replace defective safety devices and signs required to conduct his/her operation in a safe and orderly manner may result in all work being stopped by the Authorized City-Parish Representative until remedial action is taken by the Maintenance contractor.

SECTION 8. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

The importance of safety during the performance of mowing maintenance activities cannot be overemphasized. The Maintenance contractor shall conduct its operation in a manner such that, the safety and convenience of the public are regarded as prime importance. All equipment and traffic control devices shall be in accordance with the DOTD Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the DOTD Maintenance Traffic Control Handbook, and these specifications. The City-Parish reserves the right to stop the Maintenance contractor from working or order any piece of equipment removed from the project, should it be determined that minimum safety standards are not being met.

The following specific safety considerations shall be observed at all times:

- A.** All equipment shall be inspected periodically, by the Authorized City-Parish Representative at his/her discretion, prior to being placed in service and during the period of service, to ensure all safety equipment is in place and properly functioning. Should the Maintenance contractor's equipment become deficient in safety devices during prosecution of the work, such equipment shall be removed from service until the deficiency is corrected to the satisfaction of the Authorized City-Parish Representative.

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B. Mowers shall have complete and adequate shielding to prevent flying debris from the cutter blades per OSHA requirements 29 CFR 1910 et seq., including 29 CFR Part 1928.57 regarding guarding of farm field equipment. All rotary mowers must be equipped with safety chains to prevent damage to property by flying debris from under the mower. Chains shall be a minimum of three-eighths inches (3/8") in size and links spaced side by side around the mower's front and sides and long enough to drag the ground at all times during mowing operations. On the rear of the mower, the length of the chains shall be as directed by the Authorized City-Parish Representative.

C. All workers employed by the Maintenance contractor shall wear orange or lime green clothing of high visibility such as a vest, shirt, jacket, cap, or hard hat when performing litter and trash collection, string trimming, herbicide applications, and/or any other work being performed within the right-of-way.

D. The Maintenance contractor shall install amber flashing lights on all vehicles and equipment used in the performance of the work. These lights shall be used only during the performance of the work and shall not be used when traveling to and from the worksite.

E. Tractors shall be equipped with working headlights, two (2) fender-mounted amber flashing lights, and one (1) plainly visible, rear-mounted slow-moving vehicle emblem.

F. Equipment shall not be left unattended within forty-two feet (42') of any travel lane during non-working hours. Under no circumstances shall mowers be parked or stored on medians less than one hundred feet (100') in width. Inoperable or broken equipment not promptly repaired shall be moved to a location where it will not present a hazard for traffic.

G. When mowing immediately adjacent to travel lanes, mowers shall operate such that any discharge from the mowers shall be directed away from the travel lanes.

H. When boom-type or slope mowers are operated on the shoulder, a flagger shall be stationed to warn motorists and assist the operator. Warning signs shall be placed at least one thousand feet (1000') in advance of the mowing operation.

I. When it is necessary for mowing machines to cross bridges with full-width shoulders on the right, the crossing should be made on the shoulder. All bridges should be crossed with extreme care and operations planned to reduce such crossings to a minimum.

J. When necessary for mowing machines to cross travel lanes, a location shall be selected that provides a safe and unobstructed sight distance. The operator shall stop before crossing the travel lanes and permit closely approaching vehicles to pass before crossing. Operations should be planned to minimize crossings.

K. No supply vehicle shall enter the median without the required warning lights functioning, and then only as necessary to repair or remove inoperable equipment.

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Safety Training:

The Maintenance contractor's supervisory personnel shall be trained in work zone traffic control, basic flagging and safe mowing operations. **No work shall be performed until the completion of this training. At least one supervisor trained in safety shall be present at all times while work is being performed.**

Flagging Procedures:

The following methods of signaling with a flag should be used as follows:

1. **TO STOP TRAFFIC:** The flagman shall face traffic and extend the flag horizontally across the traffic lane in a stationary position so that the full area of the flag is visible hanging below the staff. For greater emphasis, the free arm may be raised with the palm toward approaching traffic.
2. **WHEN IT IS SAFE FOR TRAFFIC TO PROCEED:** The flagman shall stand parallel to the traffic movement, and with flag and arm lowered from view of the driver, motion traffic ahead with his free arm. Flags shall not be used to signal traffic to proceed.
3. **WHERE IT IS DESIRED TO ALERT OR SLOW TRAFFIC:** By means of flagging, the flagman shall face traffic and wave the flag in a sweeping motion of the arm across the front of the body without raising the arm above a horizontal position. If a sign paddle is used, it shall be held in a stationary position with the arm extended horizontally away from the body. The use of the flag and sign paddle is to be as illustrated elsewhere herein. Lights approved by the appropriate highway authority or reflectorized sign paddles or reflectorized flags shall be used to flag traffic at night. Daytime flagging procedures shall be followed whenever such lights, paddles, or flags are used at night. Whenever practicable, the flagman should advise the motorist of the reason for the delay and the approximate time period that traffic will be halted. Flagmen and operators of machinery or trucks shall be made to understand that every reasonable effort must be made to allow the driving public the right-of-way and prevent excessive delays.

SECTION 9. WORK REQUIREMENTS:

The Maintenance contractor shall begin each mowing cycle within **seven (7)** calendar days, after the date of written notification to begin work, and shall continuously prosecute same with diligence.

The Maintenance contractor shall employ and supply sufficient manpower and equipment for the project to enable him/her to complete the work in a satisfactory manner. The Maintenance contractor shall notify the Authorized City-Parish Representative at least twenty-four (24) hours before beginning work, on any cycle and shall submit to the Authorized City-Parish Representative a daily work report, on forms provided by the City-Parish, to document work locations, workforce, and equipment.

Failure of the Maintenance contractor to begin work within the time period specified or to complete work within the time period specified will result in the assessment of **stipulated damages** in accordance with Article VI Section 6.5.

Assessment of stipulated damages does not waive any other rights afforded the City-Parish hereunder for breach of Contract.

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SECTION 10. DAILY RECORD KEEPING:

The Maintenance contractor shall keep a daily record of labor, equipment, and work accomplishment. City-Parish will supply the forms for the Maintenance contractor's use.

The project number, name of the project (Contract Mowing), weekday, and date shall appear on each report. The report shall be completed as follows:

- Under the Maintenance contractors Force and Equipment, list the categories of the labor force (foremen, operators, laborers) followed by the total number of each on the job;
- Under Labor Force, list the categories of equipment used followed by the total number of each on the job;
- Under Approximate Work Accomplished, list the acres mowed and the volume of trash collected in cubic yards on a daily basis.
- Under Mowing, Litter, and Trash Collection, the contractor must report the volume of trash collected in cubic yards at the end of each mowing cycle, for each section of the interstate, I-110, I-12, and I-10.

The Maintenance contractor shall record and document the amount of trash collected and remit dump tickets to the Authorized City-Parish Representative for verification and recording.

Each day of the cycle shall have a separate report. The first day's report shall be Report Number 1, and each subsequent day's report shall be sequentially numbered until the Authorized City-Parish Representative accepts the cycle as satisfactorily completed. If the Maintenance contractor does not perform any work on a day during the cycle, a report indicating "no work" shall be submitted for that day.

The Maintenance contractor's on-site representative is to sign the form in the space labeled "Signature Inspector." All other sections of the form may be disregarded.

Completed daily records must be submitted to the Authorized City-Parish Representative prior to invoice processing.

SECTION 11. CP-DOM-001, LITTER and TRASH COLLECTION:

The unit of measurement for litter and trash collection shall be defined as a litter cycle. A litter cycle consists of one complete litter and trash collection of the area described. For the purposes of litter and trash collection, all references to acres are approximate, and except as noted in these specifications, no pay adjustment due to acreage variation shall be considered. The number of cycles required may vary due to a variety of conditions. Payment shall be made for the number of cycles actually performed.

The Maintenance contractor shall only work during safe daylight hours.

When such collection is performed concurrently with the mowing operation, the Maintenance contractor shall collect and properly dispose of all litter and trash ahead of the mowing operation.

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SECTION 11. CP-DOM-001, LITTER and TRASH COLLECTION: (CONTINUED)

The area to be cleaned shall include all grassed areas, ditches, paved roadside shoulders, paved areas adjacent to median cable barriers, fences, and areas on and under overhead bridges. When litter and trash collection is

performed concurrently with the mowing operation, all such material uncovered by the mowing operation shall be collected by the Maintenance contractor within forty-eight (48) hours.

Litter, trash bags, and piles of debris collected and placed along the roadside shall be removed by the Maintenance contractor, from the right-of-way, by close of business on the same workday. Bagged litter and trash shall not be placed in travel lanes or on paved shoulders. Litter and debris are defined as all loose debris or rubbish, including, but not limited to, paper, cardboard, glass, empty containers, tires, treads, fallen trees and shrubs, and loose wood and concrete, etc., found within the right-of-way, that is not a component part of the infrastructure, attachments or appurtenances.

FULL PAYMENT SHALL ONLY BE MADE WHEN THE CYCLE IS COMPLETED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE AUTHORIZED CITY PARISH REPRESENTATIVE.

Payment shall be made at the Contract unit price under:

CP-DOM-001, Litter & Trash Collection: Items 0001 - 0003

SECTION 12. CP-DOM-002, MOWING and MAINTENANCE:

The unit of measurement for mowing shall be defined as, a mowing cycle. A mowing cycle consists of one complete mowing of the area described. For purposes of mowing, all references to acres are approximate and, except as noted in these specifications, no pay adjustment due to acreage variation shall be considered. The number of cycles required may vary due to weather or other conditions. Payment shall be made for the number of cycles actually performed.

The Maintenance contractor shall only work during safe daylight hours.

The Maintenance contractor shall have in operation at all times, sufficient equipment of the type required to perform the work within the time specified. Mowers shall be adjusted for a cutting height of approximately five inches (5"). String trimming shall be performed directly behind the mowers. A following vehicle equipped with warning lights shall accompany litter and string trimming personnel and equipment.

The City-Parish's intent is to, maintain grass height generally below eighteen inches (18"). The City-Parish's written notification for each mowing cycle shall be timed to conform with this intent. The Maintenance contractor shall be closely monitored by the Authorized City-Parish Representative to ensure mowing to the required five-inch (5") cutting height. The Authorized City-Parish Representative shall provide the Maintenance contractor written notification to begin the mowing cycle.

