

**CONSULTING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES+ (CATS+)  
TASK ORDER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (TORFP)**



**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(DOIT)**

**SOLICITATION NUMBER F50B9400014**

**HARRY NICE BRIDGE  
COMMUNICATIONS TOWER**

**ISSUE DATE: 12/17/18**

**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DOIT)**  
**KEY INFORMATION SUMMARY SHEET**

<b>Solicitation Title:</b>	<b>Harry Nice Bridge Communications Tower</b>
<b>Solicitation Number (TORFP#):</b>	<b>F50B9400014</b>
<b>Functional Area:</b>	Functional Area 13 – Tower Installation
<b>TORFP Issue Date:</b>	12/17/2018
<b>TORFP Issuing Office:</b>	Department of Information Technology (“DoIT” or the “Department”)
<b>Department Location:</b>	100 Community Place Crownsville, MD 21032
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<b>TO Proposals are to be sent to:</b>	Department of Information Technology 100 Community Place RM 2.309 Crownsville, MD 21032 Attention: Kimberly Funk <b>Kimberly.funk@maryland.gov</b>
<b>TO Pre-Proposal Site Visit:</b>	THURSDAY JANUARY 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2019 11:00 AM LOCAL TIME See <b>Attachment A</b> for directions and instructions.
<b>TO Proposal Question and Answer Period</b>	<b>January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 PM</b> Local Time All questions must be submitted to the TO Procurement Officer at the following email address <a href="mailto:Kimberly.Funk@Maryland.gov">Kimberly.Funk@Maryland.gov</a> Responses will be provided as per section 4.2
<b>TO Proposals Due (Closing) Date and Time:</b>	<b>January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 11:00 AM</b> Local Time Offerors are reminded that a completed Feedback Form is requested if a no-bid decision is made (see <b>Section 5</b> ).
<b>MBE Subcontracting Goal:</b>	3%

<b>VSBE Subcontracting Goal:</b>	0%
<b>Task Order Type:</b>	Fixed Price
<b>Task Order Duration:</b>	The estimated period of performance for this effort, barring excusable delays, 120 working days after NTP
<b>Primary Place of Performance:</b>	Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge Toll Facility. Newburg, MD. 20664 <b>Grid Coordinates: Latitude: N38-21-49.95, Longitude: W76-58-35.40</b>
<b>SBR Designation:</b>	No
<b>Federal Funding:</b>	No
<b>Questions Due Date and Time</b>	Local Time

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## 1 Minimum Qualifications

### 1.1 TO Contractor Minimum Qualifications

Only those Master Contractors that fully meet all minimum qualification criteria shall be eligible for TORFP proposal evaluation.

1.1.1 The Master Contractor's technical proposal, as stated in Section 5.5.2, shall demonstrate proof of Master Contractor's current Green/Yellow Card E&S control credentials.

### 1.2 TO Contractor Personnel Minimum Qualifications

There are no contractor personnel minimum qualifications for evaluation; however, TO Contractor is responsible for utilizing the appropriate personnel to accomplish the tasks in Section 2 – Scope of Work.

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## 2 TO Contractor Requirements: Scope of Work

### 2.1 Summary Statement

The Department of Information Technology (“DoIT” or the "Department") is issuing this CATS+ TORFP in order to purchase and install one (1) 330-foot self-supporting tower; one (1) 12x38 ft. concrete foundation; one (1) 12x38x10-foot equipment shelter with a 75kW backup generator; and one (1) 1000 gallon propane tank with concrete foundation for the State of Maryland at the following location:

**Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge Toll Facility**

**Newburg, MD 20664**

**Grid Coordinates: Latitude: N38-21-49.95, Longitude: W76-58-35.40**

- 2.1.1 DoIT intends to award this Task Order to one (1) Master Contractor that proposes a team of resources and a Work Plan that can best satisfy the Task Order requirements.
- 2.1.2 Master Contractors are advised that, should a solicitation or other competitive award be initiated as a result of activity or recommendations arising from this Task Order, the Offeror awarded this Task Order may not be eligible to compete if such activity constitutes assisting in the drafting of specifications, requirement, or design thereof.
- 2.1.3 A Task Order award does not assure a TO Contractor that it will receive all State business under the Task Order.

### 2.2 Roles and Responsibilities

Personnel roles and responsibilities under the Task Order:

- A. **TO Procurement Officer** – The TO Procurement Officer has the primary responsibility for the management of the TORFP process, for the resolution of TO Agreement scope issues, and for authorizing any changes to the TO Agreement.
- B. **TO Manager** - The TO Manager has the primary responsibility for the management of the work performed under the TO Agreement, administrative functions, including issuing written directions, and for ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of the CATS+ Master Contract.  

The TO Manager will assign tasks to the personnel provided under this TORFP and will track and monitor the work being performed through the monthly accounting of hours deliverable for work types; actual work produced will be reconciled with the hours reported.
- C. **TO Contractor** – The TO Contractor is the CATS+ Master Contractor awarded this Task Order. The TO Contractor shall provide human resources as necessary to perform the services described in this TORFP Scope of Work.
- D. **TO Contractor Manager** – The TO Contractor Manager will serve as primary point of contact with the TO Manager to regularly discuss progress of tasks, upcoming tasking, historical performance, and resolution of any issues that may arise pertaining to the TO Contractor Personnel. The TO Contractor Manager will serve as liaison between the TO Manager and the senior TO Contractor management.
- E. **TO Contractor Personnel** – Any official, employee, agent, Subcontractor, or Subcontractor agents of the TO Contractor who is involved with the Task Order over the course of the Task Order period of performance.



## 2.3 Background and Purpose

DoIT supports Maryland's Executive Branch agencies and commissions through its leadership as a principal procurement unit and in establishing the State strategic direction for information technology (IT) and telecommunications, establishing a long-range target technology architecture, encouraging cross agency collaboration for the mutual benefit of all, and advocating best practices for operations and project management.

DoIT is involved with a multi-year, infrastructure project to provide Maryland's public safety agencies a network of State-owned radio tower sites.

### 2.3.1 State Staff and Roles

The State will provide a TO Manager (Section 2.2B) who will be responsible for project oversight.

## 2.4 Requirements

### 2.4.1 Required Project Policies, Guidelines and Methodologies

The TO Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, standards, and guidelines affecting information technology and technology projects, which may be created or changed periodically.

The TO Contractor shall adhere to and remain abreast of current, new, and revised laws, regulations, policies, standards and guidelines affecting security and technology project execution.

The foregoing may include, but are not limited to, the following policies, guidelines and methodologies that can be found at the DoIT site: <http://doit.maryland.gov/policies/Pages/ContractPolicies.aspx>.

- 1) The State of Maryland Information Technology Security Policy and Standards.
- 2) The TO Contractor shall follow project management methodologies consistent with the Project Management Institute's Project Management Body of Knowledge Guide.
- 3) TO Contractor assigned personnel shall follow a consistent methodology for all TO activities.

### 2.4.2 TO Contractor Responsibilities

1. The TO Contractor shall meet technical specifications as described in **Attachment 23 Technical Specifications**.
2. The TO Contractor shall provide staffing and resources to fully supply services as identified in this section.
3. The TO Contractor shall, as part of its proposal, indicate the schedule of delivery for the products and services in this TORFP. TO Contractor shall deliver the products and services specified in this TORFP on the schedule proposed in Attachment 21, Construction Schedule, following the processes described in this TORFP and associated attachments.
4. The TO Contractor shall provide notifications to State and other appropriate authorities as expected by best practices, regulation, and as may be specified in the TORFP and its attachments.
5. The TO Contractor shall obtain and retain all appropriate certifications and permits for the jurisdiction(s) covered by the location where the tower and other products/services will be installed.

6. Acceptance of the products and services shall be made by the TO Manager using Closeout binders and generally following Attachment 31 Closeout Process Final. A closeout binder shall be produced and left at the site, with a second closeout binder submitted to the TO Manager for review and acceptance.
7. TO Contractor shall be responsible for scheduling any required inspections with the appropriate authority (local, county, state) and the TO Manager, as well as, if required, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).
8. The TO Contractor shall furnish supervision/certification by a certified Professional Engineer for the construction of all appropriate storm water management devices as required.
9. Any damage to finished surfaces, surrounding areas, equipment shelter, etc., from this installation shall be repaired to the damaged party's satisfaction at the TO Contractor's expense.
- 9.1 TO Contractor Manager may not be a Subcontractor.
- 2.4.3 The TO Contractor and any subcontractors must document, for evaluation purposes, a professional level of expertise in:
  - 1) Construction of erosion and sediment control devices in accordance with the latest Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) specifications and construction drawings.
  - 2) Prior experience performing jobs similar to the scope of work in this TORFP.

#### **2.4.4 Delays and Extensions of Time**

- 1) The Contractor shall prosecute the work continuously and diligently and no charges or claims for damages shall be made by it for any delays or hindrances from any cause whatsoever during the progress of any portion of the work specified in this Contract.
- 2) Time extensions may be granted by the TO Manager only for excusable delays that arise from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including but not restricted to, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of the State in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of another Contractor in the performance of a contract with the State, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, or delays of subcontractors or suppliers arising from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of either the Contractor or the subcontractors or suppliers. Any extension of time must be approved by the TO Manager and executed via Modification to the Task Order.

## **2.5 Deliverables**

### **2.5.1 Deliverable Acceptance**

A deliverable shall satisfy the scope and requirements of this TORFP for that deliverable.

The TO Manager shall review a final deliverable to determine compliance with the acceptance criteria as defined for that deliverable.

Notification of completion of each milestone as listed on the Price Sheet (Attachment B) must be submitted in advance of invoicing. The TO Manager will issue to the TO Contractor a written notice of acceptance or rejection of the deliverable. Following the return of the notice indicating "Accepted" by the TO Manager, the TO Contractor shall submit a proper invoice in accordance with the procedures in Section 3.1.

In the event of the rejection of a deliverable, the TO Manager will formally communicate in writing any deliverable deficiencies or non-conformities to the TO Contractor, describing in those deficiencies what shall be corrected prior to acceptance of the deliverable.

At the TO Manager’s discretion, subsequent project tasks may not continue until deliverable deficiencies are rectified and accepted by the TO Manager or the TO Manager has specifically issued, in writing, a waiver for conditional continuance of project tasks.

**2.5.2 Deliverable Descriptions/Acceptance Criteria**

The TO Contractor may suggest other subtasks, artifacts, or deliverables to improve the quality and success of the assigned tasks.

**Additional deliverables are listed within Attachment 23 – Technical Specifications.**

Table 1: Deliverables

ID #	Deliverable Description	Acceptance Criteria	Due Date / Frequency
2.5.2.1	Integrated Project Schedule	A document suitable for tracking all current and pending activities. At a minimum, the schedule shall show milestones, deliverables, times of performance, degrees of completion and resources for all activities starting with NTP and ending with final deliverables. This is a single, periodically updated deliverable encompassing all activities.	NTP + 14 Calendar Days Weekly Updates

ID #	Deliverable Description	Acceptance Criteria	Due Date / Frequency
2.5.2.2	Bi-Weekly Construction Schedule and Updates	Submission on 2nd and final Thursday of every month for the duration of the project or as required. Submission in writing per details in attached scope of work. Attendance on a biweekly conference call with a representative of the State and a suitable vendor representative. This will occur on the 2nd and final Thursday of every month for the duration of the project. Vendors will be expected to update progress, forecast upcoming milestones and discuss other items as directed by the TO Manager	Bi-Weekly
2.5.2.3	"As Built" Drawings	Submit three hard copies and one soft copy of As-Built drawings to TO Manager	Project Completion Estimated period of performance, barring excusable delays, 120 working days after NTP
2.5.2.4	Close Out Final	Final required Close Out documents	Project Completion
2.5.2.4	Final Walkthrough	TO Contractor schedules a walkthrough with TO Manager to verify any deficiencies identified in a punch list are completed to the State's satisfaction. Acceptable Final Inspection Sediment & Erosion Control Reports.	Project Completion

Acceptance by the State of the work to be performed hereunder shall be final and conclusive except regarding latent defects, fraud, or such gross mistakes as may amount to fraud, or regarding any warranty or guaranty hereunder.

## 3 TO Contractor Requirements: General

### 3.1 Invoicing

#### 3.1.1 Definitions

- A. “Proper Invoice” means a bill, written document, or electronic transmission, readable by the agency, provided by a vendor requesting an amount that is due and payable by law under a written procurement contract for property received or services rendered that meets the requirements of COMAR 21.06.09.02.
- B. “Late Payment” means any amount that is due and payable by law under a written procurement contract, without deferral, delay, or set-off under COMAR 21.02.07.03, and remains unpaid more than 45 days after an agency receives a Proper Invoice.
- C. “Payment” includes all required processing and authorization by the Comptroller of the Treasury, as provided under COMAR 21.02.07, and may be deferred, delayed, or set-off as applicable under COMAR 21.02.07.03.

#### 3.1.2 General

- A. Invoice payments to the TO Contractor shall be governed by the terms and conditions defined in the CATS+ Master Contract.
- B. The TO Contractor shall e-mail the original of each invoice and signed authorization to the TO Procurement Officer with a copy to the TO Manager.
- C. All invoices for services shall be verified by the TO Contractor as accurate at the time of submission.
- D. Invoices submitted without the required information cannot be processed for payment. A Proper Invoice, required as Payment documentation, must include the following information, without error:
  - 1) TO Contractor name and address;
  - 2) Remittance address;
  - 3) Federal taxpayer identification (FEIN) number, social security number, as appropriate;
  - 4) Invoice period (i.e. time period during which services covered by invoice were performed);
  - 5) Invoice date;
  - 6) Invoice number;
  - 7) State assigned TO Agreement number;
  - 8) State assigned (Blanket) Purchase Order number(s);
  - 9) Goods or services provided;
  - 10) Amount due; and
  - 11) Any additional documentation required by regulation or the Task Order.
- E. Invoices that contain both fixed price and time and material items shall clearly identify the items as either fixed price or time and material billing.

- F. The Department reserves the right to reduce or withhold Task Order payment in the event the TO Contractor does not provide the Department with all required deliverables within the time frame specified in the Task Order or otherwise breaches the terms and conditions of the Task Order until such time as the TO Contractor brings itself into full compliance with the Task Order.
- G. Any action on the part of the Department, or dispute of action by the TO Contractor, shall be in accordance with the provisions of Md. Code Ann., State Finance and Procurement Article §§ 15-215 through 15-223 and with COMAR 21.10.
- H. The State is generally exempt from federal excise taxes, Maryland sales and use taxes, District of Columbia sales taxes and transportation taxes. The TO Contractor; however, is not exempt from such sales and use taxes and may be liable for the same.
- I. Invoices for final payment shall be clearly marked as “FINAL” and submitted when all work requirements have been completed and no further charges are to be incurred under the TO Agreement. In no event shall any invoice be submitted later than 60 calendar days from the TO Agreement termination date.
- J. Payment for deliverables will only be made upon completion and acceptance of the deliverables as defined in **Section 2.5**.

### 3.1.3 Travel Reimbursement

Travel will not be reimbursed under this TORFP.

