U.S. PREFERENCE

NOTE TO BIDDER: In order for preference to be considered, bidder **MUST** complete this document in its entirety and provide it prior to bid opening. Preference submitted on any other document or after the bid opening will not be considered.

PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES

For the purposes of this preference, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Manufactured in the United States" means produced by a process in which the manufacturing, final assembly, processing, packaging, testing, and any other process that adds value, quality, or reliability to assembled articles, materials, or supplies, occur in the United States.
(2) "United States" means the United States and any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

In accordance with the provision of R.S. 39:1604.7, in the event a contract is not entered into for products purchased under the provisions of R.S. 39:1604, each procurement officer, purchasing agent, or similar official who procures or purchases materials, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment under the provisions of this Chapter may purchase such materials, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment which are manufactured in the United States, and which are equal in quality to other materials, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The cost of such items does not exceed the cost of other items which are manufactured outside the United States by more than five percent.
(2) The vendor of such items agrees to sell the items at the same price as the lowest bid offered on such items.
(3) In cases where more than one bidder offers items manufactured in the United States which are within five percent of the lowest bid, the bidder offering the lowest bid on such items is entitled to accept the price of the lowest bid made on such items.
(4) The vendor certifies that such items are manufactured in the United States.

Please mark the appropriate space and/or enter the following information as applicable.

Do you claim the five percent (5%) U.S. preference? **YES:** ☐ **NO:** ☐

If you answered <u>NO</u> to the above question, no further information is required.
If you answered <u>YES</u> to the above question, the following information must be supplied.

Specify the line item(s) you are claiming preference on by either marking the ALL box if it applies to all line items or list the Line Item Number(s) if it only applies to a specific line item(s).

ALL: ☐ **/ ITEM NUMBER(S):** _____

Specify the location(s) within the U.S. where the product(s) is produced, manufactured, or assembled.

LOCATION: _____

In accordance with R.S. 1604.7, vendor's claiming United State preference must certify that the item(s) are manufactured in the United States. Please sign below to certifying that the item(s) claimed for U.S. preference are manufactured in the United States.

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Signature Title