Isolated areas of vegetation such as Johnson Grass, etc., which grow faster than the surrounding Bahia or Bermuda (predominant growth established and the controlling grass element) may be taller than the surrounding grass. The entire area to be mowed shall generally be at the specified height for work to begin. When mowing, litter, and trash collection are performed concurrently, litter and trash collection shall precede each mowing cycle, and collection of any material made visible by mowing shall follow each mowing cycle.

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The Maintenance contractor shall hand trim (string trim/weed-eat) and/or use herbicides around all fixed objects including, but not limited to, guard rails, signposts, delineators, culvert ends, trees, shrubs, plants, culvert headwalls, bridge abutments, bridge or overpass columns and pilings, paved or raised gore areas, paved or raised medians, paved shoulders and along curbs and fences, where the maintenance contractor is required to mow on both sides due to the presence of service roads, swale ditches, V ditches, and slopes, or other facilities. String trimming shall follow the mowing operation by not more than twenty-four (24) hours.

Failure of the Maintenance contractor to mow areas which are wet or have standing water which are accessible to specialized mowing equipment, without prior approval of the Authorized City-Parish Representative, shall result in the assessment of stipulated damages, placement of the maintenance contractor in default, or withholding payments up to fifty percent (50%) of any amounts due to the Maintenance contractor until completion of the work in a manner satisfactory to the Authorized City-Parish Representative.

The Maintenance contractor **may, at its option, provide herbicide treatment** around signs, guardrail, culvert ends, bridge revetments, ditches, laterals, or paved or raised gore areas, and along curbs and fences, etc. to reduce the amount of hand/string trimming. Except as otherwise provided in these specifications, spraying of herbicide, either around shrubs, bushes, and trees, or to control general vegetation in or near mowable areas, shall not be allowed. Any vegetation treated with herbicide, is pursuant to approval by the Department of Maintenance, shall be removed by hand or mechanical means to ground level after the manufacturer's suggested time period to affect plant growth has elapsed.

Prior to the use of any herbicides, the Maintenance contractor must contact the Authorized City-Parish Representative and receive approval for the use of any herbicide.

The Maintenance contractor must present to the City-Parish proof that the personnel applying herbicide have met all training and certification requirements of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and shall keep on file for inspection all required documentation and records, as required by law or regulation. The Maintenance contractor shall provide evidence of liability coverage against claims that may arise as a result of the use of herbicides.

FULL PAYMENT SHALL ONLY BE MADE WHEN THE CYCLE IS COMPLETED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE AUTHORIZED CITY PARISH REPRESENTATIVE.

Payment shall be made at the Contract unit price under:

CP-DOM-002, Mowing & Maintenance: Items 0004 - 0006

SECTION 13. CP-DOM-003, SPRAYING WEEDS / STRING TRIMMING CRACKS and JOINTS of CONCRETE MEDIANS and PARKING LOTS:

The Maintenance contractor shall only work during safe daylight hours.

The unit of measurement for spraying shall be defined as, a spray cycle. A spray cycle consists of one complete spraying of cracks and joints of the area described. For the purposes of spraying, all references to acres are approximate and, except as noted in these specifications, no pay adjustment due to acreage variation shall be considered. The number of cycles required may vary due to weather or other conditions. Payment shall be made for the number of cycles actually performed.

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SECTION 13. CP-DOM-003, SPRAYING WEEDS / STRING TRIMMING CRACKS and JOINTS of CONCRETE MEDIANS and PARKING LOTS: (CONTINUED)

The Maintenance contractor shall have in operation at all times, the sufficient equipment and personnel with the required training and certification required by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, to apply herbicides.

The Maintenance contractor will be required to spray the joints and cracks on all concrete medians including the parking areas underneath, Interstate I-110 from Government Street to North as defined in CP-DOM-002 Mowing and Maintenance, three (3) times per year, as per the spray schedule listed. String trimming of vegetation growing in joints and cracks are to be removed two (2) weeks after herbicide application or by the next Mowing, Litter, and Trash Collection cycle.

The Maintenance contractor must present to the City-Parish proof that the personnel applying herbicide have met all training and certification requirements of the Department of Agriculture and shall keep on file for inspection all required documentation and records, as required by law or regulation. The Maintenance contractor shall provide evidence of liability coverage against claims that may arise as a result of the use of herbicides.

All litter and trash collection for these areas are to be performed as per the CP-DOM-001 LITTER and TRASH COLLECTION cycles and schedule listed.

FULL PAYMENT SHALL ONLY BE MADE WHEN THE CYCLE IS COMPLETED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE AUTHORIZED CITY PARISH REPRESENTATIVE.

Payment shall be made at the Contract unit price under:

CP-DOM-003, Spraying Weeds / String Trimming Cracks and Joints of Concrete Medians and Parking Lots: Items 0007 – 0009

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Article I. Definitions of Terms: Wherever in these specifications or other Contract documents, the following terms or pronouns in place of them are used, the intent and meaning shall be interpreted as follows:

- 1.1 Award of Contract:** Transmission of the official written notice to the bidder that the Department intends to enter into a contract for the Project. Notice of award does not create a binding contract.
- 1.2 Bid:** The binding offer of a responsible bidder that was submitted to the Department on the bid forms in accordance with the bidding documents.
- 1.3 Bid Forms:** The portion of the bidding documents, required to be submitted, in accordance with the bidding documents, in order to constitute a bid.
- 1.4 Bidder:** An individual, firm or corporation, or any combination thereof submitting a proposal.
- 1.5 Calendar Day:** Every day shown on the calendar, beginning and ending at midnight.
- 1.6 Certificate of Insurance:** Approved document from a company licensed to sell insurance in Louisiana which attests that a policy is in effect providing the required insurance coverage.
- 1.7 Change Order (Plan Change):** The standard form normally used to describe and detail changes to the contract. When approved and fully executed, the document becomes a part of the contract.
- 1.8 Contract:** The written agreement between the Department and the Maintenance contractor covering the furnishing of materials and performance of the work.
- 1.9 Contractor:** The individual, partnership, corporation, joint venture, other legal entity, or an acceptable combination thereof, that is awarded a contract.
- 1.10 Controlled Access Highway:** Any highway to or from which access is denied or controlled from or to abutting land or intersecting streets, roads, highways, alleys, or other public or private ways.
- 1.11 Control of Access:** The condition where the right of owners or occupants of abutting land or other persons to access, light, air, or view in connection with a highway is controlled by public authority.
- **Full Control:** Preference is given to through traffic by providing access connections with selected public roads only and by prohibiting crossings at grade or direct private driveway connections.
 - **Partial Control:** Preference is given to through traffic to a degree that, in addition to access connections with selected public roads, there may be some crossings at grade and some private driveway connections.
- 1.12 Department:** City-Parish- Department of Maintenance.
- 1.13 Disqualified:** Contractor's or Bidder's status during the time period in which the Department will not accept its Bids or approve it as a subcontractor.

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- 1.14 Engineer: The Chief Engineer/Assistant Secretary of Operations for the Department or authorized representatives.
- 1.15 Incidental Work: Work required by the contract that is not directly measured and for which no specific pay item is provided, including all ancillary work necessary to satisfactorily complete all pay items.
- 1.16 Maintenance contractor: The individual, partnership, firm or corporation or any combination thereof, with whom the Contract is made by the Department.
- 1.17 Maintenance Proposal: Document furnished to prospective bidders by the Department consisting of, but not limited to, the notice to contractors, special provisions, supplemental specifications, plans, and bid forms.
- 1.18 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD): The manual adopted by the Department to describe the uniform system of traffic control devices used on state highways.
- 1.19 Notice of Contract Execution: The notice from the Department that the contract has been fully executed.
Once fully executed, the contract is binding.
- 1.20 Notice to Proceed: Written notice to the contractor to proceed with the contract work which will stipulate the dates that work shall commence and contract time shall begin.
- 1.21 Pay Item: A specific portion of work for which a price is provided in the contract.
- 1.22 Plan Change and/or Special Agreement: The title of the standard form normally used to describe and detail changes to the Contract. The document will establish reasons for the changes, specification requirements, method of measurement, basis of payment, and Contract time adjustments for the work affected by the changes. When approved and fully executed, the document becomes part of the Contract and a notice to proceed with the affected work.
- 1.23 Proposal: The offer of the bidder, made out on the prescribed form, giving unit prices for performing the work described in the plans and specifications.
- 1.24 Right-Of-Way: Land, property, or interest therein, acquired for or devoted to transportation purposes.
- 1.25 Specifications: The directions, provisions, and requirements contained herein or in special specifications, supplemented by such special provisions as may be issued or made pertaining to the method and manner of performing the work or to quantities and qualities of materials to be furnished under the Contract. Where the phrases "or directed by the Authorized City-Parish Representative ", "ordered by the Authorized City-Parish Representative " or "to the satisfaction of the Authorized City-Parish Representative " occur, it is to be understood that the directions, orders or instructions to which they relate are within the limitations of, and authorized by the Contract.

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- 1.26 State: The State of Louisiana.
- 1.27 Storm Drain: A fully contained and connected set of drainage structures, which capture the rainwater runoff from our transportation system.
- 1.28 Structures: Bridges, tunnels, culverts, catch basins, junction boxes, retaining walls, cribbing, manholes, end-walls, buildings, sewers, service pipes, underdrains, foundation drains, and other similar features encountered in the work.
- 1.29 Subcontractor: An individual, partnership, corporation, or other business entity to which the prime Maintenance contractor sublets, or proposes to sublet, any portion of a Contract.
- 1.30 Superintendent: The contractor's authorized representative in responsible charge of the work.
- 1.31 Through and Local Traffic:
- Through Traffic: Traffic that has neither its origin nor destination within the limits of the project.
 - Local Traffic: Traffic that has either its origin or destination or both, within the limits of the project.
- 1.32 Traffic/Travel Lane: The portion of traveled way for movement of a single lane of vehicles.
- 1.33 Traveled Way: The portion of roadway for movement of vehicles, exclusive of shoulders and auxiliary lanes.
- 1.34 The Work: The work shall include the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and other incidentals necessary or convenient to the successful completion of the activity and the carrying out of all the duties and obligations imposed by the Contract.