### 3.1.4 Retainage

Ten percent of the total TO Agreement value shall be retained by the State and will not be released until final payment. Retainage shall be withheld for each deliverable specified in this TO and released upon completion and acceptance of the project.

TO Contractor shall invoice the State for the retainage amount as part of the final invoice for this Task Order.

## 3.2 Liquidated Damages

Time is an essential element of the contract and it is important that the work be vigorously prosecuted until completion.

For each day that any work shall remain uncompleted beyond 120 working days from date of Notice to Proceed except for days added due to excusable delay, the TO Contractor shall be liable for liquidated damages in the amount of \$700 per day, provided, however, that due account shall be taken of any adjustment of specified completion time(s) for completion of work as granted by approved change orders.

Additionally, for each day that the project has a ‘D’ rating as assigned by a MDE Field Inspector or other responsible individual, the TO Contractor and the TO Contractor’s surety shall be liable for liquidated damages in the amount of \$745 per day. Failure to upgrade the project to the minimum of a ‘B’ rating within 72 hours will result in the project being rated ‘F.’ For each day that the project has an ‘F’ rating, the TO Contractor and the surety shall be liable for liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,045 per day.

## 3.3 Prevailing Wages

For TO Proposals with a price totaling \$500,000 or more, Prevailing Wage Rates (as that term is defined in State Finance and Procurement Article, § 17-209, Annotated Code of Maryland) apply. For these TO Proposals only, the wage rates to be paid laborers and mechanics on this TO Agreement is by order of the

Commissioner of Labor and Industry as outlined on Attachment 22. It is mandatory upon the TO Contractor and any subcontractor, to pay not less than the specific rates to all workers employed by the TO Contractor and subcontractor(s). (Reference: State Finance and Procurement, §§ 17-201 thru 17-226, Annotated Code of Maryland, inclusive. These rates were taken from the locality determination, issued pursuant to the Commissioner's authority under State Finance and Procurement Article §17-209, Annotated Code of Maryland.)

**IMPORTANT:** Offerors must submit documentation as instructed in Attachment 22.

### 3.4 Insurance Requirements

- 3.4.1 Offeror shall confirm that, as of the date of its proposal, the insurance policies incorporated into its Master Contract are still current and effective at the required levels (See Master Contract Section 2.7).
- 3.4.2 The Offeror shall also confirm that any insurance policies intended to satisfy the requirements of this TORFP are issued by a company that is licensed to do business in the State of Maryland.
- 3.4.3 The recommended awardee must provide a certificate(s) of insurance with the prescribed coverages, limits and requirements set forth in this **Section 3.4 “Insurance Requirements”** within five (5) Business Days from notice of recommended award. During the period of performance for multi-year contracts the TO Contractor shall update certificates of insurance annually, or as otherwise directed by the TO Manager
- 3.4.4 TO Contractor shall maintain commercial general liability (CGL) insurance and, if necessary, commercial umbrella insurance, with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 per each occurrence and shall insure against liability to third parties for accidental death, bodily injury or illness, property damage, and personal injury arising out of the work in connection with the TO Agreement

### 3.5 Performance and Personnel

#### 3.5.1 TO Contractor Personnel Maintain Certifications

Any TO Contractor Personnel provided under this TORFP shall maintain in good standing any required professional certifications for the duration of the TO Agreement.

#### 3.5.2 Work Hours

TO Contractor shall assign TO Contractor Personnel to support Normal State Business Hours (see definition in **Appendix 1**), Monday through Friday except for State holidays.

### 3.6 Substitution of Personnel

#### 3.6.1 Directed Personnel Replacement

The TO Manager may direct the TO Contractor to replace any TO Contractor Personnel who, in the sole discretion of the TO Manager, are perceived as being unqualified, non-productive, unable to fully perform the job duties, disruptive, or known, or reasonably believed, to have committed a major infraction(s) of law or Department, Contract, or Task Order requirement.

- A. If deemed appropriate in the discretion of the TO Manager, the TO Manager shall give written notice of any TO Contractor Personnel performance issues to the TO Contractor, describing the problem and delineating the remediation requirement(s). The TO Contractor shall provide a written Remediation Plan within three (3) days of the date of the notice. If the TO Manager rejects the Remediation Plan, the TO Contractor shall revise and resubmit the plan to the TO Manager within five (5) days of the rejection, or in the timeframe set forth

- by the TO Manager in writing. Once a Remediation Plan has been accepted in writing by the TO Manager, the TO Contractor shall immediately implement the Remediation Plan.
- B. Should performance issues persist despite the approved Remediation Plan, the TO Manager will give written notice of the continuing performance issues and either request a new Remediation Plan within a specified time limit or direct the removal and replacement of the TO Contractor Personnel whose performance is at issue.
  - C. In circumstances of directed removal, the TO Contractor shall provide a suitable replacement for TO Manager approval within fifteen (15) days of the date of the notification of directed removal, or the actual removal, whichever occurs first, or such earlier time as directed by the TO Manager in the event of a removal on less than fifteen days' notice
  - D. Normally, a directed personnel replacement will occur only after prior notification of problems with requested remediation, as described above. However, the TO Manager reserves the right to direct immediate personnel replacement without utilizing the remediation procedure described above.
  - E. Replacement or substitution of TO Contractor Personnel under this section shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, the State's remedies under the Master Contract, Task Order, or which otherwise may be available at law or in equity.

### 3.6.2 Substitution Prior to and 30 Days after Task Order Execution

Prior to Task Order Execution or within thirty (30) days after Task Order Execution, the Offeror may substitute proposed Key Personnel only under the following circumstances: vacancy occurs due to the sudden termination, resignation, or approved leave of absence due to an *Extraordinary Personnel Event*, or death of such personnel. To qualify for such substitution, the Offeror must describe to the State's satisfaction the event necessitating substitution and must demonstrate that the originally proposed personnel are actual full-time direct employees with the Offeror (subcontractors, temporary staff or 1099 contractors do not qualify). Proposed substitutions shall be of equal caliber or higher, in the State's sole discretion. Proposed substitutes deemed by the State to be less qualified than the originally proposed individual may be grounds for pre-award disqualification or post-award termination.

*An Extraordinary Personnel Event* – means Leave under the Family Medical Leave Act; an incapacitating injury or incapacitating illness; or other circumstances that in the sole discretion of the State warrant an extended leave of absence, such as extended jury duty or extended military service.

### 3.6.3 Substitution More Than 30 Days after Task Order Execution

The procedure for substituting personnel after Task Order execution is as follows:

The TO Contractor may not substitute personnel without the prior approval of the TO Manager.

- A. To replace any personnel, the TO Contractor shall submit resumes of the proposed individual specifying the intended approved labor category. Any proposed substitute personnel shall have qualifications equal to or better than those of the replaced personnel shall.
- B. Proposed substitute individual shall be approved by the TO Manager. The TO Manager shall have the option to interview the proposed substitute personnel and may require that such interviews be in person. After the interview, the TO Manager shall notify the TO Contractor of acceptance or denial of the requested substitution. If no acceptable substitute personnel are proposed within the period established by the TO Manager, the TO Agreement may be cancelled.



### 3.7 Minority Business Enterprise Participation Reports

The Department will monitor both the TO Contractor's efforts to achieve the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation goal and compliance with reporting requirements.

- 3.7.1 Monthly reporting of MBE participation is required in accordance with the terms and conditions of the CATS+ Master Contract.
- 1) The TO Contractor shall submit the following reports by the 15th of each month to the Department at the same time the invoice copy is sent:
  - 2) A Prime Contractor Paid/Unpaid MBE Invoice Report (**Attachment D-4A**) listing any unpaid invoices, over 45 days old, received from any certified MBE subcontractor, the amount of each invoice and the reason payment has not been made; and
  - 3) (If Applicable) An MBE Prime Contractor Report (**Attachment D-4B**) identifying an MBE prime self-performing work to be counted towards the MBE participation goals.
- 3.7.2 The TO Contractor shall ensure that each MBE subcontractor provides a completed Subcontractor Paid/Unpaid MBE Invoice Report (**Attachment D-5**) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- 3.7.3 Subcontractor reporting shall be sent directly from the subcontractor to the Department. The TO Contractor shall e-mail all completed forms, copies of invoices and checks paid to the MBE directly to the TO Manager.

### 3.8 Veteran Small Business Enterprise Reports

There is no Veteran Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) Goal for this Task Order.

### 3.9 Contract Management Oversight Activities

- 3.9.1 DoIT is responsible for contract management oversight on the CATS+ Master Contract. As part of that oversight, DoIT has implemented a process for self-reporting contract management activities of Task Orders under CATS+. This process typically applies to active TOs for operations and maintenance services valued at \$1 million or greater, but all CATS+ Task Orders are subject to review.
- 3.9.2 A sample of the TO Contractor Self-Reporting Checklist is available on the CATS+ website at <http://doit.maryland.gov/contracts/Documents/CATSPPlus/CATS+Self-ReportingChecklistSample.pdf>. DoIT may send initial checklists out to applicable/selected TO Contractors approximately three months after the award date for a Task Orders. The TO Contractor shall complete and return the checklist as instructed on the form. Subsequently, at six month intervals from the due date on the initial checklist, the TO Contractor shall update and resend the checklist to DoIT.

### 3.10 Purchasing and Recycling Electronic Products

This section does not apply to this solicitation.

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## 4 TORFP Instructions

### 4.1 TO Pre-Proposal Site Visit

A pre-proposal site visit will be held at the time, date and location indicated on the Key Information Summary Sheet. Attendance at the pre-proposal site visit is not mandatory, but all Master Contractors are encouraged to attend in order to facilitate better preparation of their proposals. Master Contractors are advised of the Site Investigation clause in Section 4.19 of this TORFP.

The pre-proposal site visit will be summarized in writing. As promptly, as is feasible, subsequent to the pre-proposal site visit, the attendance record and pre-proposal site visit summary will be distributed via e-mail to all Master Contractors known to have received a copy of this TORFP.

In order to assure adequate accommodations at the pre-proposal site visit, please e-mail the TO Procurement Officer no later than three (3) business days prior indicating planned attendance. In addition, if there is a need for sign language interpretation and/or other special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the TO Procurement Officer no later than five (5) business days prior to the pre-proposal site visit. The TO Requesting Agency will make reasonable efforts to provide such special accommodation.

The Pre-Proposal site visit will meet at the location (directions in Attachment A) and proceed as a group to the Harry Nice Bridge site.

### 4.2 Questions

All questions must be submitted via e-mail to the TO Procurement Officer no later than the date and time indicated in the Key Information Summary Sheet. Answers applicable to all Master Contractors will be distributed to all Master Contractors who are known to have received a copy of the TORFP.

The statements and interpretations contained in responses to any questions, whether responded to orally or in writing, are not binding on the Department unless the RFP is expressly amended. Nothing in any response to any questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the Department of any statement or interpretation on the part of the entity asking the question.

### 4.3 TO Proposal Due (Closing) Date and Time

- 4.3.1 TO Proposals, in the number and form set forth in Section 5, must be received by the TO Procurement Officer no later than the TO Proposal due date and time indicated on the Key Information Summary Sheet in order to be considered.
- 4.3.2 Requests for extension of this date or time shall not be granted.
- 4.3.3 Offerors submitting TO Proposals should allow sufficient delivery time to ensure timely receipt by the TO Procurement Officer. Except as provided in COMAR 21.05.03.02.F and 21.05.02.10, TO Proposals received after the due date and time listed in the Key Information Summary Sheet will not be considered.
- 4.3.4 The date and time of an e-mail submission is determined by the date and time of arrival in the e-mail address indicated on the Key Information Summary Sheet.
- 4.3.5 TO Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by written notice received by the TO Procurement Officer before the time and date set forth in the Key Information Summary Sheet for receipt of TO Proposals.

#### 4.4 Award Basis

Based upon an evaluation of TO Proposal responses as provided in **Section 6.4**, a Master Contractor will be selected to conduct the work defined in **Sections 2 and 3, and Attachments 23 through and including 33**. A specific TO Agreement, **Attachment H**, will then be entered into between the State and the selected Master Contractor, which will bind the selected Master Contractor (TO Contractor) to the contents of its TO Proposal, including the TO Financial Proposal.

#### 4.5 Oral Presentation

Oral presentations/interviews will not be held for this solicitation.

#### 4.6 Limitation of Liability

The TO Contractor's liability is limited in accordance with the Limitations of Liability section of the CATS+ Master Contract. TO Contractor's liability for this TORFP is limited to two (2) times the total TO Agreement amount.

#### 4.7 Change Orders

- 4.7.1 If the TO Contractor is required to perform work beyond the scope of this TORFP as determined by the Procurement Officer, or there is a work reduction due to unforeseen scope changes, a TO Change Order is required. The TO Contractor and TO Manager shall negotiate a mutually acceptable price modification based on the TO Contractor's proposed rates in the Master Contract and scope of the work change.
- 4.7.2 No scope of work changes shall be performed until a change order is approved by DoIT and executed by the TO Procurement Officer.

#### 4.8 MBE Participation Goal

- 4.8.1 A Master Contractor that responds to this TORFP shall complete, sign, and submit all required MBE documentation at the time of TO Proposal submission (See **Attachment D** Minority Business Enterprise Forms).

**IMPORTANT:** Failure of the Master Contractor to complete, sign, and submit all required MBE documentation at the time of TO Proposal submission will result in the State's rejection of the Master Contractor's TO Proposal.

- 4.8.2 In 2014, Maryland adopted new regulations as part of its Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program concerning MBE primes. Those new regulations, which became effective June 9, 2014 and are being applied to this task order, provide that when a certified MBE firm participates as a prime contractor on a contract, an agency may count the distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract that the certified MBE firm performs with its own forces toward fulfilling up to fifty-percent (50%) of the MBE participation goal (overall) and up to one hundred percent (100%) of not more than one of the MBE participation subgoals, if any, established for the contract. Please see the attached MBE forms and instructions.

#### 4.9 VSBE Goal

There is no VSBE participation goal for this procurement.

#### 4.10 Living Wage Requirements

The Master Contractor shall abide by the Living Wage requirements under Title 18, State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and the regulations proposed by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry.

All TO Proposals shall be accompanied by a completed Living Wage Affidavit of Agreement, **Attachment E** of this TORFP.

#### 4.11 Federal Funding Acknowledgement

This Task Order does not contain federal funds.

#### 4.12 Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure

- 4.12.1 Offerors shall complete and sign the Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure (**Attachment F**) and submit it with their Proposals. All Offerors are advised that if a TO Agreement is awarded as a result of this solicitation, the TO Contractor's Personnel who perform or control work under this TO Agreement and each of the participating subcontractor personnel who perform or control work under this TO Agreement shall be required to complete agreements substantially similar to **Attachment F** Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure.
- 4.12.2 If the TO Procurement Officer makes a determination that facts or circumstances exist that give rise to or could in the future give rise to a conflict of interest within the meaning of COMAR 21.05.08.08A, the TO Procurement Officer may reject an Offeror's TO Proposal under COMAR 21.06.02.03B.
- 4.12.3 Master Contractors should be aware that the State Ethics Law, Md. Code Ann., General Provisions Article, Title 5, might limit the selected Master Contractor's ability to participate in future related procurements, depending upon specific circumstances.
- 4.12.4 By submitting a Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure, the Offeror shall be construed as certifying all TO Contractor Personnel and Subcontractors are without a conflict of interest as defined in COMAR 21.05.08.08A.