Article II. Award and Execution of the Contract:

- 2.1 The number of cycles listed in the schedule of items is the maximum number of cycles for one calendar year. These amounts are shown for the comparison of bids to determine the lowest bid and do not reflect a guaranteed number of cycles to be performed for the calendar year or duration of the Contract. The summations will then be compared and the results made available to the public. Until the award of the Contract is made, The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive such technicalities as may be considered in the best interest of the City-Parish.

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Article III. Scope of Work:

3.1 Increases and Decreases in Quantity of Work: The Authorized City-Parish Representative shall have the right to increase or decrease the quantities of the work, as may be considered necessary or desirable, and such increases or decreases shall not be considered as a waiver of any condition of the Contract, nor shall they invalidate any of the provisions thereof. The Maintenance contractor shall perform the work as increased or decreased. Payment to the Maintenance contractor for Contract items shall be made for the actual quantities of work done or material furnished at the unit prices per acre, computed as set forth in Section 10 of the Maintenance Specification for mowing elsewhere herein.

Article IV. Control of the Work:

4.1 Authority of Authorized City-Parish Representative: The work will be observed, inspected by the Authorized City-Parish Representative, and performed to his/her satisfaction in accordance with the Contract and Specifications. The Authorized City-Parish Representative will decide all questions which may arise as to the quality or acceptability of the work performed, the manner of performance, rate of progress, interpretation of the specifications, and the acceptable fulfillment of the Contract on the part of the Maintenance contractor. His/her decisions will be final, and he will have executive authority to enforce and make effective his/her decisions and orders that the Maintenance contractor fails to carry out promptly.

Article V. Legal Regulations and Responsibilities to the Public:

5.1 Laws to be Observed: The Maintenance contractor shall keep informed of all Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and all orders and decrees of bodies of tribunals having any jurisdiction or authority, which affect those employed on the work or which affect the performance of the work. He shall at all times comply with such laws, bylaws, ordinances, codes, regulations, orders, and decrees and shall indemnify The City-Parish and its representatives against any claim or liability arising from violation of any such law, bylaw, ordinance, code, regulation, order, or decree, whether by himself or his employees. It is specifically agreed between the parties executing this Contract that no provision of any part of this Contract is intended to create for the public or any member thereof a third-party beneficiary hereunder, or to authorize anyone not a party to this Contract to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage pursuant to the terms or provisions of this Contract. The duties, obligations, and responsibilities of the parties to this Contract with respect to third parties shall remain as imposed by the law. Any litigation arising under or related to the Contract or the bidding or award thereof shall be instituted in the 19th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

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5.2 Permits, Licenses, and Taxes: The Maintenance contractor shall procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges, fees, and taxes, and give all notices necessary and incident to the due and lawful prosecution of the work. Except, as otherwise provided in the Contract, these provisions for securing permits, licenses, and taxes shall not be paid for directly, but shall be considered as subsidiary work pertaining to the various bid items of this Contract.

5.3 Public Safety and Convenience: The safety of the public and the convenience of traffic shall be regarded as of prime importance. Unless otherwise provided herein, all portions of the highway shall be kept open to traffic. The Maintenance contractor shall coordinate all work with the Authorized City-Parish Representative and shall place warning signs in accordance with the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the DOTD Maintenance Traffic Control Handbook. If at any time during prosecution of the work the traffic control does not accomplish the intended purpose, due to weather or other conditions affecting the safe handling of traffic, the Maintenance contractor shall immediately make necessary changes therein to correct the unsatisfactory condition(s).

The Maintenance contractor shall confine all operations to daylight hours, with no work performed on Sundays or State observed holidays, unless otherwise authorized by the Authorized City-Parish Representative. Equipment shall not be left within forty-two (42) feet of any travel lane during nonworking hours. Disabled or broken equipment shall be moved to a location where it will not cause a hazard for traffic. In no case shall disabled or broken equipment be left unattended within forty-two (42) feet of the travel lane.

Except as otherwise provided in the Contract, these provisions for directing traffic shall not be paid for directly but shall be considered as subsidiary work pertaining to the various bid items of this Contract.

5.4 Protection of Property: The Maintenance Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to protect all property from being damaged by any process of the maintenance operation. In the event of any damage resulting from any act or omission on the part of or on behalf of the Maintenance Contractor, the Maintenance Contractor shall immediately notify the City-Parish as to the extent and location of said damage.

Damage repairs deemed by the Department to be within the capability of the Maintenance Contractor, including but not limited to restoration of fore slopes, back slopes, ditches, rutting, erosion, fences, etc., shall be restored by the contractor with his own organization or by an approved third party at his expense to a condition similar or equal to that existing before such damage was done or he shall make good such damage in a manner acceptable to the City-Parish.

Damage repairs deemed by the City-Parish to be beyond the capability of the Maintenance Contractor, including but not limited to repair of guard rail, cable barrier, impact attenuators, signs, delineators, structures, etc., will be repaired by City-Parish Forces or under City-Parish Maintenance Contract.

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All expenses incurred by the City-Parish for repair work, whether by its own forces or by a third party, shall be deducted from a payment/estimate due the Maintenance Contractor or the Maintenance Contractor shall be charged and invoiced for any such amounts with payment due upon receipt, all at the discretion of the City-Parish. The contractor shall be solidarity liable to the City-Parish for all such City-Parish expense, whether or not such expense is in excess of any amount due the contractor under the contract.

5.5 Right to Audit: The City-Parish shall have the right to audit the books and records of the Maintenance contractor during the hours of the normal workday. Contractor shall maintain his financial records for this work for three years after completion of this contract.

5.6 Personal Liability of Public Officials: In carrying out the provisions of the Contract, or in exercising any power or authority granted thereunder, there shall be no liability upon the City-Parish, or their authorized representatives, either personally or otherwise, as they are agents and representatives of The City-Parish.

5.7 Contract Dollar Amount: Expenditures for work which Maintenance contractor claims extends beyond the terms of the Contract shall not be reimbursed without prior execution of a Supplemental Agreement whereby all parties involved agree to the additional work and its costs.

Article VI. Prosecution and Progress:

6.1 Subletting or Assigning of Contract: The Maintenance contractor shall not be permitted to sub-contract, sublet, assign, sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the Contract or any portion thereof, or his rights, title, or interest therein, without the prior written approval of the Authorized City-Parish Representative. No sub-contract will, in any case, relieve the Maintenance contractor of his responsibility under the Contract. The Maintenance contractor shall perform with his own organization and with the assistance of workmen under his immediate supervision, work of value not less than fifty percent (50%) of the value of all work embraced in the Contract. Written consent to sublet, assign, or otherwise dispose of any portion of the Contract shall not be construed to relieve the Maintenance contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the Contract.

6.2 Prosecution of Work: Prior to beginning operations, a conference between the Maintenance contractor's representative, local law enforcement, DOTD and the City-Parish shall be arranged by the City-Parish. In this meeting, the Maintenance contractor shall briefly outline his proposed procedure for performing the prescribed work activity, sequence of work to be followed, estimated progress schedule and shall give his plans for performing the work while providing for safe traffic control at all times. Plans, specifications, unusual conditions, methods for marking non-mow areas, and other pertinent items regarding the work shall also be discussed. The City-Parish shall determine all non-mow and vegetative management areas.

6.3 Workmen and Equipment: Any person employed by the Maintenance contractor or a subcontractor who, in the opinion of the Authorized City-Parish Representative, does not perform required work in a proper and skillful manner, or who is disrespectful, intemperate, disorderly, or otherwise objectionable, shall at the written request of the Authorized City-Parish Representative.

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6.4 Temporary Suspension of Work: The Authorized City-Parish Representative shall have authority to suspend the work, wholly or in part, for such period as he may consider necessary, and the "Time Charge" shall be suspended during such period. Notice of such suspension with the reason therefor shall be given the Maintenance contractor in writing. The Maintenance contractor shall not suspend work without written authority of the Engineer.

6.5 Stipulated Damages: For each occurrence that the Maintenance contractor does not begin the work within the time period specified, or complete the work within the time specified, the appropriate per-day amount, provided in Table 1 below, shall be deducted from any payments which may become due the Maintenance contractor, not as a penalty, but as stipulated damages.

The City-Parish permitting the Maintenance contractor to continue work after expiration of the time shall not operate as a waiver of the City-Parish's rights under the Contract.

The Maintenance contractor may request a waiver of any portions of the stipulated damages. A written request may be submitted to the Authorized City-Parish Representative at any time after the work is started but shall be submitted within fourteen (14) calendar days after completion of the work order and shall set forth the reasons which the Maintenance contractor believes justify the waiver. The Authorized City-Parish Representative shall be the sole judge of damages suffered and may waive a portion or all applicable damages accordingly. The amount of stipulated damages shall be deducted from payments for the work under the Contract or any other Contract the Maintenance contractor has with the City-Parish. The Maintenance contractor shall be liable for stipulated damages in excess of amounts due the Maintenance contractor under the Contract.

TABLE 1
STIPULATED DAMAGES

Original Contract Amount (Dollars)		
From More Than	To and Including	Calendar Day or Fixed Date
0	25,000	80
25,000	50,000	210
50,000	100,000	240
100,000	500,000	270
500,000	1,000,000	330
1,000,000	2,000,000	400
2,000,000	5,000,000	480
5,000,000	10,000,000	600
10,000,000	-----	630

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6.6 **Default:**

1. The Authorized City-Parish Representative shall give written notice to the Maintenance contractor that the Maintenance contractor is in default if he:
 - (a) Fails to begin the work within the time specified in the "Notice to Proceed;" or
 - (b) Fails to perform the work with sufficient workmen, equipment, or materials to assure prompt completion of said work within the time specified; or
 - (c) Performs the work unsuitably or neglects or refuses to remove materials or correct rejected work; or
 - (d) Discontinues prosecution of the work; or
 - (e) Fails to complete a cycle project within the Contract time as extended; or
 - (f) Fails to resume work which has been discontinued within a reasonable time after notice to do so; or
 - (g) Becomes insolvent or is declared bankrupt or commits any act of bankruptcy or insolvency; or
 - (h) Allows any final judgment to stand against him unsatisfied for a period of fourteen (14) days; or
 - (i) Fails to carry on the work in an acceptable manner; or
 - (j) Fails to maintain the required insurance; or

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1. When one or more of these deficiencies occur, the City-Parish may give notice to the contractor of its intent to put the contractor in default under this subsection and specify a period of time in which the contractor shall cure the deficiency. Otherwise, or in the event, the contractor fails to timely cure a deficiency, the City-Parish will give written notice to the contractor, of the City-Parish determination that the contractor is in default for any cause specified in this subsection.
2. The costs incurred by the City-Parish due to the contractor's default, including costs for completing the work under Contract and attorneys' fees, will be deducted from any monies due or which may become due the contractor. When this expense exceeds the sum which would have been payable under the Contract, the contractor shall be solitarily liable and shall pay the City-Parish the amount of such excess.

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6.7 Disqualification: A Maintenance contractor may be disqualified from bidding on, entering into, and/or participating as a subcontractor under a maintenance Contract, for the following reasons:

1. Performing a maintenance Contract in an unsatisfactory manner by:
 - (a) Failing to begin work within the specified time; or
 - (b) Failing to perform the work with sufficient workmen, equipment, and/or materials to ensure completion of the work within the specified time; or
 - (c) Neglecting or refusing to remove materials, debris, or trash or to correct work rejected by the City-Parish as being deficient or not meeting specifications; or
 - (d) Discontinuing prosecution of the work without the express approval of the City-Parish; or
 - (e) Committing any act of insolvency, including seeking protection or being declared bankrupt under federal law; or
 - (f) Assigning any interest in a maintenance Contract for any purpose, or subletting any work under that Contract without the express written approval by the City-Parish; or
 - (g) Failing for any other reason to perform the work in an acceptable and workmanlike manner.
 - (h) Being declared in default on a Contract.

6.8 Termination: The City-Parish may, by written notice, terminate the contract or any portion thereof when, for reasons beyond either the City-Parish's or contractor's control, the contractor is prevented from proceeding or completing the work as originally contracted, or when termination would be in the public interest. Such reasons for termination may include, but will not be limited to:

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1. Executive orders of the President relating to prosecution of war or national defense,
2. National emergency which creates a serious shortage of materials,
3. Orders from duly constituted authorities relating to energy conservation and,
4. Restraining orders or injunctions obtained by third-party citizen action resulting from national or local environmental protection laws or where the issuance of such order or injunction is primarily caused by acts or omissions of persons or agencies other than the contractor.

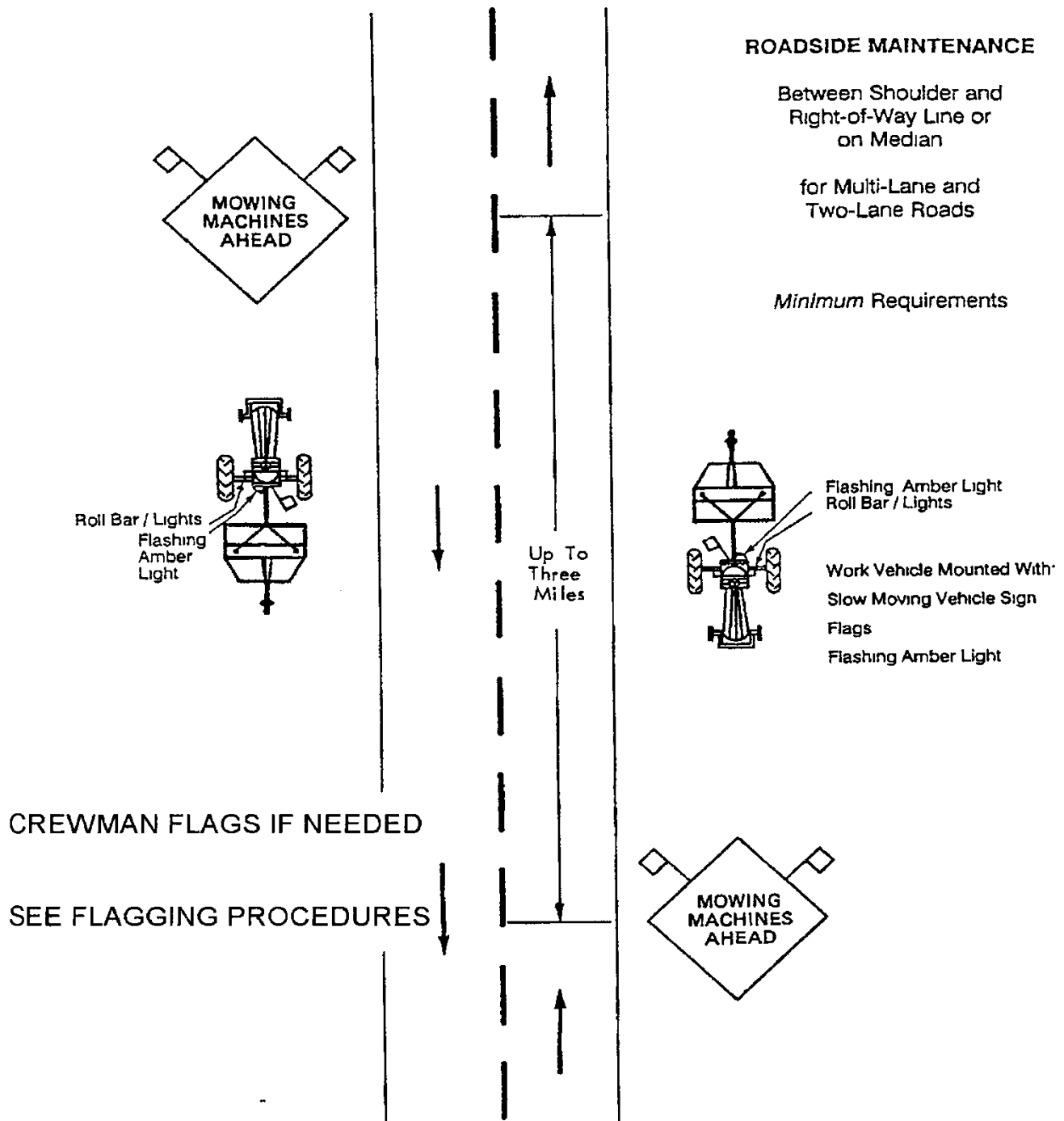
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When a contract, or a portion thereof, is terminated before completion of all items of work in the contract, payment will be made for the number of units or items of work completed at the contract unit price, or as mutually agreed for items of work partially completed or not started. No claim for loss of anticipated profits will be considered.

Termination for Convenience: The City-Parish may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice.

Termination of a contract or a portion, thereof, shall not relieve the contractor of responsibility for the completed work.

CONTRACT MAINTENANCE MOWING
TRAFFIC CONTROL DETAIL



CONTRACTOR'S AND SUB CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE

Contractor and any subcontractor shall carry and maintain at least the minimum insurance as specified below until completion and acceptance of the work. Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until certificates of insurance have been approved by the City-Parish Purchasing Division. Insurance companies listed on certificates must have industry rating of A, Class VI or higher, according to Best's Key Rating Guide. Contractor is responsible for assuring that its subcontractors meet these insurance requirements.

A. General Liability Insurance

General Liability insurance, endorsed to provide coverage for explosion, collapse and underground damage hazards to property of others; Contractual Liability, Products and Completed Operations (for a minimum of two year after acceptance of the Work), **Additional Insured and Waiver of Subrogation in favor of Contractor and Owner.**

	Limits
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products/Completed Operations	\$1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
Per Occurrence	\$1,000,000
Damage to Premises Rented to You	\$100,000
Medical Payments	\$5,000

B. Automobile Liability Insurance

Automobile Liability insurance which shall include coverage for all owned, non-owned and hired and shall be endorsed to include a Waiver of Subrogation and Additional Insured in favor of Contractor and Owner.

Bodily Injury and Property Damage \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit Each Occurrence (Minimum)

C. Worker Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance

Subcontractor agrees to comply with Workers Compensation laws of the state where the Work is performed, and to maintain a Workers Compensation and Employers Liability policy. **The policy shall include a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement in favor of the Contractor and Owner. Full statutory liability for State of Louisiana with Employer's Liability Coverage.**

Workers Compensation	Statutory
Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000 Each Accident (Minimum)
	\$1,000,000 Disease Each Employee

D. Excess Umbrella Liability Coverage

Excess/Umbrella Liability insurance shall be follow form the primary coverages and shall be endorsed to include a Waiver of Subrogation and Additional Insured in favor of Contractor and Owner.

Bodily Injury and	
Property Damage	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit Each Occurrence (Minimum)

E. The City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge must be named as additional insured on all general liability policies described above.

F. Waiver of subrogation in favor of City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, is required from Workers Compensation Insurer.

G. Certificates must provide for thirty (30) days written notice to Certificate Holder prior to cancellation or change.

H. The Certificate Holder should be shown as:

**City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge
Attn: Purchasing Division
222 St. Louis Street
8th Floor Room 826
Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

BIDDER'S ORGANIZATION

BIDDER IS:

AN INDIVIDUAL

Individual's Name: _____

Doing business as: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

A PARTNERSHIP

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of person authorized to sign: _____

Title: _____

_____ Fax No.: _____

A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of person authorized to sign: _____

Title: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

A CORPORATION

IF BID IS BY A CORPORATION, THE CORPORATE RESOLUTION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH BID

Corporation Name: _____

Address: _____

State of Incorporation: _____

Name of person authorized to sign: _____

Title: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

IF BID IS BY A JOINT VENTURE, ALL PARTIES TO THE BID SHOULD COMPLETE THIS FORM

CORPORATE RESOLUTION

A meeting of the Board of Directors of _____ a corporation
organized under the laws of the State of _____ and domiciled in _____
_____ was held this ____ day of _____, 20____ and was attended by a quorum of the members of the
Board of Directors.

The following resolution was offered, duly seconded and after discussion was unanimously adopted
by said quorum:

BE IT RESOLVED, that _____ is hereby authorized to submit
proposals and execute agreements on behalf of this corporation with the City of Baton Rouge, and
Parish of East Baton Rouge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said authorization and appointment shall remain in full force and
effect, unless revoked by resolution of this Board of Directors and that said revocation will not take
effect until the Purchasing Director of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, shall have been furnished a
copy of said resolution, duly certified.

I, _____, hereby certify that I am the Secretary of _____
_____ a corporation created under the laws of the State of _____ domiciled in

; that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by a quorum of the Board of
Directors of said corporation at a meeting legally called and held on the ____ day of _____, 20____
, as said resolution appears of record in the Official Minutes of the Board of Directors in my
possession.