#### 4.13 Iranian Non-Investment

All TO Proposals shall be accompanied by a completed Certification Regarding Investments in Iran, **Attachment I** of this TORFP.

#### 4.14 Certification Regarding Discriminatory Boycotts of Israel

Executive Order 01.01.2017.25 (issued October 23, 2017) provides, at regulation .25C, that: "All requests for bids or proposals issued for contracts with Executive agencies shall include the text of the following certification to be completed by the bidder: 'The undersigned bidder hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct: In preparing its bid on this project, the bidder has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not, in the solicitation, selection, or commercial treatment of any subcontractor, vendor, or supplier, refused to transact or terminated business activities, or taken other actions intended to limit commercial relations, with a person or entity on the basis of Israeli national origin, or residence or incorporation in Israel and its territories. The bidder also has not retaliated against any person or other entity for reporting such refusal, termination, or commercially limiting actions. Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation for bids for this project, it is understood and agreed that, if this certification is false, such false certification

will constitute grounds for the State to reject the bid submitted by the bidder on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the bid.”

Pursuant to Executive Order 01.01.2017.25B: “Executive agencies may not execute a procurement contract with a business entity unless it certifies, in writing when the bid is submitted or the contract is renewed, that: (1) it is not engaging in a boycott of Israel; and (2) it will, for the duration of its contractual obligations, refrain from a boycott of Israel.” All TO Proposals shall be accompanied by a completed Certification Regarding Discriminatory Boycotts of Israel, **Attachment J** of this TORFP.

#### 4.15 Mercury and Products That Contain Mercury

This solicitation does not include the procurement of products known to include mercury as a component.

#### 4.16 Bonds

##### 4.16.1 TO Proposal Bond

1. Each Offeror must submit with its TO Proposal a TO Proposal Bond or other suitable security, as summarized in **Section 4.16.4**, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Total Evaluated Price, guaranteeing the availability of the goods and services at the offered price for 180 days after the due date for receipt of TO Proposals.
2. The bond shall be in the form provided in Appendix 5.
3. An Offeror may request a release of the bond after the date of the award in return for a release signed by the TO Contractor and accepted by the Department.
4. The cost of this bond, or other suitable security, is to be included in the total prices proposed, is not to be proposed, and will not be recoverable as a separate cost item.

##### 4.16.2 Performance Bond

1. The successful Offeror shall deliver a Performance Bond, or other suitable security, to the State after notification of recommended award.
2. The successful Offeror must submit a Performance Bond, or other suitable security for \$1,000,000.00, guaranteeing that the TO Contractor shall well and truly perform the TO Agreement.
3. The Performance Bond shall be in the form provided in Appendix 3 and underwritten by a surety company authorized to do business in the State and shall be subject to approval by the State, or other acceptable security for bond as described in COMAR 21.06.07, as summarized in **Section 4.16.4**.
4. The Performance Bond shall be maintained throughout the term of this TO Agreement, and renewal option period, if exercised. Evidence of renewal of the Performance Bond and payment of the required premium shall be provided to the State. This Performance Bond shall also secure liquidated damages.
5. The Performance Bond may be renewable annually. The TO Contractor shall provide to the State, 30 days before the annual expiration of the bond, confirmation from the surety that the bond will be renewed for the following year. Failure to timely provide this notice shall constitute an event of default under the TO Agreement. Such a default may be remedied if the

TO Contractor obtains a replacement bond that conforms to the requirements of the TO Agreement and provides that replacement bond to the State prior to the expiration of the existing Performance Bond.

6. The cost of this bond, or other suitable security, is to be included in the total prices proposed, is not to be proposed, and will not be recoverable as a separate cost item.
7. After the first year of the TO Agreement, the TO Contractor may request a reduction for Performance Bond. The amount and the duration of the reduction, if any, will be at the Department's sole discretion. If any reduction is granted, the Department's shall have the right to increase the amount of the Performance Bond to any amount, up to the original amount, at any time and at the Department's sole discretion.

#### **4.16.3 Payment Bond**

The Master Contractor shall submit to the Procurement Officer, within 10 business days after notice of recommended award, a Payment Bond in the amount of the TO Agreement. The bond shall be in the form provided in Appendix 4 and issued by a surety company licensed to do business in the State. The Payment Bond shall be maintained throughout the term of this TO Agreement, or renewal option period, if exercised. Evidence of renewal of the Payment Bond and payment of the required premium shall be provided to the TO Manager. This bond shall also secure liquidated damages.

**Failure of the Master Contractor to submit and maintain the required Payment Bond coverage throughout the term of the TO Agreement, and renewal option period if exercised, will constitute an event of Default under the Master Contract.**

The Payment Bond shall be forfeited to DoIT in whole or part, if the Master Contractor defaults in its payment of subcontractors or vendors for work performed under this TO Agreement.

**A letter must be submitted from a bonding company with the Technical Proposal providing evidence that the Master Contractor is capable of securing the Payment bond required.**

#### **4.16.4 Acceptable Security**

Acceptable security shall be as described below, identified within and excerpted from COMAR 21.06.07:

Acceptable security for proposal/bid, performance, and payment bonds is limited to:

- A. A bond in a form satisfactory to the State underwritten by a surety company authorized to do business in this State;
- B. A bank certified check, bank cashier's check, bank treasurer's check, cash, or trust account;
- C. Pledge of securities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government or bonds issued by the State;
- D. An irrevocable letter of credit in a form satisfactory to the Attorney General and issued by a financial institution approved by the State Treasurer.

#### **4.16.5 Surety Bond Assistance Program**

Assistance in obtaining bid, performance and payment bonds may be available to qualifying small businesses through the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority (MSBDFDA). MSBDFDA can directly issue bid, performance or payment bonds up to \$750,000. MSBDFDA may also guarantee up to 90% of a surety's losses because of a TO Contractor's breach of TO Agreement; MSBDFDA exposure on any bond guaranteed may not, however, exceed \$900,000. Bonds issued directly by the program will remain in effect for the duration of the TO Agreement, and those surety bonds that

are guaranteed by the program will remain in effect for the duration of the surety's exposure under the TO Agreement. To be eligible for bonding assistance, a business must first be denied bonding by at least one surety on both the standard and specialty markets within 90 days of submitting a bonding application to MSBDFEA. The applicant must employ fewer than 500 full-time employees or have gross sales of less than \$50 million annually, have its principal place of business in Maryland or be a Maryland resident, must not subcontract more than 75 percent of the work, and the business or its principals must have a reputation of good moral character and financial responsibility. Finally, it must be demonstrated that the bonding or guarantee will have a measurable economic impact, through job creation and expansion of the state's tax base. Applicants are required to work through their respective bonding agents in applying for assistance under the program. Questions regarding the bonding assistance program should be referred to the following:

Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development

Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority

MMG Ventures

826 E. Baltimore Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Phone: (410) 333-4270

Fax: (410) 333-2552

#### **4.17 Prompt Payment of Subcontractors**

This TO Agreement is subject to the provisions of State Finance and Procurement Article, §15-226, Annotated Code of Maryland, and COMAR 21.10.08. A TO Contractor shall promptly pay its subcontractors an undisputed amount to which a subcontractor is entitled for work performed under the TO Agreement within 10 days after the TO Contractor receives a progress payment or final payment for work under this TO Agreement.

If a TO Contractor fails to make payment within the period prescribed above, a subcontractor may request a remedy in accordance with COMAR 21.10.08.

A TO Contractor shall include in its subcontracts for work under this TO Agreement, wording that incorporates the provisions, duties and obligations of §A-D, State Finance and Procurement Article, §15-226, Annotated Code of Maryland, and COMAR 21.10.08.

#### **4.18 Differing Site Conditions**

The Master Contractor shall promptly, and before such conditions are disturbed, notify the TO Manager in writing of: (1) subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site differing materially from those indicated in this TORFP, or (2) unknown physical conditions at the site of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inhering in work of the character provided for in this TORFP. The TO Manager will promptly investigate the conditions, and if the TO Manager and Procurement Officer find that such conditions do materially so differ and cause an increase or decrease in the Master Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, whether or not changed as a result of such conditions, an equitable adjustment shall be made and the contract modified in writing accordingly.

No claim of the Master Contractor under this clause shall be allowed unless the Master Contractor has given the notice required in above; provided, however, the time prescribed therefore may be extended by the State.

No claim by the Master Contractor for an equitable adjustment here under shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this contract.

#### **4.19 Site Investigation**

The Master Contractor acknowledges that the Master Contractor has investigated and is satisfied as to the conditions affecting the work, including but not restricted to those bearing upon transportation, disposal, handling and storage of materials, availability of labor, water, electric power, roads and uncertainties of weather, river stages, tides or similar physical conditions at the site, the conformation and conditions of the ground, the character of equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during prosecution of the work. The Master Contractor further acknowledges that it is satisfied as to the character, quality and quantity of surface and subsurface materials or obstacles to be encountered insofar as this information is reasonably ascertainable from an inspection of the site, including all exploratory work done by the State, as well as from information presented by the drawings and specifications made a part of this contract. Any failure by the Master Contractor to acquaint itself with the available information may not relieve the Master Contractor from responsibility for estimating properly the difficulty or cost of successfully performing the work. The State assumes no responsibility for any conclusions or interpretations made by the Master Contractor based on the information made available by the State.

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## 5 TO Proposal Format

### 5.1 Required Response

Each Master Contractor receiving this CATS+ TORFP shall respond no later than the submission due date and time designated in the Key Information Summary Sheet. Each Master Contractor is required to submit one of two possible responses: 1) a TO Proposal; or 2) a completed Master Contractor Feedback Form (available online within the Master Contractor Admin System). The feedback form helps the State understand for future contract development why Master Contractors did not submit proposals. The form is accessible via the CATS+ Master Contractor login screen and clicking on TORFP Feedback Response Form from the menu.

A TO Proposal shall conform to the requirements of this CATS+ TORFP.

### 5.2 Two Part Submission

Offerors shall submit TO Proposals in separate volumes:

- Volume I – TO TECHNICAL PROPOSAL
- Volume II – TO FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

### 5.3 TO Proposal Packaging and Delivery

5.3.1 Proposals delivered by facsimile shall not be considered.

5.3.2 Provide no pricing information in the Technical Proposal.

5.3.3 Offerors may submit Proposals by electronic means as described.

- A. Electronic means includes e-mail to the Procurement Officer address listed on the Key Information Summary Sheet.
- B. Any Offeror wishing to deliver a hard copy (paper) Proposal shall contact the Procurement Officer for instructions.

5.3.4 E-mail submissions

- A. All Proposal documents contained in e-mails shall be sent with password protection.
- B. The Procurement Officer will not accept submissions after the date and exact time stated in the Key Information Summary Sheet. The date and time of submission is determined by the date and time of arrival in the Procurement Officer's e-mail box. Time stamps on outgoing email from Contractors shall not be accepted. Requests for extension of this date or time will not be granted. Except as provided in COMAR 21.05.03.02F, Proposals received by the Procurement Officer after the due date will not be considered.
- C. The State has established the following procedure to restrict access to Proposals received electronically: all Proposal documents must be password protected, and the password for the Technical Proposal must be different from the password for the Financial Proposal. Offerors will provide these two passwords to DoIT upon request or their Proposal will be deemed not susceptible for award. Subsequent submissions of Proposal content will not be allowed.
- D. The Procurement Officer will only contact those Offerors with Proposals that are reasonably susceptible for award.

- E. Proposals submitted via e-mail must not exceed 25 MB. If a submission exceeds this size, split the submission into two or more parts and include the appropriate part number in the subject (e.g., part one of 2) after the subject line information below.
  - F. The e-mail submission subject line shall state the RFP F50B9400014 and either “Technical” or “Financial.”
- 5.3.5 Two Part Submission:
- A. Technical Proposal consisting of:
    - 1) Technical Proposal and all supporting material in Microsoft Word format, version 2007 or greater,
    - 2) Technical Proposal in searchable Adobe PDF format,
    - 3) a second searchable Adobe copy of the Technical Proposal, with confidential and proprietary information redacted (see **Section 5.4.2G**), and
  - B. Financial Proposal consisting of:
    - 1) Financial Proposal and all supporting material in Microsoft Word format,
    - 2) Financial Proposal in searchable Adobe PDF format,
    - 3) a second searchable Adobe copy of the Financial Proposal, with confidential and proprietary information removed (see **Section 5.4.2G**).

## 5.4 Volume I - TO Technical Proposal

**IMPORTANT:** Provide **no pricing information** in the TO Technical Proposal (Volume I). Include pricing information only in the TO Financial Proposal (Volume II).

- 5.4.1 In addition to the instructions below, responses in the Offeror’s TO Technical Proposal shall reference the organization and numbering of Sections in the TORFP (e.g., “Section 2.2.1 Response . . . ; “Section 2.2.2 Response . . .”). All pages of both TO Proposal volumes shall be consecutively numbered from beginning (Page 1) to end (Page “x”).
- 5.4.2 The TO Technical Proposal shall include the following documents and information in the order specified as follows:
  - A. Proposed Services:
    - 1) Executive Summary: A one-page summary describing the Offeror’s understanding of the TORFP scope of work (Section 2) and proposed solution.
    - 2) Proposed Solution: A more detailed description of the Offeror’s understanding of the TORFP scope of work, proposed methodology and solution. The proposed solution shall be organized to match the requirements outlined in Section 2.
    - 3) Assumptions: A description of any assumptions formed by the Offeror in developing the TO Technical Proposal. Offerors should avoid assumptions that counter or constitute exceptions to TORFP terms and conditions.
    - 4) Organization Chart: Identify all permanent personnel and subcontractors working on the project.
    - 5) Copies of green/yellow E&S credentials

- 6) Performance Bond Capability letter from bond company providing evidence that the Master Contractor is capable of securing the bonds required in TORFP Section 4.16
- 7) Payment Bond Capability letter from a bonding company providing evidence that the Master Contractor is capable of securing the bonds required in TORFP Section 4.16.

B. TORFP Staffing

- 1) Provide a Staffing Management Plan with brief qualifications of up to four people demonstrating how the Offeror will provide the resources necessary to deliver the products and services required in this TORFP.
- 2) Provide the names and titles of the Offeror's management staff who will supervise the personnel and quality of services rendered under this TO Agreement.

C. MBE Participation

Submit completed MBE documents D-1A.

D. Subcontractors

Identify all proposed subcontractors, including MBEs, and their roles in the performance of Section 2 - Scope of Work.