This _____ day of _____, 20____.

SECRETARY

AGREEMENT (sample)

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, effective the _____ day of _____, 202_, by and between the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge (herein after called "Owner") and _____ (herein after called "Contractor").

The Contractor shall perform all work required by the Contract Documents for the following services:

Annual Contract Number and Title

Contract Period

1. The following Contract Documents are all hereby made a part of this Agreement to the same extent as if incorporated herein in full:
 - A. Bid Documents complete with terms and conditions
 - B. The Contractor's Proposal with all attachments.
 - C. The Specifications
 - D. Federal Clauses & US Treasury Regulations, if applicable
 - E. The following enumerated addenda:
2. No amendment to this Contract shall be made except upon the written consent of the parties.
3. Insurance and Indemnity requirements shall conform to those stated in the specifications.
4. Contractor shall be paid an amount based on the attached Exhibit A:
5. Right to Audit/Records Retention. The Contractor shall permit the authorized representative of the City-Parish to periodically inspect and audit all data and records of the Contractor relating to his performance under this contract. Louisiana Revised Statute 44:36 Preservation of Records states that public records shall be preserved and maintained for a period of at least (3) three years from the date on which the public record was made.
6. Payment terms for services will be Net 30 days based on the monthly invoice. Agencies will be invoiced monthly in arrears by the contractor. Advanced payments shall not be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement effective as of the date first written above.

**CITY OF BATON ROUGE
AND PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
OWNER**

WITNESS:

By _____
Emile "Sid" Edwards, Mayor-President

WITNESS:

CONTRACTOR

By _____

(Typed Name and Title)

Approved as to form:

Parish Attorney's Office

STANDARD FEDERAL AWARD
CONTRACTOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS
COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS
(2 C.F.R. § Pt. 200, App. II)

**TO CONFIRM THAT NO U.S. TREASURY CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS ARE
BEING USED FOR THIS CONTRACT/PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

1. **Termination for Cause or Convenience; Suspension.** CITY-PARISH may exercise any rights available under Louisiana law to terminate for cause upon the failure of the CONTRACTOR to comply with the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT, provided that the CITY-PARISH shall give contractor written notice specifying contractor's failure and thirty (30) days to cure the defect.

CITY-PARISH may terminate the AGREEMENT at its convenience at any time for any or no reason by giving thirty (30) days written notice to CONTRACTOR.

Upon termination for cause or convenience, the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress through the date of termination, to the extent work has been performed in accordance with the terms and/or conditions of this AGREEMENT or otherwise to the satisfaction of CITY-PARISH, as well as reasonable termination and demobilization costs.

Should the CITY-PARISH find it necessary to suspend the work for lack of funding or other circumstances beyond its control, this may be done by thirty (30) days written notice given by CITY-PARISH to that effect. If the AGREEMENT is suspended for more than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days, the CONTRACTOR shall be compensated for services performed prior to the notice of suspension. In addition, when work under the AGREEMENT resumes, the CONTRACTOR's compensation shall be equitably adjusted to provide for expenses incurred in the interruption and resumption of the CONTRACTOR's services.

2. **Remedies.** If any work performed by the CONTRACTOR fails to meet the requirements of the AGREEMENT, the CITY-PARISH may in its sole discretion:

- a) elect to have the CONTRACTOR re-perform or cause to be re-performed at the CONTRACTOR's sole expense, any of the work which failed to meet the requirements of the AGREEMENT;
- b) hire another subconsultant to perform the work and deduct any additional costs incurred by CITY-PARISH as a result of substituting the Proposer from any amounts due to the CONTRACTOR; or
- c) pursue and obtain any and all other available legal or equitable remedies.

3. **Equal Employment Opportunity.** During the performance of this contract, the CONTRACTOR agrees as follows:

- a) The CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The CONTRACTOR will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- b) Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The CONTRACTOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- c) The CONTRACTOR will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- d) The CONTRACTOR will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the CONTRACTOR's legal duty to furnish information.
- e) The CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the CONTRACTOR's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- f) The CONTRACTOR will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- g) The CONTRACTOR will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- h) In the event of the CONTRACTOR's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- i) The CONTRACTOR will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The CONTRACTOR will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, The CONTRACTOR may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, that if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

4. **Davis Bacon Act.** When required by federal program legislation or local program policies all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000.00 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144 and 3146-3148).

The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148) as amended, with the provisions of Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5, 40 USC 327 and 40 USC 276c) and all other applicable Federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards in so far as those acts apply to the performance of this contract. In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination.

The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain documentation which demonstrates compliance with requirements of this part. Such documentation shall be made available to the City-Parish for review upon request.

5. **Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708).** All contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000.00 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Any contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) below along with a clause requiring subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts.

- a) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- b) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section the CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$27 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.
- c) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The (write in the name of the Federal agency or the loan or grant recipient) shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the CONTRACTOR or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

- d) Subcontracts. The CONTRACTOR or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (b)(1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions, which are hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

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

. **Clean Water Act/ Federal Water Pollution Control Act.** Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000.00 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to adhere to the provisions, which require compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 508 of the Clean Water Act which prohibits the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

- a) The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- b) If this contract is funded by federal dollars, The CONTRACTOR agrees to report each violation to the State and understands and agrees that the State will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the CITY-PARISH, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c) If this contract is funded by federal dollars, the CONTRACTOR agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with federal assistance.

8. **Debarment & Suspension.** A contract award must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. 180. SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the CONTRACTOR is required to verify that none of the CONTRACTOR's principals (defined

at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

The CONTRACTOR must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by CITY-PARISH. If it is later determined that the CONTRACTOR did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to CITY-PARISH, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The CONTRACTOR further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

The CONTRACTOR shall submit a Federal Debarment Certification to assure compliance with the aforementioned regulation.

9. **Byrd Anti-Lobbying Act.** Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000.00 must file the required certification under the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352).

The CONTRACTOR will be expected to comply with Federal statutes required in the Anti-Lobbying Act. Contractors who apply or bid for an award shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

10. **Procurement of Recovered Materials (2 C.F.R. 200.322).** A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its CONTRACTOR must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the items exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

11. **Surveillance Services or Equipment.** A non-Federal entity and subrecipients who procure telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment by obligating or expending loan or grant funds must comply with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. §200.216.

Specifically, (a) recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from using grant funds to: (1) Procure or obtain; (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities). (i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities). (ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment. (iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country. (b) In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained. (c) See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information. (d) See also § 200.471.

12. **Domestic Preferences for Procurement.** As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the parties should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all sub awards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

For purposes of this section: (1) “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. (2) “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **Contractor/Vendor/Sub-Recipient** understands and agrees to the above Federal award provisions.

CONTRACTOR

BY: _____
(Authorized Signature, printed name)

Date: _____

FAIR CHANCE ORDINANCE

Requires Fair Chance hiring standards for person, corporations, and entities in a contract, cooperative endeavor agreement, or grant with the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge by limiting the consideration of criminal history of an applicant, and to provide otherwise with respect hereto.

Section 1

A contractor shall not request from the applicant their criminal history before the contractor extends a conditional offer of employment.

Section 2

All contracts shall include a certification that the contractor has complied with the provisions of the fair chance ordinance.

Section 3

The applicant will acknowledge in writing that a background check will be performed before a final offer of employment.

Section 4

Section 1 does not apply if consideration of an applicant's criminal history is required by law.

Section 5

The Purchasing department is the enforcing agency and shall establish a procedure for complaint.

Section 6

The Fair Chance ordinance shall not apply to the following City Parish departments: Human Resources, Police, Constable, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, Juvenile Services, and Metro Airport.

Section 7

The ordinance shall be effective May 5, 2023 following adoption and shall apply to contracts executed on or after the effective date EXCLUDING renewals to contracts awarded in response to an Request for Proposal (RFP), a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) or awarded by the Engineers or Architectural Selection Boards. The ordinance shall not apply to any agreements executed before the effective date of this ordinance.

The signature below certifies that the signer has carefully examined the above and is in full compliance with the terms listed.

Date

Authorized Signature

Authorized Name (Printed)

H2B WORKFORCE REQUIREMENTS

H2B Workforce Requirements: If Contractor uses H-2B workers, Contractor will provide services subject to the terms and conditions set forth below. In accordance with applicable laws,

- Contractor will provide each worker with a document explaining the terms and conditions of employment and the worker's rights, and a copy of any applicable H-2B work order by the time periods required by applicable law. A copy of Contractor's H-2B work order shall be provided to Company upon request.
- Contractor will display "Employee Rights Under the H-2B Program" poster, and all other notices and posters required by applicable federal, state and local law. Such notices must be provided to employees in English and in a language that each worker can understand.
- Contractor will pay employees at least once every two weeks, or as otherwise required by federal law or the disclosed payday in any applicable H-2B work order.
- Contractor will pay each employee not less than the highest minimum wage rate applicable to its employees, including minimum rates for H-2B laborers (as indicated in Contractor's Application for Temporary Employment Certification, which amount equals or exceeds the highest of the prevailing wage, the promised wage, and the federal, state and local minimum wage), and, if and when applicable, the highest overtime rate required by applicable law for all overtime hours worked by employees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor shall pay its employees in accordance with applicable H-2B regulations.
- In accordance with H-2B regulations, Contractor shall provide to its H-2B employees, and employees performing the same work, at least 35 hours of work per workweek, and a total number of work hours equal to at least 75% of the guaranteed hours as listed in the job order in each 12-week period (or each 6-week period), or must pay such employees the amount they would have earned had they worked for the guaranteed number of workdays.
- Contractor must pay its employees for their visa expenses and transportation and subsistence costs for travel to and from the worksite in accordance with H-2B regulations and Contractor's H-2B work order.
- Contractor must not seek or receive payments or other compensation from prospective workers, as prohibited by H-2B regulations.
- Contractor agrees to provide housing to its employees to the extent required by applicable H-2B regulations, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, and applicable federal, state, and local law.
- Contractor agrees to pay an arrival and return/subsistence and transportation fees for each worker at the beginning and end of each the job order period.
- Contractor must notify the U.S. Department of Labor if any H-2B or employee performing similar work separates from the job for any reason before the end of Contractor's work order. The notification must be made in writing and no later than two (2) days after the separation is discovered by Contractor. Contractor must also notify the U.S. Department of Homeland Security of any such separation of an H-2B worker.
- Contractor must not offer terms, wages, and working conditions to U.S. workers that are less favorable than what Contractor offers or provides to H-2B workers. Further, Contractor must not impose restrictions or obligations on U.S. workers that are not imposed on H-2B workers. Contractor must not lay off any similarly employed U.S. worker in the occupation and area of intended employment from 120 days before the start of Contractor's job order.
- Contractor using H-2B workforce must include a copy of their most recently submitted LOI, Letter of Intent. The U.S. Department of Labor requires this letter in the visa approval process. This letter must be signed and dated on company letterhead, with a description of work applicable to the scope, and indicate County/Parish and State where work will be performed: East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

2 CFR Requirement Small Minority and Women's Businesses

Subrecipients must include small, minority and women's owned business in their solicitations for procurement. Email the businesses below for every procurement transaction with federal funds and maintain a copy of the email in the project files.