E. Master Contractor and Subcontractor Experience and Capabilities

- 1) Provide up to three examples of engagements or contracts the Master Contractor has completed that were similar to Section 2 - Scope of Work. Include contact information for each client organization complete with the following:
  - a) Name of organization.
  - b) Point of contact name, title, e-mail and telephone number (point of contact shall be accessible and knowledgeable regarding experience)
  - c) Services provided as they relate to Section 2 - Scope of Work.
  - d) Start and end dates for each example engagement or contract.
  - e) Current Master Contractor team personnel who participated on the engagement/contract.
  - f) If the Master Contractor is no longer providing the services, explain why not.
- 2) State of Maryland Experience: If applicable, the Master Contractor shall submit a list of all contracts it currently holds or has held within the past five years with any entity of the State of Maryland. For each identified contract, the Master Contractor shall provide the following (if not already provided in sub paragraph 1 above):
  - a) Contract or task order name
  - b) Name of organization.
  - c) Point of contact name, title, e-mail, and telephone number (point of contact shall be accessible and knowledgeable regarding experience)
  - d) Start and end dates for each engagement or contract. If the Master Contractor is no longer providing the services, explain why not.
  - e) Dollar value of the contract.
  - f) Indicate if the contract was terminated before the original expiration date.

- g) Indicate if any renewal options were not exercised.

**IMPORTANT:** State of Maryland experience can be included as part of Section 1 above as engagement or contract experience. State of Maryland experience is neither required nor given more weight in proposal evaluations.

F. State Assistance

Provide an estimate of expectation concerning participation by State personnel.

G. Confidentiality

A Master Contractor should give specific attention to the identification of those portions of its TO Proposal that it considers confidential, proprietary commercial information or trade secrets, and provide justification why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the State under the Public Information Act, Title 4, of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Master Contractors are advised that, upon request for this information from a third party, the TO Procurement Officer will be required to make an independent determination regarding whether the information may be disclosed.

H. Proposed Facility

Identify Master Contractor's facilities, including address, from which any work will be performed.

## 5.5 Volume II – TO Financial Proposal

- 5.5.1 The TO Financial Proposal shall contain all price information in the format specified in **Attachment B – Price Sheet**. The Offeror shall complete the Financial Proposal Form only as provided in the Financial Proposal Form Instructions and the Financial Proposal Form itself.
- 5.5.2 The TO Financial Proposal shall contain a description of any assumptions on which the Master Contractor's TO Financial Proposal is based (Assumptions shall not constitute conditions, contingencies, or exceptions to the Financial Proposal Form);
- 5.5.3 Prices shall be valid for 60 days.

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## 6 Evaluation and Selection Process

The TO Contractor will be selected from among all eligible Master Contractors within the appropriate Functional Area responding to the CATS+ TORFP. In making the TO Agreement award determination, the Department will consider all information submitted in accordance with Section 5.

### 6.1 Evaluation Committee

Evaluation of TO Proposals will be performed in accordance with COMAR 21.05.03 by a committee established for that purpose and based on the evaluation criteria set forth below. The Evaluation Committee will review TO Proposals and provide input to the TO Procurement Officer. The Department reserves the right to utilize the services of individuals outside of the established Evaluation Committee for advice and assistance, as deemed appropriate.

During the evaluation process, the TO Procurement Officer may determine at any time that a particular Offeror is not susceptible for award.

### 6.2 TO Technical Proposal Evaluation Criteria

The criteria to be used to evaluate each TO Technical Proposal are listed below in descending order of importance. Unless stated otherwise, any sub-criteria within each criterion have equal weight.

The following are technical criteria for evaluating a TO Proposal in descending order of importance:

- A. The Master Contractor's proposed solution.
- B. Proposed Construction Schedule for completion of the project as submitted in Attachment 21.
- C. The Master Contractor's overall experience, capability and references as described in the Master Contractor's TO Technical Proposal.
- D. The Master Contractor's safety policies and procedures.

### 6.3 TO Financial Proposal Evaluation Criteria

All Qualified Offerors (see **Section 6.4**) will be ranked from the lowest to the highest price based on the Total Proposal Price within the stated guidelines set forth in this TORFP and as submitted on **Attachment B** – Price Sheet.

### 6.4 Selection Procedures

TO Technical Proposals shall be evaluated based on the criteria set forth above in **Section 6.2**. TO Technical Proposals and TO Financial Proposals will be evaluated independently of each other.

1. TO Proposals will be assessed throughout the evaluation process for compliance with the minimum qualifications listed in Section 1 of this TORFP, and quality of responses to **Section 5.3** TO Technical Proposal. Failure to meet the minimum qualifications shall render a TO Proposal not reasonably susceptible for award. The TO Procurement Officer will notify those Offerors who have not been selected to perform the work.
2. TO Technical Proposals will be evaluated for technical merit and ranked.
3. The Procurement Officer will only open the TO Financial Proposals where the associated TO Technical Proposals have been classified as reasonably susceptible for award.

4. TO Financial Proposals for qualified Offerors will be reviewed and ranked from lowest to highest price proposed.
5. The most advantageous TO Proposal considering both the technical and financial submissions shall be selected for TO award. In making this selection, technical merit has greater weight.
6. All Master Contractors submitting a TO Proposal shall receive written notice from the TO Procurement Officer identifying the awardee.

### **6.5 Documents Required upon Notice of Recommendation for Task Order Award**

Upon receipt of a Notification of Recommendation for Task Order award, the apparent awardee shall complete and furnish the documents and attestations as directed in Table 1 of **Section 7 – TORFP Attachments and Appendices**.

Commencement of work in response to a TO Agreement shall be initiated only upon the completed documents and attestations, plus:

1. Issuance of a fully executed TO Agreement,
2. Purchase Order, and
3. by a Notice to Proceed authorized by the TO Procurement Officer. See (see online example at <http://doit.maryland.gov/contracts/Documents/CATSPPlus/CATS+NoticeToProceedSample.pdf>).

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## 7 TORFP ATTACHMENTS AND APPENDICES

**Table 2: TORFP ATTACHMENTS AND APPENDICES**

<b>Attachment/ Appendix Label</b>	<b>Attachment Name</b>	<b>Applicable to this TORFP?</b>	<b>Submit with Proposal? * (Submit, Do Not Submit, N/A)</b>
Attachment A	Pre-Proposal Conference Directions	Applicable	Do Not Submit with Proposal
Attachment B	Price Sheet (separate document)	Applicable	Submit with TO Financial Proposal with password protection
Attachment C	VSBE Utilization Affidavit	Not Applicable	Do Not Submit with Proposal
Attachment D	Minority Business Enterprise Participation (Attachments 1A – 5)	Applicable	Submit with TO Technical Proposal
Attachment E	Living Wage Affidavit of Agreement	Applicable	Submit with TO Technical Proposal
Attachment F	Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure	Applicable	Submit with TO Technical Proposal
Attachment G	Mercury Affidavit	Not Applicable	N/A
Attachment H	Task Order Agreement (TO Agreement)	Applicable	Do Not Submit with Proposal
Attachment I	Certification Regarding Investments in Iran	Applicable	Submit with TO Technical Proposal
Attachment J	Certification Regarding Discriminatory Boycotts of Israel	Applicable	Submit with TO Technical Proposal
Attachment K	Notice to Proceed (Sample)	Applicable	Do Not Submit with Proposal
Appendix 1	Abbreviations and Definitions	Not Applicable	N/A
Appendix 2	Offeror Information Sheet	Applicable	Submit with TO Technical Proposal
Appendix 3	Performance Bond	Applicable	Do not Submit with Proposal; submit letter per Section 5.4
Appendix 4	Payment Bond	Applicable	Do not Submit with Proposal; submit letter per Section 5.4
Appendix 5	Proposal Bond	Applicable	Submit with TO Technical Proposal
Attachment 21	Construction Schedule (separate document)	Applicable	Submit with TO Technical Proposal
Attachment 22	Prevailing Wage Rate Documentation (separate document)	Applicable	Submit documentation as directed in Attachment
Attachment 23	Technical Specifications (separate document)	Applicable	N/A
Attachment 24	Foundation Inspection (separate document)	Applicable	N/A
Attachment 25	330-ft State Tower Loading Plan (separate document)	Applicable	N/A
Attachment 26A	Typical 12x38 Equipment Shelter with Generator (separate document)	Applicable	N/A
Attachment 26B	Typical 12x28 Equipment Shelter with Generator (separate document)	Not Applicable	N/A

Attachment/ Appendix Label	Attachment Name	Applicable to this TORFP?	Submit with Proposal? * (Submit, Do Not Submit, N/A)
Attachment 27	Typical Equipment Shelter without Generator (separate document)	Not Applicable	N/A
Attachment 28	Tower Layout (separate document)	Applicable	N/A
Attachment 29	240VAC outlet position (separate document)	Not Applicable	N/A
Attachment 30	Geotech-boring logs (separate document)	Applicable	N/A
Attachment 31	Closeout Process Final (separate document)	Applicable	N/A
Attachment 32	MDE Approval (separate document)	Applicable	N/A
Attachment 33	Construction Drawings (separate document)	Applicable	N/A
	Evidence of meeting insurance requirements (see <b>Section 3.4</b> ); 1 copy		5 Business Days after recommended award



**Attachment A. TO Pre-Proposal Site Visit Directions**

From the Baltimore area, take U.S. 301 south through La Plata. Approximately 11 miles south of La Plata will be a truck stop at the intersection of 301 and Orland Park Rd. ( coordinates: 38-21-57 N 76-59-10 W), which is approximately 2000 ft. north of the toll plaza for the Nice Bridge. We will meet there and proceed to the site as a group.

**Attachment B. Price Sheet**

See separate Excel TO Price Sheet labeled Attachment B-1 Harry Nice Bridge Communications Tower Price Proposal.xls.

**Attachment C. Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Forms**

This solicitation does not include a VSBE goal.

**Attachment D. Minority Business Enterprise Forms****TO CONTRACTOR MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS****CATS+ TORFP # F50B9400014**

If after reading these instructions you have additional questions or need further clarification, please contact the TO Manager immediately.

- 1) As the TO Contractor, you have entered into a TO Agreement with the State of Maryland. As such, your company/firm is responsible for successful completion of all deliverables under the contract, including your commitment to making a good faith effort to meet the MBE participation goal(s) established for TORFP. Part of that effort, as outlined in the TORFP, includes submission of monthly reports to the State regarding the previous month's MBE payment activity. Reporting forms D-4A (MBE Prime Contractor Paid/Unpaid Invoice Report), D-4B (MBE Prime Contractor Report) and D-5 (MBE Subcontractor Paid/Unpaid Invoice Report) are attached for your use and convenience.
- 2) The TO Contractor must complete a separate Form D-4A for each MBE subcontractor for each month of the contract and submit one copy to each of the locations indicated at the bottom of the form. The report is due no later than the 15th of the month following the month that is being reported. For example, the report for January's activity is due no later than 15 February. With the approval of the TO Manager, the report may be submitted electronically. Note: Reports are submitted each month, regardless whether there was any MBE payment activity for the reporting month.
- 3) The TO Contractor is responsible for ensuring that each subcontractor receives a copy of Form 2-5 (e-copy of and/or hard copy). The TO Contractor should make sure that the subcontractor receives all the information necessary to complete the form properly, including all of the information located in the upper right corner of the form. It may be wise to customize Form 2-5 (upper right corner of the form) for the subcontractor. This will help to minimize any confusion for those who receive and review the reports.
- 4) It is the responsibility of the TO Contractor to make sure that all subcontractors submit reports no later than the 15th of each month, **including reports showing zero MBE payment activity**. Actual payment data is verified and entered into the State's financial management tracking system from the **Subcontractor's D-5 report only**. Therefore, if the subcontractor(s) do not submit D-5 payment reports, the TO Contractor cannot and will not be given credit for subcontractor payments, regardless of the TO Contractor's proper submission of Form D-4A. The TO Manager will contact the TO Contractor if reports are not received each month from either the prime contractor or any of the identified subcontractors.
- 5) The TO Contractor must promptly notify the TO Manager if, during the course of the contract, a new MBE subcontractor is utilized. Failure to comply with the MBE contract provisions and reporting requirements may result in sanctions, as provided by COMAR 21.11.03.13.

**D-1A**  
**MBE UTILIZATION AND FAIR SOLICITATION AFFIDAVIT**  
**& MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING THIS DOCUMENT**

**This form includes Instructions and the MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit & MBE Participation Schedule, which must be submitted with the proposal. If the Offeror fails to accurately complete and submit this Affidavit and Schedule with the proposal as required, the Procurement Officer shall deem the shall determine that the proposal is not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.**

1. Contractor shall structure its procedures for the performance of the work required in this Contract to attempt to achieve the minority business enterprise (MBE) subcontractor participation goal stated in the Request for Proposals. Contractor agrees to exercise good faith efforts to carry out the requirements set forth in these Instructions, as authorized by the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 21.11.03.
2. MBE Goals and Subgoals: Please review the solicitation for information regarding the Contract's MBE overall participation goals and subgoals. After satisfying the requirements for any established subgoals, the Contractor is encouraged to use a diverse group of subcontractors and suppliers from any/all of the various MBE classifications to meet the remainder of the overall MBE participation goal.
3. MBE means a minority business enterprise that is certified by the Maryland Department of Transportation ("MDOT"). Only MBEs certified by MDOT may be counted for purposes of achieving the MBE participation goals. In order to be counted for purposes of achieving the MBE participation goals, the MBE firm, including an MBE prime, must be MDOT-certified for the services, materials or supplies that it is committed to perform on the MBE Participation Schedule.
4. Please refer to the MDOT MBE Directory at [www.mdot.state.md.us](http://www.mdot.state.md.us) to determine if a firm is certified with the appropriate North American Industry Classification System ("NAICS") Code **and** the product/services description (specific product that a firm is certified to provide or specific areas of work that a firm is certified to perform). For more information about NAICS, please visit [www.naics.com](http://www.naics.com). Only those specific products and/or services for which a firm is certified in the MDOT Directory can be used for purposes of achieving the MBE participation goals. **WARNING:** If the firm's NAICS Code is in **graduated status**, such services/products **may not be counted** for purposes of achieving the MBE participation goals. A NAICS Code is in the graduated status if the term "Graduated" follows the Code in the MDOT MBE Directory.
5. **Guidelines Regarding MBE Prime Self-Performance.** Please note that when a certified MBE firm participates as a prime contractor on a contract, a procurement agency may count the distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract that the certified MBE firm performs with its own workforce toward fulfilling up to, but no more than, fifty-percent (50%) of the MBE participation goal (overall), including up to one hundred percent (100%) of not more than one of the MBE participation subgoals, if any, established for the contract.
  - ✓ In order to receive credit for self-performance, an MBE prime must list its firm in Section 4A of the MBE Participation Schedule, including the certification category under which the MBE prime is self-performing and include information regarding the work it will self-perform.
  - ✓ For the remaining portion of the overall goal and the subgoals, the MBE prime must also identify other certified MBE subcontractors (see Section 4B of the MBE Participation Schedule) used to meet those goals or request a waiver.

- ✓ These guidelines apply to the work performed by the MBE Prime that can be counted for purposes of meeting the MBE participation goals. These requirements do not affect the MBE Prime's ability to self-perform a greater portion of the work in excess of what is counted for purposes of meeting the MBE participation goals.
  - ✓ Please note that the requirements to meet the MBE participation overall goal and subgoals are distinct and separate. If the Contract has subgoals, regardless of MBE Prime's ability to self-perform up to 50% of the overall goal (including up to 100% of any subgoal), the MBE Prime must either commit to other MBEs for each of any remaining subgoals or request a waiver. As set forth in **Attachment D1-B** Waiver Guidance, the MBE Prime's ability to self-perform certain portions of the work of the Contract will not be deemed a substitute for the good faith efforts to meet any remaining subgoal or the balance of the overall goal.
  - ✓ In certain instances, where the percentages allocated to MBE participation subgoals add up to more than 50% of the overall goal, the portion of self-performed work that an MBE Prime may count toward the overall goal may be limited to less than 50%. Please refer to GOSBA's website (<http://www.gomdsmbiz.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>) for the MBE Prime Regulations Q&A for illustrative examples.
6. Subject to items 1 through 5 above, when a certified MBE performs as a participant in a joint venture, a procurement agency may count a portion of the total dollar value of the contract equal to the distinct, clearly-defined portion of the work of the contract that the certified MBE performs with its workforce towards fulfilling the contract goal, and not more than one of the contract subgoals, if any.
  7. As set forth in COMAR 21.11.03.12-1, once the Contract work begins, the work performed by a certified MBE firm, including an MBE prime, can only be counted towards the MBE participation goal(s) if the MBE firm is performing a commercially useful function on the Contract. Please refer to COMAR 21.11.03.12-1 for more information regarding these requirements.
  8. If you have any questions as to whether a firm is certified to perform the specific services or provide specific products, please contact MDOT's Office of Minority Business Enterprise at 1-800-544-6056 or via e-mail to [mbe@mdot.state.md.us](mailto:mbe@mdot.state.md.us) sufficiently prior to the submission due date.
  9. Worksheet: The percentage of MBE participation, calculated using the percentage amounts for all of the MBE firms listed on the Participation Schedule MUST at least equal the MBE participation goal and subgoals (if applicable) set forth in the solicitation. If an Offeror is unable to achieve the MBE participation goal and/or any subgoals (if applicable), the Offeror must request a waiver in Item 1 of the MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit (**Attachment D-1A**) or the Proposal determined to be not susceptible of being selected for award. You may wish to use the Subgoal summary below to assist in calculating the percentages and confirm that you have met the applicable MBE participation goal and subgoals, if any.

#### SUBGOALS (IF APPLICABLE)

**TOTAL AFRICAN AMERICAN MBE PARTICIPATION:**

[MBEAFRICANAMERICANOWNEDSUBGOAL] 0%

**TOTAL ASIAN AMERICAN MBE PARTICIPATION:** [MBEASIANAMERICANSUBGOAL] 0%

**TOTAL HISPANIC AMERICAN MBE PARTICIPATION:**

[MBEHISPANICAMERICANOWNEDSUBGOAL] 0%

**TOTAL WOMEN-OWNED MBE PARTICIPATION:** [MBEWOMENOWNEDSUBGOAL] 0%

#### OVERALL GOAL

**TOTAL MBE PARTICIPATION (INCLUDE ALL CATEGORIES):** [MBEGOAL] 3%

**D-1A**  
**MBE UTILIZATION AND FAIR SOLICITATION AFFIDAVIT & MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE**

**This MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit and MBE Participation Schedule must be completed in its entirety and included with the Proposal. If the Offeror fails to accurately complete and submit this Affidavit and Schedule with the Proposal as required, the Procurement Officer shall determine that the Proposal is not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.**

In connection with the Proposal submitted in response to Solicitation No. **060B9400048**, I affirm the following:

**(PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE)**

- I acknowledge and intend to meet the overall certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation goal of 3% percent and, if specified in the solicitation, the following subgoals (complete for only those subgoals that apply):

[mbeAfricanAmericanownedSubgoal] % for African American-owned MBE firms

[mbeHispanicAmericanownedSubgoal] % for Hispanic American-owned MBE firms

[mbeAsianAmericanSubgoal] % for Asian American-owned MBE firms

[mbeWomenownedSubgoal] % for Women-owned MBE firms

Therefore, I am not seeking a waiver pursuant to COMAR 21.11.03.11. I acknowledge that by checking the above box and agreeing to meet the stated goal and subgoal(s), if any, I must complete the MBE Participation Schedule (Item 4 below) in order to be considered for award.

**OR**

- I conclude that I am unable to achieve the MBE participation goal and/or subgoals. I hereby request a waiver, in whole or in part, of the overall goal and/or subgoals. I acknowledge that by checking this box and requesting a partial waiver of the stated goal and/or one or more of the stated subgoal(s) if any, I must complete the MBE Participation Schedule (Item 4 below) for the portion of the goal and/or subgoal(s) if any, for which I am not seeking a waiver, in order to be considered for award.

**2. Additional MBE Documentation**

I understand that if I am notified that I am the apparent awardee or as requested by the Procurement Officer, I must submit the following documentation within 10 business days of receiving notice of the potential award or from the date of conditional award (per COMAR 21.11.03.10), whichever is earlier:

- (a) Good Faith Efforts Documentation to Support Waiver Request (**Attachment (D-1C)**)
- (b) Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement (**Attachment D-2**);
- (c) MBE Subcontractor/MBE Prime Project Participation Statement (**Attachments D-3A/B**);
- (d) Any other documentation, including additional waiver documentation if applicable, required by the Procurement Officer in connection with the certified MBE participation goal and subgoals, if any.

I understand that if I fail to return each completed document within the required time, the Procurement Officer may determine that my Proposal is not susceptible of being selected for contract award. If the contract has already been awarded, the award is voidable.

**3. Information Provided to MBE firms**

In the solicitation of subcontract quotations or offers, MBE firms were provided not less than the same information and amount of time to respond, as were non-MBE firms.

**4. MBE Participation Schedule**

Set forth below are the (i) certified MBEs I intend to use, (ii) percentage of the total Contract amount allocated to each MBE for this project and (iii) items of work each MBE will provide under the Contract. I have confirmed with the MDOT database that the MBE firms identified below (including any self-performing prime firms) are performing work activities for which they are MDOT certified.

Prime Contractor:	Project Description:	PROJECT/CONTRACT
Offeror Company Name, Street Address, Phone	Harry Nice Bridge Communications Tower	NUMBER: F50B9400014

LIST INFORMATION FOR EACH CERTIFIED MBE FIRM YOU AGREE TO USE TO ACHIEVE THE MBE PARTICIPATION GOAL AND SUBGOALS, IF ANY. MBE PRIMES: PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SECTIONS A AND B BELOW.

**SECTION A: For MBE Prime Contractors ONLY (including MBE Primes in a Joint Venture)**

MBE Prime Firm Name: MBE Certification Number: (If dually certified, check only one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> African American-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification	Percentage of total Contract Value to be performed with own forces and counted towards the MBE overall participation goal (up to 50% of the overall goal): _____%  Percentage of total Contract Value to be performed with own forces and counted towards the subgoal, if any, for my MBE classification (up to 100% of not more than one subgoal): _____%  Description of the Work to be performed with MBE prime’s workforce: _____ _____
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**SECTION B: For all Contractors (including MBE Primes and MBE Primes in a Joint Venture)**

MBE Firm Name: _____ MBE Certification Number: _____ (If dually certified, check only one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> African American-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification	Percentage of Total Contract to be provided by this MBE: _____%  Description of the Work to be Performed: _____ _____ _____
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<p>MBE Firm Name: _____                  MBE Certification Number: _____                  (If dually certified, check only one box.)  <input type="checkbox"/> African American-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification</p>	<p>Percentage of Total Contract to be provided by this MBE: _____ %                  Description of the Work to be Performed:                  _____                  _____                  _____</p>
<p>MBE Firm Name: _____                  MBE Certification Number: _____                  (If dually certified, check only one box.)  <input type="checkbox"/> African American-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification</p>	<p>Percentage of Total Contract to be provided by this MBE: _____ %                  Description of the Work to be Performed:                  _____                  _____                  _____</p>
<p>MBE Firm Name: _____                  MBE Certification Number: _____                  (If dually certified, check only one box.)  <input type="checkbox"/> African American-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification</p>	<p>Percentage of Total Contract to be provided by this MBE: _____ %                  Description of the Work to be Performed:                  _____                  _____                  _____</p>
<p>MBE Firm Name: _____                  MBE Certification Number: _____                  (If dually certified, check only one box.)  <input type="checkbox"/> African American-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned  <input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification</p>	<p>Percentage of Total Contract to be provided by this MBE: _____ %                  Description of the Work to be Performed:                  _____                  _____                  _____</p>

(Continue on separate page if needed)

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that: (i) I have reviewed the instructions for the MBE Utilization & Fair Solicitation Affidavit and MBE Schedule, and (ii) the information contained in the MBE Utilization & Fair Solicitation Affidavit and MBE Schedule is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Offeror:

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Offeror Name (please print or type)

By:

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Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name:

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Printed Name

Title:

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Title

Date:

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Date

Address:

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Company Address

**SUBMIT THIS AFFIDAVIT WITH PROPOSAL**

**D-1B WAIVER GUIDANCE****GUIDANCE FOR DOCUMENTING GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO MEET MBE PARTICIPATION GOALS**

In order to show that it has made good faith efforts to meet the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation goal (including any MBE subgoals) on a contract, the Offeror must either (1) meet the MBE Goal(s) and document its commitments for participation of MBE Firms, or (2) when it does not meet the MBE Goal(s), document its Good Faith Efforts to meet the goal(s).

**I. Definitions**

**MBE Goal(s)** – “MBE Goal(s)” refers to the MBE participation goal and MBE participation subgoal(s).

**Good Faith Efforts** - The “Good Faith Efforts” requirement means that when requesting a waiver, the Offeror must demonstrate that it took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve the MBE Goal(s), which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient MBE participation, even if those steps were not fully successful. Whether an Offeror that requests a waiver made adequate good faith efforts will be determined by considering the quality, quantity, and intensity of the different kinds of efforts that the Offeror has made. The efforts employed by the Offeror should be those that one could reasonably expect an Offeror to take if the Offeror were actively and aggressively trying to obtain MBE participation sufficient to meet the MBE contract goal and subgoals. Mere *pro forma* efforts are not good faith efforts to meet the MBE contract requirements. The determination concerning the sufficiency of the Offeror's good faith efforts is a judgment call; meeting quantitative formulas is not required.

**Identified Firms** – “Identified Firms” means a list of the MBEs identified by the procuring agency during the goal setting process and listed in the procurement as available to perform the Identified Items of Work. It also may include additional MBEs identified by the Offeror as available to perform the Identified Items of Work, such as MBEs certified or granted an expansion of services after the procurement was issued. If the procurement does not include a list of Identified Firms, this term refers to all of the MBE Firms (if State-funded) the Offeror identified as available to perform the Identified Items of Work and should include all appropriately certified firms that are reasonably identifiable.

**Identified Items of Work** – “Identified Items of Work” means the Proposal items identified by the procuring agency during the goal setting process and listed in the procurement as possible items of work for performance by MBE Firms. It also may include additional portions of items of work the Offeror identified for performance by MBE Firms to increase the likelihood that the MBE Goal(s) will be achieved. If the procurement does not include a list of Identified Items of Work, this term refers to all of the items of work the Offeror identified as possible items of work for performance by MBE Firms and should include all reasonably identifiable work opportunities.

**MBE Firms** – “MBE Firms” refers to firms certified by the Maryland Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) under COMAR 21.11.03. Only MDOT-certified MBE Firms can participate in the State's MBE Program.

**II. Types of Actions Agency will consider**

The Offeror is responsible for making relevant portions of the work available to MBE subcontractors and suppliers and select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available MBE subcontractors and suppliers, to facilitate MBE participation. The following is a list of types of actions the procuring agency will consider as part of the Offeror's Good Faith Efforts when the Offeror fails to meet the MBE Goal(s). This list 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. Identify Proposal Items as Work for MBE Firms**

1. Identified Items of Work in Procurements
  - (a) Certain procurements will include a list of Proposal items identified during the goal setting process as possible work for performance by MBE Firms. If the procurement provides a list of Identified Items of Work, the Offeror shall make all reasonable efforts to solicit quotes from MBE Firms to perform that work.
  - (b) Offerors may, and are encouraged to, select additional items of work to be performed by MBE Firms to increase the likelihood that the MBE Goal(s) will be achieved.
2. Identified Items of Work by Offerors
  - (a) When the procurement does not include a list of Identified Items of Work or for additional Identified Items of Work, Offerors should reasonably identify sufficient items of work to be performed by MBE Firms.
  - (b) Where appropriate, Offerors should break out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate MBE participation, rather than perform these work items with their own forces. The ability or desire of a prime contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the Offeror of the responsibility to make Good Faith Efforts.

## **B. Identify MBE Firms to Solicit**

1. MBE Firms Identified in Procurements
  - (a) Certain procurements will include a list of the MBE Firms identified during the goal setting process as available to perform the items of work. If the procurement provides a list of Identified MBE Firms, the Offeror shall make all reasonable efforts to solicit those MBE firms.
  - (b) Offerors may, and are encouraged to, search the MBE Directory to identify additional MBEs who may be available to perform the items of work, such as MBEs certified or granted an expansion of services after the solicitation was issued.
2. MBE Firms Identified by Offerors
  - (a) When the procurement does not include a list of Identified MBE Firms, Offerors should reasonably identify the MBE Firms that are available to perform the Identified Items of Work.
  - (b) Any MBE Firms identified as available by the Offeror should be certified to perform the Identified Items of Work.

## **C. Solicit MBEs**

1. Solicit all Identified Firms for all Identified Items of Work by providing written notice. The Offeror should:
  - (a) provide the written solicitation at least 10 days prior to Proposal opening to allow sufficient time for the MBE Firms to respond;
  - (b) send the written solicitation by first-class mail, facsimile, or e-mail using contact information in the MBE Directory, unless the Offeror has a valid basis for using different contact information; and
  - (c) provide adequate information about the plans, specifications, anticipated time schedule for portions of the work to be performed by the MBE, and other requirements of the contract to assist MBE Firms in responding. (This information may be provided by including hard copies in the written solicitation or by electronic means as described in C.3 below.)

2. “All” Identified Firms includes the MBEs listed in the procurement and any MBE Firms you identify as potentially available to perform the Identified Items of Work, but it does not include MBE Firms who are no longer certified to perform the work as of the date the Offeror provides written solicitations.
3. “Electronic Means” includes, for example, information provided *via* a website or file transfer protocol (FTP) site containing the plans, specifications, and other requirements of the contract. If an interested MBE cannot access the information provided by electronic means, the Offeror must make the information available in a manner that is accessible to the interested MBE.
4. Follow up on initial written solicitations by contacting MBEs to determine if they are interested. The follow up contact may be made:
  - (a) by telephone using the contact information in the MBE Directory, unless the Offeror has a valid basis for using different contact information; or
  - (b) in writing *via* a method that differs from the method used for the initial written solicitation.
5. In addition to the written solicitation set forth in C.1 and the follow up required in C.4, use all other reasonable and available means to solicit the interest of MBE Firms certified to perform the work of the contract. Examples of other means include:
  - (a) attending any pre-proposal meetings at which MBE Firms could be informed of contracting and subcontracting opportunities; and
  - (b) if recommended by the procurement, advertising with or effectively using the services of at least two minority focused entities or media, including trade associations, minority/women community organizations, minority/women contractors' groups, and local, state, and federal minority/women business assistance offices listed on the MDOT Office of Minority Business Enterprise website.