Asian Chamber of Commerce Louisiana

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Louisiana

Southern Region Minority Supplier Development Council

Strategic Action Council

Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training

Urban League of Louisiana

Women's Business and Enterprise Council

Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation

National Association of Women Business Owners

Subrecipients must ensure that the clause below to take affirmative steps to include small, minority, and women's owned business is in their contracts with their prime contractors.

Contracting With Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms.

- a) Any party to this Contract, when expending any Federal funds received under this Agreement, must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. These steps are required for the hiring of any subcontractors under this Contract.
- b) Affirmative steps must include:
 - 1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
 - 2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
 - 3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
 - 4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and
 - 5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE INCLUSION

The City-Parish's Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program ("the Program") is made part of this contract and incorporated hereto as if copied in extensor. For this project the EBR Parish Purchasing office has indicated that SEDBE participation is strongly encouraged. All Proposers may demonstrate good faith efforts certified under the Parish SEDBE Certification Program at the time of submittal of the bid will count toward this EBE goal.

The City-Parish is an equal opportunity employer and encourages the participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in all of its projects. Proposers/Prospective Contractors are strongly encouraged to make positive efforts to utilize minority subcontractors for a portion of this project. Proposers are requested to include in their proposal a description of plans for minority participation under this Contract as suppliers or subcontractors.

PART I – POLICY/ COMPLIANCE

(A) The City-Parish strongly encourages the acquisition of goods and services from and direct participation of Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("SEDBE"). The term Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business ("SEDB") shall have the meaning set forth in the City-Parish's Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Certification Program.

The Program is a race and gender-neutral program intended to provide additional contracting and procurement opportunities for certified small, disadvantaged, woman-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned, and service-disabled veteran-owned business enterprises by encouraging contractors who receive City-Parish contracts to use good-faith efforts to utilize such certified entities in the performance of those contracts. The City-Parish desires to achieve, to the greatest extent possible, commercially meaningful and useful participation by SEDBs. By providing equitable opportunities for SEDBs, the City-Parish derives multiple benefits, including contributing to the economic vitality of our communities and ensuring a broader selection of competitively priced goods and services.

Contractor should present a responsible plan that provides for participation of qualified SEDBs. Participation shall be counted toward meeting the contract goals only by business entities certified under the City-Parish's Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Certification Program. The direct participation goal can be achieved through direct ownership, joint venture participation, owner/operator agreements, or subcontract agreements for participation.

If the Contractor does not meet the full SEDB goal, then written documentation must be provided showing their good faith efforts to secure SEDB participation, the unavailability of potential SEDB firms, and provide justification as to why such goals cannot be met that is found to be acceptable to the SEDB Liaison Officer.

(B) **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SEDB REQUIREMENTS:** All City-Parish contract performers (Prime Contractors, Subcontractors, etc.) are hereby notified that failure to carry out the SEDB obligation, as set forth, shall constitute a breach of contract. The breach of contract will be reviewed by City-Parish which may result in termination of the contract or other remedies deemed appropriate for the given situation.

(C) **SUBCONTRACTS:** All Prime Contractors, and Subcontractors, hereby shall include the following clauses in all contracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities.

The Contractor or Subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of City-Parish's Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program in the award and administration of City-Parish contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient (City-Parish) deems appropriate.

The Prime Contractor agrees to pay each Subcontractor under this contract for satisfactory performance of its contract prior to submitting an invoice to the City-Parish for request for payment. This payment will be documented on the Contractor's Monthly Report form that is submitted with each payment request. The Prime Contractor agrees further to return retainage payments to each Subcontractor within 14 days after the Subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause. This clause applies to both SEDB and non-SEDB Subcontractor(s).

(D) AWARD OF SEDB SUBCONTRACTS: The Contractor shall, no later than three (3) business days from the award of a contract, execute formal contracts or purchase orders with the SEDB (s) included on Form 1.

(E) COUNTING SEDB PARTICIPATION: City-Parish will count SEDB participation toward overall and contract goals as provided in City-Parish's Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program ("the Program"). City-Parish will only count SEDB participation by those SEDBs performing commercially useful functions. City-Parish Purchasing Division will not count the participation of SEDB Subcontractors toward a Contractor's final compliance with its SEDB obligations on a contract until the amount being counted has actually been paid to the SEDB.

The Contractor may count its entire expenditure to SEDB manufacturers (i.e., a supplier that produces goods from raw materials or substantially alters them before resale). The Contractor may count sixty percent (60%) of its expenditures to SEDB suppliers that are not manufacturers, provided that the SEDB supplier performs a commercially useful function in the supply process.

A Contractor shall not count the value of any payment made to an SEDB for work that was further subcontracted out by the SEDB to a non-SEDB.

PART II – PROCEDURE TO DETERMINE QUALIFICATION STATEMENT OR PROPOSAL COMPLIANCE

(A) ELIGIBILITY OF SEDBs: To be counted toward the participation Goals pursuant to the Program, an SEDB must be certified by the City-Parish at the time a bid or proposal is submitted. The fact that an SEDB is certified does not necessarily mean that it has the qualifications and experience for the type of work required by any particular Contract. The responsibility for determining whether an SEDB has the qualifications and experience for the type of work required by the Contract rests with the Contractor. To be deemed an SEDB certified entity, firms must complete the City-Parish's certification process. Only SEDB certified firms under the City-Parish at the time the Bid opening will count toward the SEDB goal.

(B) REPORTING FORMS 1, 1A, AND 3: The following fully completed forms shall be furnished to the City-Parish on a monthly basis. The forms shall have all blank spaces filled in completely and correctly. These forms are as follows:

FORM 1 – SEDB RESPONSIVENESS FORM (copy attached): It is the obligation of the Respondent to make good faith efforts to meet the SEDB goal. Respondents can demonstrate their good faith efforts either by meeting the contract goal or by documenting good faith efforts taken to obtain SEDB participation. The Form 1 shall accurately detail the work proposed by the Respondents to be performed by Respondent and all entities participating in the project and, if it is a bid or proposal, the percent value of that work. If a Respondent is unable to fully meet the SEDB goal of this contract, the Respondent shall submit a Form 2 form and all documentation demonstrating the good faith efforts made to comply with the SEDB requirements.

FORM 1A - REQUIRED PARTICIPATION QUESTIONNAIRE FORM (copy attached): Form 1A shall accurately detail the work to be performed by each and every firm participating in the project. A Form 1A must be submitted for the Contractor and for each Subcontractor included on Form 1. In addition, each participating SEDB firm must submit a current letter of SEDB certification along with its Form 1A.

FORM 2 - Good Faith Efforts (copy attached): Form 2 is only required when the prime firm is unable to fully meet the SEDB contract goal. Form 2 shall provide documentation of good faith efforts made to obtain SEDB participation. Form 2 must be accompanied by supporting documentations such as, but not be limited to, phone logs, facsimiles, and e-mail correspondence with potential SEDB firms. Further explanation of good faith efforts may be found in the Instructions for Form 2. It is up to City-Parish or its Designee to make a fair and reasonable judgment whether a Respondent made adequate good faith efforts to achieve the contract goal.

FORM4 - Monthly Utilization/Participation SEDB Report (copy attached): Form 4 shall be submitted to the Field Engineer along with monthly payment requests and shall accurately represent the amount paid to SEDB Subcontractors during that invoice period. This form must be submitted with every monthly invoice regardless of the amount of payment or lack of payment. The form shall be signed by the Contractor and the SEDB Subcontractor(s) if payment has been made for that month. SEDB participations will not be counted toward the Contractor's commitment until payment has been rendered to the SEDB. Failure to submit the required reports may result in withholding of payment or partial payments to the Contractor until the required forms are submitted.

Appendix A

SEDB Forms and Procedures

SECTION 34 SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS INCLUSION

The City-Parish's Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program ("the Program") is made part of this contract and incorporated hereto as if copied in extensor

PART I – POLICY/ COMPLIANCE

(F) The City-Parish strongly encourages the acquisition of goods and services from and direct participation of Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("SEDBE"). The term Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business ("SEDB") shall have the meaning set forth in the City-Parish's Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Certification Program.

The Program is a race and gender-neutral program intended to provide additional contracting and procurement opportunities for certified small, disadvantaged, woman-owned, minority-owned, veteran- owned, and service-disabled veteran-owned business enterprises by encouraging contractors who receive City-Parish contracts to use good-faith efforts to utilize such certified entities in the performance of those contracts. The City-Parish desires to achieve, to the greatest extent possible, commercially meaningful and useful participation by SEDBs. By providing equitable opportunities for SEDBs, the City- Parish derives multiple benefits, including contributing to the economic vitality of our communities and ensuring a broader selection of competitively priced goods and services.

Contractor should present a responsible plan that provides for participation of qualified SEDBs. Participation shall be counted toward meeting the contract goals only by business entities certified under the City-Parish's Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Certification Program. The direct participation goal can be achieved through direct ownership, joint venture participation, owner/operator agreements, or subcontract agreements for participation.

If the Contractor does not meet the full SEDB goal, then written documentation must be provided showing their good faith efforts to secure SEDB participation, the unavailability of potential SEDB firms, and provide justification as to why such goals cannot be met that is found to be acceptable to the SEDB Liaison Officer.