#### **D. Negotiate with Interested MBE Firms**

Offerors must negotiate in good faith with interested MBE Firms.

1. Evidence of negotiation includes, without limitation, the following:
  - (a) the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MBE Firms that were considered;
  - (b) a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting and the means used to provide that information; and
  - (c) evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for MBE Firms to perform the work.
2. An Offeror using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including MBE subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as contract goals into consideration.
3. The fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using MBE Firms is not in itself sufficient reason for an Offeror's failure to meet the contract MBE goal(s), as long as such costs are reasonable. Factors to take into consideration when determining whether an MBE Firm's quote is excessive or unreasonable include, without limitation, the following:
  - (a) dollar difference between the MBE subcontractor's quote and the average of the other subcontractors' quotes received by the Offeror;
  - (b) percentage difference between the MBE subcontractor's quote and the average of the other subcontractors' quotes received by the Offeror;

- (c) percentage that the MBE subcontractor's quote represents of the overall contract amount;
  - (d) number of MBE firms that the Offeror solicited for that portion of the work;
  - (e) whether the work described in the MBE and Non-MBE subcontractor quotes (or portions thereof) submitted for review is the same or comparable; and
  - (f) number of quotes received by the Offeror for that portion of the work.
4. The above factors are not intended to be mandatory, exclusive, or exhaustive, and other evidence of an excessive or unreasonable price may be relevant.
  5. The Offeror may not use its price for self-performing work as a basis for rejecting an MBE Firm's quote as excessive or unreasonable.
  6. The "average of the other subcontractors' quotes received" by the Offeror refers to the average of the quotes received from all subcontractors. Offeror should attempt to receive quotes from at least three subcontractors, including one quote from an MBE and one quote from a Non-MBE.
  7. An Offeror shall not reject an MBE Firm as unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of the firm's capabilities. For each certified MBE that is rejected as unqualified or that placed a subcontract quotation or offer that the Offeror concludes is not acceptable, the Offeror must provide a written detailed statement listing the reasons for this conclusion. The Offeror also must document the steps taken to verify the capabilities of the MBE and Non-MBE Firms quoting similar work.
    - (a) The factors to take into consideration when assessing the capabilities of an MBE Firm, include, but are not limited to the following: financial capability, physical capacity to perform, available personnel and equipment, existing workload, experience performing the type of work, conduct and performance in previous contracts, and ability to meet reasonable contract requirements.
    - (b) The MBE Firm's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations (for example union vs. non-union employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of proposals in the efforts to meet the project goal.

#### **E. Assisting Interested MBE Firms**

When appropriate under the circumstances, the decision-maker will consider whether the Offeror Offeror made reasonable efforts to assist interested MBR Firms in obtaining:

1. The bonding, lines of credit, or insurance required by the procuring agency or the Offeror; and
2. Necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.

### **III. Other Considerations**

In making a determination of Good Faith Efforts the decision-maker may consider engineering estimates, catalogue prices, general market availability and availability of certified MBE Firms in the area in which the work is to be performed, other proposals or offers and subcontract proposals or offers substantiating significant variances between certified MBE and Non-MBE costs of participation, and their impact on the overall cost of the contract to the State and any other relevant factors.

The decision-maker may take into account whether an Offeror decided to self-perform subcontract work with its own forces, especially where the self-performed work is Identified Items of Work in the procurement. The decision-maker also may take into account the performance of other Offerors in meeting the contract. For example, when the apparent successful Offeror fails to meet the contract goal, but others meet it, this reasonably raises the question of whether, with additional reasonable efforts, the

apparent successful Offeror could have met the goal. If the apparent successful Offeror fails to meet the goal, but meets or exceeds the average MBE participation obtained by other Offerors, this, when viewed in conjunction with other factors, could be evidence of the apparent successful Offeror having made Good Faith Efforts.

#### IV. Documenting Good Faith Efforts

At a minimum, an Offeror seeking a waiver of the MBE Goal(s) or a portion thereof must provide written documentation of its Good Faith Efforts, in accordance with COMAR 21.11.03.11, within 10 business days after receiving notice that it is the apparent awardee. The written documentation shall include the following:

##### A. Items of Work (Complete Good Faith Efforts Documentation Attachment D-1C, Part 1)

A detailed statement of the efforts made to select portions of the work proposed to be performed by certified MBE Firms in order to increase the likelihood of achieving the stated MBE Goal(s).

##### B. Outreach/Solicitation/Negotiation

1. The record of the Offeror's compliance with the outreach efforts prescribed by COMAR 21.11.03.09C (2)(a). (**Complete Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement - D-2**).
2. A detailed statement of the efforts made to contact and negotiate with MBE Firms including:
  - (a) the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the MBE Firms who were contacted, with the dates and manner of contacts (letter, fax, e-mail, telephone, etc.) (**Complete Good Faith Efforts Attachment D-1C- Part 2, and submit letters, fax cover sheets, e-mails, etc. documenting solicitations**); and
  - (b) a description of the information provided to MBE Firms regarding the plans, specifications, and anticipated time schedule for portions of the work to be performed and the means used to provide that information.

##### C. Rejected MBE Firms (Complete Good Faith Efforts Attachment D-1C, Part 3)

1. For each MBE Firm that the Offeror concludes is not acceptable or qualified, a detailed statement of the reasons for the Offeror's conclusion, including the steps taken to verify the capabilities of the MBE and Non-MBE Firms quoting similar work.
2. For each certified MBE Firm that the Offeror concludes has provided an excessive or unreasonable price, a detailed statement of the reasons for the Offeror's conclusion, including the quotes received from all MBE and Non-MBE firms proposing on the same or comparable work. (**Include copies of all quotes received.**)
3. A list of MBE Firms contacted but found to be unavailable. This list should be accompanied by an MBE Unavailability Certificate (see **D-1B - Exhibit A** to this Part 1) signed by the MBE contractor or a statement from the Offeror that the MBE contractor refused to sign the MBE Unavailability Certificate.

##### D. Other Documentation

1. Submit any other documentation requested by the Procurement Officer to ascertain the Offeror's Good Faith Efforts.
2. Submit any other documentation the Offeror believes will help the Procurement Officer ascertain its Good Faith Efforts.

D-1B - Exhibit A
MBE Subcontractor Unavailability Certificate

1. It is hereby certified that the firm of \_\_\_\_\_
(Name of Minority firm)

Located at \_\_\_\_\_
(Number) (Street)
(City) (State) (Zip)

Was offered an opportunity to bid on Solicitation No. XXX

In \_\_\_\_\_ County by \_\_\_\_\_
(Name of Prime Contractor's Firm)

\*\*\*\*\*

2. (Minority Firm), is either unavailable for the work/service or unable to prepare a proposal for this project for the following reason(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*

(Signature of Minority Firm's MBE Representative) (Title) (Date)

(MDOT Certification #) (Telephone #)

\*\*\*\*\*

3. To be completed by the prime contractor if Section 2 of this form is not completed by the minority firm.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, said Certified Minority Business Enterprise is either unavailable for the work/service for this project, is unable to prepare a proposal, or did not respond to a request for a price proposal and has not completed the above portion of this submittal.

(Signature of Prime Contractor) (Title) (Date)



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GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST**

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<b>Prime Contractor:</b>	<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>PROJECT/CONTRACT</b>
Offeror Company Name, Street Address, Phone	<b>Harry Nice Bridge Communications Tower</b>	<b>NUMBER: F50B9400014</b>

Parts 1, 2, and 3 must be included with this certificate along with all documents supporting your waiver request.

I affirm that I have reviewed **Attachment D-1B**, Waiver Guidance. I further affirm under penalties of perjury that the contents of Parts 1, 2, and 3 of this **Attachment D-1C** Good Faith Efforts Documentation Form are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Company:

\_\_\_\_\_

Company Name (please print or type)

By:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

Title

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Company Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Representative

Address

Printed Name and Title

City, State and Zip Code

Date

**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST  
PART 1 – IDENTIFIED ITEMS OF WORK OFFEROR MADE AVAILABLE TO MBE FIRMS**

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Offeror Company Name, Street Address, Phone	<b>Harry Nice Bridge Communications Tower</b>	<b>NUMBER:F50B9400014</b>

Identify those items of work that the Offeror made available to MBE Firms. This includes, where appropriate, those items the Offeror identified and determined to subdivide into economically feasible units to facilitate the MBE participation. For each item listed, show the anticipated percentage of the total contract amount. It is the Offeror’s responsibility to demonstrate that sufficient work to meet the goal was made available to MBE Firms, and the total percentage of the items of work identified for MBE participation equals or exceeds the percentage MBE goal set for the procurement. Note: If the procurement includes a list of Proposal items identified during the goal setting process as possible items of work for performance by MBE Firms, the Offeror should make all of those items of work available to MBE Firms or explain why that item was not made available. If the Offeror selects additional items of work to make available to MBE Firms, those additional items should also be included below.

<b>Identified Items of Work</b>	<b>Was this work listed in the procurement?</b>	<b>Does Offeror normally self-perform this work?</b>	<b>Was this work made available to MBE Firms? If no, explain why?</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Please check if Additional Sheets are attached.

**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST  
PART 2 – IDENTIFIED MBE FIRMS AND RECORD OF SOLICITATIONS**

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<b>Prime Contractor:</b>	<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>PROJECT/CONTRACT</b>
Offeror Company Name, Street Address, Phone	<b>Harry Nice Bridge Communications Tower</b>	<b>NUMBER: F50B9400014</b>

Identify the MBE Firms solicited to provide quotes for the Identified Items of Work made available for MBE participation. Include the name of the MBE Firm solicited, items of work for which quotes were solicited, date and manner of initial and follow-up solicitations, whether the MBE provided a quote, and whether the MBE is being used to meet the MBE participation goal. MBE Firms used to meet the participation goal must be included on the MBE Participation Schedule. Note: If the procurement includes a list of the MBE Firms identified during the goal setting process as potentially available to perform the items of work, the Offeror should solicit all of those MBE Firms or explain why a specific MBE was not solicited. If the Offeror identifies additional MBE Firms who may be available to perform Identified Items of Work, those additional MBE Firms should also be included below. Copies of all written solicitations and documentation of follow-up calls to MBE Firms must be attached to this form. This list should be accompanied by a Minority Contractor Unavailability Certificate signed by the MBE contractor or a statement from the Offeror that the MBE contractor refused to sign the Minority Contractor Unavailability Certificate (**Attachment D-1B - Exhibit A**). If the Offeror used a Non-MBE or is self-performing the identified items of work, Part 4 must be completed.

Name of Identified MBE Firm & MBE Classification	Describe Item of Work Solicited	Initial Solicitation Date & Method	Follow-up Solicitation Date & Method	Details for Follow-up Calls	Quote Rec'd	Quote Used	Reason Quote Rejected
Firm Name: MBE Classification (Check only if requesting waiver of MBE subgoal.) <input type="checkbox"/> African American-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification		Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Facsimile <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Facsimile <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Time of Call: Spoke with:  <input type="checkbox"/> Left Message	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Used Other MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Used Non-MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing
Firm Name: MBE Classification (Check only if requesting waiver of MBE subgoal.) <input type="checkbox"/> African American-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification		Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Facsimile <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Facsimile <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail	Time of Call: Spoke with:  <input type="checkbox"/> Left Message	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Used Other MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Used Non-MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing

Please check if Additional Sheets are attached.

**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST**

**PART 3 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING REJECTED MBE QUOTES**

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This form must be completed if Part 1 indicates that an MBE quote was rejected because the Offeror is using a Non-MBE or is self-performing the Identified Items of Work. Provide the Identified Items Work, indicate whether the work will be self-performed or performed by a Non-MBE, and if applicable, state the name of the Non-MBE. Also include the names of all MBE and Non-MBE Firms that provided a quote and the amount of each quote.

Describe Identified Items of Work Not Being Performed by MBE (Include spec/ section number from Proposal)	Self-performing or Using Non-MBE (Provide name)	Amount of Non-MBE Quote	Name of Other Firms who Provided Quotes & Whether MBE or Non-MBE	Amount Quoted	Indicate Reason Why MBE Quote Rejected & Briefly Explain
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> Using Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Price <input type="checkbox"/> Capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> Using Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Price <input type="checkbox"/> Capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> Using Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Price <input type="checkbox"/> Capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> Using Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Price <input type="checkbox"/> Capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> Using Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Price <input type="checkbox"/> Capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> Using Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Price <input type="checkbox"/> Capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other

Please check if Additional Sheets are attached.

**D- 2**  
**OUTREACH EFFORTS COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Complete and submit this form within 10 Business Days of notification of apparent award or actual award, whichever is earlier.

In conjunction with the Proposal submitted in response to Solicitation No. F50B9400014 **XXX**, I state the following:

- 1. Offeror identified subcontracting opportunities in these specific work categories:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Attached to this form are copies of written solicitations (with proposal instructions) used to solicit certified MBE firms for these subcontract opportunities.

- 3. Offeror made the following attempts to contact personally the solicited MDOT-certified MBE firms:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 4. **Please Check One:**

- This project does not involve bonding requirements.
- Offeror assisted MDOT-certified MBE firms to fulfill or seek waiver of bonding requirements. (DESCRIBE EFFORTS):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 5. **Please Check One:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Offeror did attend the pre-proposal conference.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No pre -proposal meeting/conference was held.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Offeror did not attend the pre-proposal conference.



PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Company:

Company Name (please print or type)

By:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name:

Printed Name

Title:

Title

Date:

Date

Address:

Company Address

**D-3A**  
**MBE SUBCONTRACTOR PROJECT PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION**

**Please complete and submit one form for each certified MBE firm listed on the MBE Participation schedule (Attachment D-1A) within 10 Business Days of notification of apparent award. If the Offeror fails to return this affidavit within the required time, the Procurement Officer may determine that Proposal is not susceptible of being selected for Contract award.**

Provided that \_\_\_\_\_ (Prime Contractor’s Name) is awarded the State contract in conjunction with Solicitation No F50B9400014 such Prime Contractor intends to enter into a subcontract with \_\_\_\_\_ (Subcontractor’s Name) committing to participation by the MBE firm \_\_\_\_\_ (MBE Name) with MDOT Certification Number \_\_\_\_\_ which will receive at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which equals to \_\_\_% of the Total Contract Amount for performing the following goods and services for the Contract:

NAICS CODE	WORK ITEM, SPECIFICATION NUMBER, LINE ITEMS OR WORK CATEGORIES (IF APPLICABLE)	DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES

Each of the Contractor and subcontractor acknowledges that, for purposes of determining the accuracy of the information provided herein, the Procurement Officer might request additional information, including, without limitation, copies of the subcontract agreements and quotes. Each of the Contractor and subcontractor solemnly affirms under the penalties of perjury that: (i) the information provided in this MBE Subcontractor Project Participation Affidavit is true to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, and (ii) has fully complied with the State Minority Business Enterprise law, State Finance and Procurement Article §14-308(a)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland which provides that, except as otherwise provided by law, a contractor may not identify a certified minority business enterprise in a Proposal and:

- (1) fail to request, receive, or otherwise obtain authorization from the certified minority business enterprise to identify the certified Minority Business Enterprise in its Proposal;
- (2) fail to notify the certified Minority Business Enterprise before execution of the Contract of its inclusion of the Proposal;
- (3) fail to use the certified Minority Business Enterprise in the performance of the Contract; or
- (4) pay the certified Minority Business Enterprise solely for the use of its name in the Proposal.

Prime Contractor

Subcontractor

Company:

Company:

Company Name (please print or type)

Company Name (please print or type)

FEIN:

FEIN:

Federal Identification Number

Federal Identification Number

Phone Number:

Phone Number:

Phone Number

Phone Number

By:

By:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date:

Date:

Date

Date

Printed Name:

Printed Name:

Printed Name

Printed Name

Title:

Title:

Printed Title

Title

Address:

Address:

Company Address

Address

<p><b>PRIME CONTRACTOR</b> Signature of Representative: _____ Printed Name and Title: _____ Firm's Name: _____ Federal Identification Number: _____ Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Date: _____</p>	<p><b>SUBCONTRACTOR</b> Signature of Representative: _____ Printed Name and Title: _____ Firm's Name: _____ Federal Identification Number: _____ Address: _____ Telephone: _____ Date: _____</p>
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**D-3B  
MBE PRIME PROJECT PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION**

Please complete and submit this form to attest each specific item of work that your MBE firm has listed on the MBE Participation Schedule (Attachment D-1A) for purposes of meeting the MBE participation goals. This form must be submitted within 10 Business Days of notification of apparent award. If the Offeror fails to return this affidavit within the required time, the Procurement Officer may determine that Proposal is not susceptible of being selected for Contract award.

Provided that \_\_\_\_\_ (Prime Contractor’s Name) with Certification Number \_\_\_\_\_ is awarded the State contract in conjunction with Solicitation No. \_\_\_\_\_, such MBE Prime Contractor intends to perform with its own forces at least \$\_\_\_\_\_, which equals to \_\_\_% of the Total Contract Amount for performing the following goods and services for the Contract:

NAICS CODE	WORK ITEM, SPECIFICATION NUMBER, LINE ITEMS OR WORK CATEGORIES (IF APPLICABLE) For Construction Projects, General Conditions must be listed separately	DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES	VALUE OF THE WORK

**MBE Prime Contractor**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name (please print or type)

FEIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Identification Number

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name

Title:

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Title

By:

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Signature of Authorized Representative

Date:

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Date

**D-4A**  
**Minority Business Enterprise Participation**  
**MBE Prime Contractor Paid/Unpaid Invoice Report**

Report #:		Contract #: F50B9400014			
Reporting Period (Month/Year):		Contracting Unit: Department of Information Technology			
<b>Prime Contractor: Report is due to the MBE Liaison by the 15th of the month following the month the services were provided.</b> <b>Note: Please number reports in sequence</b>		Contract Amount:			
		MBE Subcontract Amt:			
		Project Begin Date:			
		Project End Date:			
Prime Contractor:		Contact Person:			
Address:					
City:		State:		ZIP:	
Phone:		FAX:		E-mail:	
MBE Subcontractor Name:		Contact Person:			
Phone:		FAX:		E-mail:	
Subcontractor Services Provided:					
List all payments made to MBE subcontractor named above during this reporting period:			List dates and amounts of any outstanding invoices:		
	<b>Invoice #</b>	<b>Amount</b>		<b>Invoice #</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1.			1.		
2.			2.		
3.			3.		
4.			4.		
<b>Total Dollars Paid: \$</b>			<b>Total Dollars Unpaid: \$</b>		

- If more than one MBE subcontractor is used for this contract, you must use separate **Attachment D-4A** forms. Information regarding payments that the MBE prime will use for purposes of meeting the MBE participation goals must be reported separately in **Attachment D-4B**.
- **Return one copy (hard or electronic) of this form to the following addresses (electronic copy with signature and date is preferred):**

] \_\_\_\_\_  
 TO Manager

[contractManagerAddress] \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address

[contractManageremail] \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature (Required)

Department of Information Technology

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Contracting Unit

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State Zip

[contractManagerPhoneNumber] \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**D-4B  
Minority Business Enterprise Participation  
MBE Prime Contractor Report**

MBE Prime Contractor:		Contract #:	
Certification Number:		Contracting Unit: Department of Information Technology	
Report #:		Contract Amount:	
Reporting Period (Month/Year):		Total Value of the Work to the Self-Performed for purposes of Meeting the MBE participation goal/subgoals:	
<b>MBE Prime Contractor: Report is due to the MBE Liaison by the 15th of the month following the month the services were provided.</b> <b>Note: Please number reports in sequence</b>			
Contact Person:		Project Begin Date:	
Address:		Project End Date:	
City:		State:	ZIP:
Phone:	FAX:	E-mail:	
Invoice Number	Value of the Work	NAICS Code	Description of Specific Products and/or Services

**Return one copy (hard or electronic) of this form to the following addresses (electronic copy with signature and date is preferred):**

Ed Macon	Department of Information Technology
TO Manager	Contracting Unit
Address	City, State Zip
ed.macon@maryland.gov>	
Email	Phone Number
Signature (Required)	Date

**D-5  
Minority Business Enterprise Participation  
MBE Subcontractor Paid/Unpaid Invoice Report**

Report #:		Contract #: <b>F50B9400014</b>			
Reporting Period (Month/Year):		Contracting Unit: Department of Information Technology			
<b>Report is due by the 15th of the month following the month the services were performed.</b>		MBE Subcontract Amt:			
		Project Begin Date:			
		Project End Date:			
Services Provided:					
MBE Subcontractor Name:					
MDOT Certification #:					
Contact Person:					
Address:					
City:		State:		ZIP:	
Phone:		FAX:		E-mail:	
<b>Subcontractor Services Provided:</b>					
<b>List all payments received from Prime Contractor during reporting period indicated above.</b>			<b>List dates and amounts of any unpaid invoices over 30 days old.</b>		
	<b>Invoice Amount</b>	<b>Date</b>		<b>Invoice Amount</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.			1.		
2.			2.		
3.			3.		
4.			4.		
<b>Total Dollars Paid: \$</b>			<b>Total Dollars Unpaid: \$</b>		
Prime Contractor:			Contract Person:		

**Return one copy of this form to the following addresses (electronic copy with signature and date is preferred):**

Ed Macon	Department of Information Technology
_____	_____
TO Manager	Contracting Unit
_____	_____
Address	City, State Zip
ed.macon@maryland.gov	_____
_____	_____
Email	Phone Number
_____	_____
Signature (Required)	Date
_____	_____



**Attachment E. Maryland Living Wage Affidavit of Agreement for Service Contracts**

- A. This contract is subject to the Living Wage requirements under Md. Code Ann., State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 18, and the regulations proposed by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry (Commissioner). The Living Wage generally applies to a Contractor or subcontractor who performs work on a State contract for services that is valued at \$100,000 or more. An employee is subject to the Living Wage if he/she is at least 18 years old or will turn 18 during the duration of the contract; works at least 13 consecutive weeks on the State Contract and spends at least one-half of the employee's time during any workweek on the State Contract.
- B. The Living Wage Law does not apply to:
- (1) A Contractor who:
    - (a) Has a State contract for services valued at less than \$100,000, or
    - (b) Employs 10 or fewer employees and has a State contract for services valued at less than \$500,000.
  - (2) A subcontractor who:
    - (a) Performs work on a State contract for services valued at less than \$100,000,
    - (b) Employs 10 or fewer employees and performs work on a State contract for services valued at less than \$500,000, or
    - (c) Performs work for a Contractor not covered by the Living Wage Law as defined in B(1)(b) above, or B (3) or C below.
  - (3) Service contracts for the following:
    - (a) Services with a Public Service Company;
    - (b) Services with a nonprofit organization;
    - (c) Services with an officer or other entity that is in the Executive Branch of the State government and is authorized by law to enter into a procurement ("Unit"); or
    - (d) Services between a Unit and a County or Baltimore City.
- C. If the Unit responsible for the State contract for services determines that application of the Living Wage would conflict with any applicable Federal program, the Living Wage does not apply to the contract or program.
- D. A Contractor must not split or subdivide a State contract for services, pay an employee through a third party, or treat an employee as an independent Contractor or assign work to employees to avoid the imposition of any of the requirements of Md. Code Ann., State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 18.
- E. Each Contractor/subcontractor, subject to the Living Wage Law, shall post in a prominent and easily accessible place at the work site(s) of covered employees a notice of the Living Wage Rates, employee rights under the law, and the name, address, and telephone number of the Commissioner.
- F. The Commissioner shall adjust the wage rates by the annual average increase or decrease, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Washington/Baltimore metropolitan area, or any successor index, for the previous calendar year, not later than 90 days after the start of each fiscal year. The Commissioner shall publish any adjustments to the wage rates on the

Division of Labor and Industry's website. An employer subject to the Living Wage Law must comply with the rate requirements during the initial term of the contract and all subsequent renewal periods, including any increases in the wage rate, required by the Commissioner, automatically upon the effective date of the revised wage rate.

- G. A Contractor/subcontractor who reduces the wages paid to an employee based on the employer's share of the health insurance premium, as provided in Md. Code Ann., State Finance and Procurement Article, §18-103(c), shall not lower an employee's wage rate below the minimum wage as set in Md. Code Ann., Labor and Employment Article, §3-413. A Contractor/subcontractor who reduces the wages paid to an employee based on the employer's share of health insurance premium shall comply with any record reporting requirements established by the Commissioner.
- H. A Contractor/subcontractor may reduce the wage rates paid under Md. Code Ann., State Finance and Procurement Article, §18-103(a), by no more than 50 cents of the hourly cost of the employer's contribution to an employee's deferred compensation plan. A Contractor/subcontractor who reduces the wages paid to an employee based on the employer's contribution to an employee's deferred compensation plan shall not lower the employee's wage rate below the minimum wage as set in Md. Code Ann., Labor and Employment Article, §3-413.
- I. Under Md. Code Ann., State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 18, if the Commissioner determines that the Contractor/subcontractor violated a provision of this title or regulations of the Commissioner, the Contractor/subcontractor shall pay restitution to each affected employee, and the State may assess liquidated damages of \$20 per day for each employee paid less than the Living Wage.
- J. Information pertaining to reporting obligations may be found by going to the Division of Labor and Industry website <http://www.dllr.state.md.us/labor/prev/livingwage.shmtl> and clicking on Living Wage for State Service Contracts.

E-1 Maryland Living Wage Requirements Affidavit of Agreement

Contract No. F50B9400014

Name of Contractor:

Address:

If the Contract Is Exempt from the Living Wage Law

The Undersigned, being an authorized representative of the above named Contractor, hereby affirms that the Contract is exempt from Maryland’s Living Wage Law for the following reasons (check all that apply):

- Offeror is a nonprofit organization
Offeror is a public service company
Offeror employs 10 or fewer employees and the proposed contract value is less than \$500,000
Offeror employs more than 10 employees and the proposed contract value is less than \$100,000

If the Contract Is a Living Wage Contract

A. The Undersigned, being an authorized representative of the above-named Contractor, hereby affirms its commitment to comply with Title 18, State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and, if required, submit all payroll reports to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry with regard to the above stated contract. The Offeror agrees to pay covered employees who are subject to living wage at least the living wage rate in effect at the time service is provided for hours spent on State contract activities, and ensure that its subcontractors who are not exempt also pay the required living wage rate to their covered employees who are subject to the living wage for hours spent on a State contract for services. The Contractor agrees to comply with, and ensure its subcontractors comply with, the rate requirements during the initial term of the contract and all subsequent renewal periods, including any increases in the wage rate established by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, automatically upon the effective date of the revised wage rate.

B. (initial here if applicable) The Offeror affirms it has no covered employees for the following reasons: (check all that apply):

- The employee(s) proposed to work on the contract will spend less than one-half of the employee’s time during any work week on the contract
The employee(s) proposed to work on the contract is 17 years of age or younger during the duration of the contract; or
The employee(s) proposed to work on the contract will work less than 13 consecutive weeks on the State contract.

The Commissioner of Labor and Industry reserves the right to request payroll records and other data that the Commissioner deems sufficient to confirm these affirmations at any time.

Name of Authorized Representative:

Signature of Authorized Representative : Date:

Title:

Witness Name (Typed or Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMIT THIS AFFIDAVIT WITH PROPOSAL**

**Attachment F. Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure**

**Reference COMAR 21.05.08.08**

A. "Conflict of interest" means that because of other activities or relationships with other persons, a person is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the State, or the person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired, or a person has an unfair competitive advantage.

B. "Person" has the meaning stated in COMAR 21.01.02.01B (64) and includes a Offeror, TO Contractor, consultant, or subcontractor or sub-consultant at any tier, and also includes an employee or agent of any of them if the employee or agent has or will have the authority to control or supervise all or a portion of the work for which a Proposal is made.

C. The Offeror warrants that, except as disclosed in §D, below, there are no relevant facts or circumstances now giving rise or which could, in the future, give rise to a conflict of interest.

D. The following facts or circumstances give rise or could in the future give rise to a conflict of interest (explain in detail — attach additional sheets if necessary):

E. The Offeror agrees that if an actual or potential conflict of interest arises after the date of this affidavit, the Offeror shall immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the TO Procurement Officer of all relevant facts and circumstances. This disclosure shall include a description of actions, which the Offeror has taken and proposes to take to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict of interest. If the contract has been awarded and performance of the contract has begun, the TO Contractor shall continue performance until notified by the TO Procurement Officer of any contrary action to be taken.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

**SUBMIT THIS AFFIDAVIT WITH Bid/PROPOSAL**

**Attachment G. Mercury Affidavit**

This solicitation does not include the procurement of products known to likely include mercury as a component.

**Attachment H. Task Order Agreement**CATS+ TORFP# F50B9400014 OF  
MASTER CONTRACT #060B2490023

This Task Order Agreement (“TO Agreement”) is made this day of Month, 20XX by and between \_\_\_\_\_ (TO Contractor) and the STATE OF MARYLAND, Department of Information Technology (DoIT or the “Department”).