(G) **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SEDB REQUIREMENTS:** All City-Parish contract performers (Prime Contractors, Subcontractors, etc.) are hereby notified that failure to carry out the SEDB obligation, as set forth, shall constitute a breach of contract. The breach of contract will be reviewed by City-Parish which may result in termination of the contract or other remedies deemed appropriate for the given situation.

(H) **SUBCONTRACTS:** All Prime Contractors, and Subcontractors, hereby shall include the following clauses in all contracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities.

The Contractor or Subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of City-Parish's Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program in the award and administration of City-Parish contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient (City-Parish) deems appropriate.

(I) **AWARD OF SEDB SUBCONTRACTS:** The Contractor shall, no later than three (3) business days from the award of a contract, execute formal contracts or purchase orders with the SEDB (s) included on Form 1.

(J) **COUNTING SEDB PARTICIPATION:** City-Parish will count SEDB participation toward overall and contract goals as provided in City-Parish's Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program ("the Program"). City-Parish will only count SEDB participation by those SEDBs performing commercially useful functions. City-Parish Purchasing Division will not count the participation of SEDB Subcontractors toward a Contractor's final compliance with its SEDB obligations on a contract until the amount being counted has actually been paid to the SEDB.

The Contractor may count its entire expenditure to SEDB manufacturers (i.e., a supplier that produces goods from raw materials or substantially alters them before resale). The Contractor may count sixty percent (60%) of its expenditures to SEDB suppliers that are not manufacturers, provided that the SEDB supplier performs a commercially useful function in the supply process.

A Contractor shall not count the value of any payment made to an SEDB for work that was further subcontracted out by the SEDB to a non-SEDB.

PART II – PROCEDURE TO DETERMINE QUALIFICATION STATEMENT OR PROPOSAL COMPLIANCE

(C) **ELIGIBILITY OF SEDBs:** To be counted toward the participation Goals pursuant to the Program, an SEDB must be certified by the City-Parish at the time a bid or proposal is submitted. The fact that an SEDB is certified does not necessarily mean that it has the qualifications and experience for the type of work required by any particular Contract. The responsibility for determining whether an SEDB has the qualifications and experience for the type of work required by the Contract rests with the Contractor. To be deemed an SEDB certified entity, firms must complete the City-Parish's certification process. Only SEDB certified firms under the City-Parish at the time the Bid opening will count toward the SEDB goal.

(D) **REPORTING FORMS 1, 1A, AND 2:** The following fully completed forms shall be furnished to the City-Parish on a monthly basis. The forms shall have all blank spaces filled in completely and correctly. These forms are as follows:

FORM 1 – SEDB RESPONSIVENESS FORM (copy attached): It is the obligation of the Respondent to make good faith efforts to meet the SEDB goal. Respondents can demonstrate their good faith efforts either by meeting the contract goal or by documenting good faith efforts taken to obtain SEDB participation. The Form 1 shall accurately detail the work proposed by the Respondents to be performed by Respondent and all entities participating in the project and, if it is a bid or proposal, the percent value of that work. If a Respondent is unable to fully meet the SEDB goal of this contract, the Respondent shall submit a Form 2 form and all documentation demonstrating the good faith efforts made to comply with the SEDB requirements. FORM 1A - REQUIRED PARTICIPATION QUESTIONNAIRE FORM (copy attached): Form 1A shall accurately detail the work to be performed by each and every firm participating in the project. A Form 1A must be submitted for the Contractor and for each Subcontractor included on Form 1. In addition, each participating SEDB firm must submit a current letter of SEDB certification along with its Form 1A.

FORM 2 - Good Faith Efforts (copy attached): Form 2 is only required when the prime firm is unable to fully meet the SEDB contract goal. Form 2 shall provide documentation of good faith efforts made to obtain SEDB participation. Form 2 must be accompanied by supporting documentations such as, but not be limited to, phone logs, facsimiles, and e-mail correspondence with potential SEDB firms. Further explanation of good faith efforts may be found in the Instructions for Form 2. It is up to City-Parish or its Designee to make a fair and reasonable judgment whether a Respondent made adequate good faith efforts to achieve the contract goal.

FORM 3 - Monthly Utilization/Participation SEDB Report (copy attached): Form 3 shall be submitted to the Field Engineer along with monthly payment requests and shall accurately represent the amount paid to SEDB Subcontractors during that invoice period. This information can also be submitted via B2GNow. For Contract Compliance Reporting, please utilize <https://brla.gob2g.com>. This form must be submitted with every monthly invoice regardless of the amount of payment or lack of payment. The form shall be signed by the Contractor and the SEDB Subcontractor(s) if payment has been made for that month. SEDB participations will not be counted toward the Contractor's commitment until payment has been rendered to the SEDB. Failure to submit the required reports may result in withholding of payment or partial payments to the Contractor until the required forms are submitted.

FORM 1
SEDB Responsiveness Form
INSTRUCTIONS

Column A. Indicate the firm's role: Contractor, subcontractor, manufacturer, regular dealer/supplier, or broker/agent. Note that only 60% of the value of regular dealer/supplier commissions and fees can be counted toward Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation. All firms participating SEDB and non-SEDB, prime and subs) must be included on the form.

Column B. Provide the name and address of the firm.

Column C. Provide the principal contact person and phone number of the firm. Column D. Describe the work, goods, and/or services to be provided by the firm.

Column E. Indicate the percent value of the amount of work assigned to the firm. Total percent value of work should equal 100% to account for all work being performed on the contract.

Column F. Indicate whether firm is an SEDB or non-SEDB. SEDB-certified means to be certified by the EBRP Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program.

FORM 1

SEDB Responsiveness Form

EBRP Project Title: _____ Project No: _____

SEDB Contract Goal: _____ %

A	B	C	D	E	F
FIRM ROLE (Prime, sub-contractor, manufacturer, supplier, etc)	FIRM NAME AND ADDRESS	PRINCIPAL CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER	WORK TO BE SUBCONTRACTED/GOODS/SERVICE TO BE PURCHASED	%VALUE OF WORK/PURCHASES*	SEDB OR NON-SEDB
				%	
				%	
				%	
				%	
				%	
				%	
				%	
				%	
				%	
				%	
				%	

TOTAL VALUE OF PARTICIPATION FROM CONTINUATION PAGES:

*Supplier/Manufacturer/Purchase/Dealer work is counted at 60% participation toward SEDB goal.

If total SEDB participation is less than the goal, refer to the Good Faith Efforts section of the instruction and attach a Form 2 and all other necessary documentation.

Firms must be SEDB certified with authorized agent of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge Purchasing Division to count towards the goal.

	%	%
Enter Total Bid Amount	Total Must Equal 100%	Total SEDB Participation
\$	%	%

The undersigned prime firm will enter into a formal written agreement with the subcontractors identified herein for work and/or goods and services as shown in this schedule, conditioned upon the execution of a contract with the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge. The undersigned agrees to be contractually bound to maintain the level of SEDB participation set forth above. Failure to comply with this agreement constitutes breach of contract.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

FORM 1A
Required Participation Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS: A fully completed Form 1A "Required Participation Questionnaire" must be submitted for the prime firm, each subcontractor, and any other tier or subcontractor, as a condition of responsiveness. This information is to be collected and documented for all City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge. All items requested on the form are required, if an item is not applicable, respondents shall enter N/A. Each prime firm participating as a joint venture shall complete a separate form and indicate (Item 9) that the response is a joint venture.

1. Project name, project number and date of submittal:	2. Official name of firm: Indicate if prime or subcontractor	3. Address of office to perform work:
4. Name of parent company, if any:	5. Location of headquarters (city):	6. Age of firm:
7. Name, title, and telephone number of principal contact:	8. Indicate Any Special Status: ☐ small business ☐ Women-owned business ☐ Minority-owned business ☐ SBA certified ☐ LAUCP DBE certified ☐ SEDB certified with CITY-PARISH *A firm participating as a SEDB must be certified by the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge SEDBE Program by the date of submittal. Current letter of certification shall be attached.	
9. Is this submittal a joint venture (JV)? ☐ Yes ☐ No	10. Summary of firm's annual revenues (please insert index number from below): Last Year: _____ 2 Years ago: _____ 3 Years ago: _____	
If so, has the JV worked together before? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Ranges of annual revenues received: <u>Index:</u> 1. less than \$500,000 2. \$500,000-\$1,000,000 3. \$1,000,000 - \$2,000,000 4. \$2,000,000-\$4,000,000 5. \$5,000,000-\$6,000,000 6. \$6,000,000 or greater	

I do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this document are true and correct, and that I am authorized on behalf of this firm to make this affidavit.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

FORM 2
Good Faith Efforts
INSTRUCTIONS

If required, attach a completed Form 2 and supporting documents to establish that Good Faith Efforts were undertaken to secure SEDB participation:

The following is a list of types of actions which you should consider as part of the Contractor's good faith efforts to obtain SEDB participation. It is not intended to be a mandatory checklist, nor is it intended to be exclusive or exhaustive. Other factors or types of efforts may be relevant in appropriate cases.

- A. Conducting market research to identify small business contractors and suppliers and soliciting through all reasonable and available means the interest of all certified SEDBs that have the capability to perform the work of the contract. This may include attendance at pre-bid and business matchmaking meetings and events, advertising and/or written notices, posting of Notices of Sources Sought and/or Requests for Proposals, written notices or emails to all SEDBs listed in the City's directory of transportation firms that specialize in the areas of work desired (as noted in the SEDB directory) and which are located in the area or surrounding areas of the project. The Contractor should solicit this interest as early in the acquisition process as practicable to allow the SEDBs to respond to the solicitation and submit a timely offer for the subcontract. The Contractor should determine with certainty if the SEDBs are interested by taking appropriate steps to follow up initial solicitations.
- B. Selecting portions of the work to be performed by SEDBs in order to increase the likelihood that the SEDB goals will be achieved. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units (for example, smaller tasks or quantities) to facilitate SEDB participation, even when the Contractor might otherwise prefer to perform these work items with its own forces. This may include, where possible, establishing flexible timeframes for performance and delivery schedules in a manner that encourages and facilitates SEDB participation.
- C. Providing interested SEDBs with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding to a solicitation with their offer for the subcontract.
- D. Negotiating in good faith with interested SEDBs. It is the Contractor's responsibility to make a portion of the work available to SEDB subcontractors and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available SEDB subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate SEDB participation. Evidence of such negotiation includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of SEDBs that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting; and evidence as to why additional Agreements could not be reached for SEDBs to perform the work.

- E. A Contractor using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including SEDB subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as contract goals into consideration. However, the fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using SEDBs is not in itself sufficient reason for a Contractor's failure to meet the contract SEDB goal, as long as such costs are reasonable. Also, the ability or desire of a prime contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility to make good faith efforts. Prime contractors are not, however, required to accept higher quotes from SEDBs if the price difference is excessive or unreasonable.
- F. Not rejecting SEDBs as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. The contractor's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations (for example union vs. non-union status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids in the contractor's efforts to meet the project goal. Another practice considered an insufficient good faith effort is the rejection of the SEDB because its quotation for the work was not the lowest received. However, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require the Contractor to accept unreasonable quotes in order to satisfy contract goals.
- G. Contractor's inability to find a replacement SEDB at the original price is not alone sufficient to support a finding that good faith efforts have been made to replace the original SEDB. The fact that the contractor has the ability and/or desire to perform the contract work with its own forces does not relieve the contractor of the obligation to make good faith efforts to find a replacement SEDB, and it is not a sound basis for rejecting a prospective replacement SEDB's reasonable quote.
- H. Making efforts to assist interested SEDBs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance as required by the recipient or contractor.
- I. Making efforts to assist interested SEDBs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.
- J. Effectively using the services of available minority/women/veteran community organizations; minority/women/veteran contractors' groups; local, State, and Federal minority/women/veteran business assistance offices; and other organizations as allowed on a case-by-case basis to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of SEDBs.

FORM 2
Good Faith Efforts

If the Respondent cannot fully meet the SEDB goal of the Contract, the Respondent shall complete Form 2 and attach documentation demonstrating the Respondent's good faith efforts. It is up to City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge Purchasing Division to make a fair and reasonable judgment whether a Respondent that did not meet the contract goal made adequate good faith efforts.

I, _____ certify that on the date (s) below I invited the following proposed SEDB subcontractor (s) to respond or propose work items to be performed on:

PROJECT NAME: _____

PROJECT NO: _____

Date of Request	Name and Address of SEDB Firm	Transmittal Type	Work Items Sought	Describe Response and/or Follow-up

I do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this document are true and correct, and that I am authorized on behalf of this firm to make this affidavit.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

☐ Supporting documentation of Good Faith Efforts attached (required)

FORM 3

Contractor or Consultant Monthly SEDBE Report

INSTRUCTIONS: This report covers the previous estimate period and shall be submitted to the Project Manager Representative, Project Inspector or Contract Compliance Reporting; please utilize <https://brla.gob2g.com> with the current month's pay estimate. The prime firm shall prepare one form for each SEDB firm participating in the project. Questions should be directed to the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge Purchasing Division through assigned project manager. **Signatures from SEDB firms who received payment during the report period are required.** No signature is required if no payments were made to the SEDB firm during the reporting period. **If actual SEDB item of work is different than that approved at the time of award, the Substitution Form must be completed (if you have not already done so).**

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Prime Firm Name		Phone Number	
Project Name			
City Parish Project No.		State Project No.	
Project Start Date		Est. Project Completion Date	
Original Contract Amount	Change Orders (count)	Current Contract Value	SEDB Commitment
\$		\$	%
Invoice Number	Report Period Begin Date	Report Period End Date	

SUBCONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

SEDB Subcontractor		
SEDB Contact:		SEDB Phone Number
Original Subcontract Amount	Original Commitment to Firm	Current Subcontract Value
\$	%	\$
Amount Paid to Sub This Period	Amount Paid to Sub to Date	
\$	\$	
Scheduled Date of Sub Services (or state ongoing)	Estimated Date of Completion of Sub Services	
Item Number/Description of Work Performed by Sub		

By signing below, I attest that the information provided is complete and accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge.

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Print Firm's Authorized Signature _____

Subcontractor's Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Print Subcontractor's Authorized Signature _____

I certify that the contracting records and on-site performance of the SEDB has been monitored. **If actual SEDB item of work is different than that approved at the time of award, the Substitution Form must be completed.**

Project Manager Representative / Inspector Signature _____ Date _____

Print Project Manager Representative / Inspector Signature _____

EBRP Project Manager or SEDBE Liaison Officer (SEDBELO) has reviewed this form.

SEDBELO's or Authorized Owner's Representative's Signature _____ Date: _____

**SOCIALLY ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SEDBE)
PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE, LA.**

Guidance Concerning Good Faith Efforts

Reference-Appendix A to Part 26, Title 49 (June 20, 2025)

1. When, as a recipient, we establish a contract goal on the City of Baton Rouge-assisted contract for procuring construction, equipment, services, or any other purpose, a bidder must, in order to be responsible and/or responsive, make sufficient good faith efforts to meet the goal. The bidder can meet this requirement in either of two ways. First, the bidder can meet the goal, documenting commitments for participation by SEDB firms sufficient for this purpose. Second, even if it does not meet the goal, the bidder can document adequate good faith efforts. This means that the bidder must show that it took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve a SEDBE goal or other requirement of this part, which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient SEDB participation, even if they were not fully successful.
2. In any situation in which the City has established a contract goal, requires the City to use the good faith efforts mechanism of this part. As a recipient, we have the responsibility to make a fair and reasonable judgment whether a bidder that did not meet the goal made adequate good faith efforts. It is important for the City to consider the quality, quantity, and intensity of the different kinds of efforts that the bidder has made, based on the regulations and the guidance.
3. The efforts employed by the bidder should be those that one could reasonably expect a bidder to take if the bidder were actively and aggressively trying to obtain SEDB participation sufficient to meet the SEDBE contract goal. Mere pro forma efforts are not good faith efforts to meet the SEDB contract requirements. We emphasize, however, that our determination concerning the sufficiency of the firm's good faith efforts is a judgment call.
City of Baton Rouge also strongly cautions the SEDBE Division against requiring that a bidder meet a contract goal (i.e., obtain a specified amount of SEDB participation) in order to be awarded a contract, even though the bidder makes an adequate good faith efforts showing. This rule specifically prohibits the City of Baton Rouge from ignoring bona fide good faith efforts.
4. The following is a list of types of actions that the City of Baton Rouge should consider as part of the bidder's good faith efforts to obtain SEDB participation. It is not intended to be a mandatory checklist, nor is it intended to be exclusive or exhaustive. Other factors or types of efforts may be relevant in appropriate cases.

- ✓ Conducting market research to identify small business contractors and suppliers and soliciting through all reasonable and available means the interest of all certified SEDBs that have the capability to perform the work of the contract. This may include attendance at pre-bid and business matchmaking meetings and events, advertising and/or written notices, and posting of Notices of Sources Sought and/or Requests for Proposals, written notices, documented phone calls or emails to all SEDBs. Listed in the City's directory on B2Gnow website that specialize in the areas of work desired (as noted in the SEDBs directory) and which are located in the area or surrounding areas of the project.
- ✓ The bidder should solicit this interest as early in the acquisition process as practicable to allow the SEDBs to respond to the solicitation and submit a timely offer for the subcontract. The bidder should determine with certainty if the SEDBs are interested by taking appropriate steps to follow up initial solicitations.
- ✓ Selecting portions of the work to be performed by SEDBs in order to increase the likelihood that the SEDBE goals will be achieved. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units (for example, smaller tasks or quantities) to facilitate SEDBs participation, even when the prime contractor might otherwise prefer to perform these work items with its own forces. This may include, where possible, establishing flexible timeframes for performance and delivery schedules in a manner that encourages and facilitates SEDBs participation.
- ✓ Providing interested SEDBs with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding to a solicitation with their offer for the subcontract.
- ✓ Negotiating in good faith with interested SEDBs. It is the bidder's responsibility to make a portion of the work available to SEDB subcontractors and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available SEDB subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate SEDB participation. Evidence of such negotiation includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of SEDBs that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting; and evidence as to why additional Agreements could not be reached for SEDBs to perform the work.
- ✓ A bidder using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including SEDB subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as contract goals into consideration. **However, the fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using SEDBs is not in itself sufficient reason for a bidder's failure to meet the contract SEDBE goal, as long as such costs are reasonable. Also, the ability or desire of a prime contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the bidder of the responsibility to make good faith efforts.** Prime contractors are not, however, required to accept higher quotes from SEDBs if the price difference is excessive or unreasonable.

- ✓ Not rejecting SEDBs as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. The contractor's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations (for example union vs. non-union status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids in the contractor's efforts to meet the project goal. Another practice considered an insufficient good faith effort is the rejection of the SEDB because its quotation for the work was not the lowest received. However, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require the bidder or prime contractor to accept unreasonable quotes in order to satisfy contract goals.
- ✓ A prime contractor's inability to find a replacement SEDB at the original price is not alone sufficient to support a finding that good faith efforts have been made to replace the original SEDB. The fact that the contractor has the ability and/or desire to perform the contract work with its own forces does not relieve the contractor of the obligation to make good faith efforts to find a replacement SEDB, and it is not a sound basis for rejecting a prospective replacement SEDB's reasonable quote.

Effectively using the services of available minority/women community organizations; minority/women contractors' groups; local, State, and Federal minority/women business assistance offices; and the City of Baton Rouge Consultants and other organizations as allowed on a case-by-case basis to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of SEDBs.

In determining whether a bidder has made good faith efforts, it is essential to scrutinize its documented efforts. At a minimum, the SEDBE Division will review the performance of other bidders in meeting the contract goal. For example, when the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the contract goal, but others meet it, we may reasonably raise the question of whether, with additional efforts, the apparent successful bidder could have met the goal. If the apparent successful bidder fails to meet the goal, but meets or exceeds the average SEDBE participation obtained by other bidders, we may view this, in conjunction with other factors, as evidence of the apparent successful bidder having made good faith efforts. As provided in § 26.53(b)(2)(vi), we may also require the contractor to submit copies of each SEDB and non-SEDB subcontractor quote submitted to the bidder when a non-SEDB subcontractor was selected over a SEDB for work on the contract to review whether SEDB prices were substantially higher; and contact the SEDBs listed on a contractor's solicitation to inquire as to whether they were contacted by the prime. Pro forma mailings to SEDBs requesting bids are not alone sufficient to satisfy good faith efforts under the rule.