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises, the covenants herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions. In this TO Agreement, the following words have the meanings indicated:
  - A. “Agency” means Department of Information Technology, as identified in the CATS+ TORFP # **XXX**
  - B. “CATS+ TORFP” means the Task Order Request for Proposals # **XXX**, dated MONTH DAY, YEAR, including any addenda and amendments.
  - C. “Master Contract” means the CATS+ Master Contract between the Maryland Department of Information Technology and TO Contractor.
  - D. “TO Procurement Officer” means [TO Procurement Officer]. The Department may change the TO Procurement Officer at any time by written notice.
  - E. “TO Agreement” means this signed TO Agreement between DOIT and TO Contractor.
  - F. “TO Contractor” means the CATS+ Master Contractor awarded this TO Agreement, whose principal business address is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - G. “TO Manager” means Ed Macon. The Department may change the TO Manager at any time by written notice to the TO Contractor.
  - H. “TO Technical Proposal” means the TO Contractor’s technical response to the CATS+ TORFP dated <<date of TO Technical Proposal>>.
  - I. “TO Financial Proposal” means the TO Contractor’s financial response to the CATS+ TORFP dated <<date of TO Financial Proposal>>.
  - J. “TO Proposal” collectively refers to the TO Technical Proposal and TO Financial Proposal.
2. Scope of Work
  - 2.1 This TO Agreement incorporates all of the terms and conditions of the Master Contract and shall not in any way amend, conflict with, or supersede the Master Contract.
  - 2.2 The TO Contractor shall, in full satisfaction of the specific requirements of this TO Agreement, provide the services set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of the CATS+ TORFP. These services shall be provided in accordance with the Master Contract, this TO Agreement, and the following Exhibits, which are attached and incorporated herein by reference. If there is any conflict among the Master Contract, this TO Agreement, and these Exhibits, the terms of the Master Contract shall govern. If there is any conflict between this TO Agreement and any of these Exhibits, the following order of precedence shall determine the prevailing provision:

The TO Agreement,

Exhibit A – CATS+ TORFP

Exhibit B – TO Technical Proposal

Exhibit C – TO Financial Proposal

2.3 The TO Procurement Officer may, at any time, by written order, make changes in the work within the general scope of the TO Agreement. No other order, statement or conduct of the TO Procurement Officer or any other person shall be treated as a change or entitle the TO Contractor to an equitable adjustment under this Section. Except as otherwise provided in this TO Agreement, if any change under this Section causes an increase or decrease in the TO Contractor’s cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work, whether or not changed by the order, an equitable adjustment in the TO Agreement price shall be made and the TO Agreement modified in writing accordingly. The TO Contractor must assert in writing its right to an adjustment under this Section within thirty (30) days of receipt of written change order and shall include a written statement setting forth the nature and cost of such claim. No claim by the TO Contractor shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this TO Agreement. Failure to agree to an adjustment under this Section shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause of the Master Contract. Nothing in this Section shall excuse the TO Contractor from proceeding with the TO Agreement as changed.

3. Time for Performance

Unless terminated earlier as provided in the Master Contract, the term of this TO Agreement shall commence as of the “Effective Date” and expire 120 business days after Notice to Proceed (“NTP”) unless an extension is granted by the TO Manager and executed via Modification to the Task Order.

4. Consideration and Payment

4.1 The consideration to be paid the TO Contractor shall be done so in accordance with the CATS+ TORFP and shall not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_. Any work performed by the TO Contractor in excess of the not-to-exceed ceiling amount of the TO Agreement without the prior written approval of the TO Manager is at the TO Contractor’s risk of non-payment.

4.2 Payments to the TO Contractor shall be made as outlined Section 3 of the CATS+ TORFP, but no later than thirty (30) days after the Department’s receipt of a proper invoice for services provided by the TO Contractor, acceptance by the Department of services provided by the TO Contractor, and pursuant to the conditions outlined in Section 4 of this Agreement.

4.3 Each invoice for services rendered must include the TO Contractor’s Federal Tax Identification Number which is \_\_\_\_\_. Charges for late payment of invoices other than as prescribed by Title 15, Subtitle 1, of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as from time-to-time amended, are prohibited. Invoices must be submitted to the Department TO Manager unless otherwise specified herein.

4.4 In addition to any other available remedies, if, in the opinion of the TO Procurement Officer, the TO Contractor fails to perform in a satisfactory and timely manner, the TO Procurement Officer may refuse or limit approval of any invoice for payment, and may cause payments to the TO Contractor to be reduced or withheld until such time as the TO Contractor meets performance standards as established by the TO Procurement Officer.

SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE



IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this TO Agreement as of the date hereinabove set forth.

TO Contractor Name

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By: Type or Print TO Contractor POC

Date

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MARYLAND, DOIT

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By: Michael G. Leahy, Secretary

Date

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved for form and legal sufficiency this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Attorney General

**Attachment I. Certification Regarding Investments in Iran**

**Authority:** State Finance & Procurement, §§17-701 – 17-707, Annotated Code of Maryland [Chapter 447, Laws of 2012.]

**List:** The Investment Activities in Iran list identifies companies that the Board of Public Works has found to engage in investment activities in Iran; those companies may not participate in procurements with a public body in the State. “Engaging in investment activities in Iran” means:

- A. Providing goods or services of at least \$20 million in the energy sector of Iran; or
- B. For financial institutions, extending credit of at least \$20 million to another person for at least 45 days if the person is on the Investment Activities in Iran list and will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy of Iran.

**The Investment Activities in Iran list is located at: [www.bpw.state.md.us](http://www.bpw.state.md.us)**

**Rule:** A company listed on the Investment Activities in Iran list is ineligible to bid on, submit a proposal for, or renew a contract for goods and services with a State Agency or any public body of the State. Also ineligible are any parent, successor, subunit, direct or indirect subsidiary of, or any entity under common ownership or control of, any listed company.

NOTE: This law applies only to new contracts and to contract renewals. The law does not require an Agency to terminate an existing contract with a listed company.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING INVESTMENTS IN IRAN**

The undersigned certifies that, in accordance with State Finance & Procurement Article, §17-705:

- (i) it is not identified on the list created by the Board of Public Works as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in §17-702 of State Finance & Procurement; and
- (ii) it is not engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in State Finance & Procurement Article, §17-702.

The undersigned is unable make the above certification regarding its investment activities in Iran due to the following activities:

Name of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name (Typed or Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachment J. Certification Regarding Discriminatory Boycotts of Israel**

**Authority:** Executive Order 01.01.2017.25 (issued October 23, 2017)

The undersigned Offeror hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct:

In preparing its proposal on this project, the Offeror has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not, in the solicitation, selection, or commercial treatment of any subcontractor, vendor, or supplier, refused to transact or terminated business activities, or taken other actions intended to limit commercial relations, with a person or entity on the basis of Israeli national origin, or residence or incorporation in Israel and its territories. The Offeror also has not retaliated against any person or other entity for reporting such refusal, termination, or commercially limiting actions. Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation for this project, it is agreed and understood, that if this certification is false, such false certification will constitute grounds for the State to reject the proposal submitted by the Offeror on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the bid.

The undersigned is unable make the above certification regarding boycotts of Israel due to the following activities:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachment K. NOTICE TO PROCEED (SAMPLE)**

Month Day, Year

TO Contractor Name

TO Contractor Mailing Address

Re: CATS+ Solicitation Number (TORFP #): XXX

Dear TO Contractor Contact:

This letter is your official Notice to Proceed as of Month Day, Year, for the above-referenced Task Order Agreement. Mr. / Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ of Department of Information Technology (Agency Name) will serve as the TO Manager and your contact person on this Task Order. He / She can be reached at telephone \_\_\_\_\_.

Enclosed is an original, fully executed Task Order Agreement and purchase order.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Funk

Task Order Procurement Officer

Enclosures (2)

cc: Ed Macon, TO Manager

Procurement Liaison Office, Department of Information Technology

Project Oversight Office, Department of Information Technology

**Appendix 1. – Abbreviations and Definitions**

- A. Business Day(s) – The official working days of the week to include Monday through Friday. Official working days excluding State Holidays (see definition of “Normal State Business Hours” below).
- B. COMAR – Code of Maryland Regulations available on-line at <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/COMAR/ComarHome.html>.
- C. Effective Date - The date of mutual TO Agreement execution by the parties
- D. Local Time – Time in the Eastern Time Zone as observed by the State of Maryland. Unless otherwise specified, all stated times should be Local Time, even if not expressly designated as such.
- E. Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) – Any legal entity certified as defined at COMAR 21.01.02.01B (54) which is certified by the Maryland Department of Transportation under COMAR 21.11.03.
- F. Normal State Business Hours - Normal State business hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except State Holidays, which can be found at: [www.dbm.maryland.gov](http://www.dbm.maryland.gov) – keyword: State Holidays.
- G. Notice to Proceed (NTP) – A written notice from the TO Procurement Officer that work under the Task Order, project or Work Order (as applicable) is to begin as of a specified date. The NTP Date is the start date of work under the Task Order, project or Work Order. Additional NTPs may be issued by either the TO Procurement Officer or the TO Manager regarding the start date for any service included within this solicitation with a delayed or non-specified implementation date.
- H. NTP Date – The date specified in a NTP for work on Task Order, project or Work Order to begin.
- I. Offeror – A Master Contractor that submits a Proposal in response to this TORFP.
- J. State – The State of Maryland.
- K. Source Code – Executable instructions for Software in its high level, human readable form
- L. Task Order (TO) – The scope of work described in this TORFP.
- M. TO Agreement - The contract awarded to the successful Offeror pursuant to this Task Order Request for Proposals, the form of which is attached to this TORFP as **Attachment H**.
- N. TO Contractor Personnel - Employees and agents and subcontractor employees and agents performing work at the direction of the TO Contractor under the terms of the Task Order awarded from this TORFP.
- O. TO Proposal – As appropriate, either or both of an Offeror’s TO Technical or TO Financial Proposal.
- P. Veteran-owned Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) – A business that is verified by the Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as a veteran-owned small business. See Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 21.11.13.

**Appendix 2. – Offeror Information Sheet**

<b>Offeror</b>	
<b>Company Name</b>	
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip Code</b>	
<b>TO Contractor Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)</b>	
<b>TO Contractor eMM ID number</b>	As of the date of Proposal submission, are you registered to do business with the state of Maryland?
<b>SBE / MBE/ VSBE Certification</b>	
<b>SBE</b>	Number: Expiration Date:
<b>VSBE</b>	Number: Expiration Date:
<b>MBE</b>	Number: Expiration Date: Categories to be applied to this solicitation (dual certified firms must choose only one category).
<b>Offeror Primary Contact</b>	
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Title</b>	
<b>Office Telephone number (with area code)</b>	
<b>Cell Telephone number (with area code)</b>	
<b>e-mail address</b>	
<b>Authorized Offer Signatory</b>	
<b>Name</b>	
<b>Title</b>	
<b>Office Telephone number (with area code)</b>	
<b>Cell Telephone number (with area code)</b>	
<b>e-mail address</b>	

**Appendix 3 Performance Bond**

**PERFORMANCE BOND**

Principal	Business Address of Principal
Surety	Obligee
A corporation of the State of and authorized to do business in the State of Maryland	STATE OF MARYLAND
	By and through the following Administration
Penal Sum of Bond (express in words and figures)	(Date of TO Agreement), 20__
	Date Bond Executed , 20__
Description of Task Order Table Rock SHA Communications Tower Site Preparation	
Task Order Number: XXX	

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the Principal named above and Surety named above, are held and firmly bound unto the Obligee named above in the Penal Sum of this Performance Bond stated above, for the payment of which Penal Sum we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. However, where Surety is composed of corporations acting as co-sureties, we the co-sureties, bind ourselves, our successors and assigns, in such Penal Sum jointly and severally as well as severally only for the purpose of allowing a joint action or actions against any or all of us, and for all other purposes each co-surety binds itself, jointly and severally with the Principal, for the payment of such sum as appears above its name below, but if no limit of liability is indicated, the limit of such liability shall be the full amount of the Penal Sum.

WHEREAS, Principal has entered into or will enter into a contract with the State of Maryland, by and through the Administration named above acting for the State of Maryland, which contract is described and dated as shown above, and incorporated herein by reference. The contract and all items incorporated into the contract, together with any and all changes, extensions of time, alterations, modifications, or additions to the contract or to the work to be performed thereunder or to the Plans, Specifications, and Special Provisions, or any of them, or to any other items incorporated into the contract shall hereinafter be referred as "the TO Agreement."

WHEREAS, it is one of the conditions precedent to the final award of the TO Agreement that these presents be executed.

NOW, THEREFORE, during the original term of said TO Agreement, during any extensions thereto that may be granted by the Administration and during the guarantee and warranty period, if any, required under the TO Agreement, unless otherwise stated therein, this Performance Bond shall remain in full force and effect unless and until the following terms and conditions are met:

1. Principal shall well and truly perform the TO Agreement; and
2. Principal and Surety shall comply with the terms and conditions in this Performance Bond.

Whenever Principal shall be declared by the Administration to be in default under the TO Agreement, the Surety may, within 15 days after notice of default from the Administration, notify the Administration of its election to either promptly proceed to remedy the default or promptly proceed to complete the contract

in accordance with and subject to its terms and conditions. In the event the Surety does not elect to exercise either of the above stated options, then the Administration thereupon shall have the remaining contract work completed, Surety to remain liable hereunder for all expenses of completion up to but not exceeding the penal sum stated above.

The Surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the TO Agreement or to the work to be performed thereunder or the Specifications accompanying the same shall in any way affect its obligation on this Performance Bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the TO Agreement or to the work or to the Specifications.

This Performance Bond shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and any reference herein to Principal or Surety in the singular shall include all entities in the plural who or which are signatories under the Principal or Surety heading below.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Principal and Surety have set their hands and seals to this Performance Bond. If any individual is a signatory under the Principal heading below, then each such individual has signed below on his or her own behalf, has set forth below the name of the firm, if any, in whose name he or she is doing business, and has set forth below his or her title as a sole proprietor. If any partnership or joint venture is a signatory under the Principal heading below, then all members of each such partnership or joint venture have signed below, each member has set forth below the name of the partnership or joint venture, and each member has set forth below his or her title as a general partner, limited partner, or member of joint venture, whichever is applicable. If any corporation is a signatory under the Principal or Surety heading below, then each such corporation has caused the following: the corporation's name to be set forth below, a duly authorized representative of the corporation to affix below the corporation's seal and to attach hereto a notarized corporate resolution of power of attorney authorizing such action, and each such duly authorized representative to sign below and set forth below his or her title as a representative of the corporation. If any individual acts as a witness to any signature below, then each such individual has signed below and has set forth below his or her title as a witness. All of the above has been done as of the Date of Bond shown above.

Individual Principal

In Presence of:  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ as to

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Co-Partnership Principal

In Presence of:  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Co-Partnership)

\_\_\_\_\_ as to

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Partner

\_\_\_\_\_ as to

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Partner

\_\_\_\_\_ as to

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)



\_\_\_\_\_

Partner

Corporate Principal

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Corporation) AFFIX  
CORPORATE  
SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Secretary

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Individual or Corporate Surety)

Bonding Agent's Name:

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_

Agent's Address:

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Business Address of Surety)

Approved as to form and legal  
sufficiency this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Attorney General

**Appendix 4. Payment Bond**

**PAYMENT BOND**

Principal	Business Address of Principal
Surety	Obligee
A corporation of the State of and authorized to do business in the State of Maryland	STATE OF MARYLAND
	By and through the following Administration
Penal Sum of Bond (express in words and figures)	(Date of TO Agreement), 20__
	Date Bond Executed , 20__
Description of Task Order: Table Rock SHA Communications Tower Site Preparation	
Task Order Number: XXX	

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the Principal named above and Surety named above, being authorized to do business in Maryland, and having business address as shown above, are held and firmly bound unto the Obligee named above, for the use and benefit of claimants as hereinafter defined, in the Penal Sum of this Payment Bond stated above, for the payment of which Penal Sum we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these co-sureties, bind ourselves, our successors and assigns, in such Penal Sum jointly and severally as well as severally only for the purpose of allowing a joint action or actions against any or all of us, and for all other purposes each co-surety binds itself, jointly and severally with the Principal, for the payment of such sum as appears above its name below, but if no limit of liability is indicated, the limit of such liability shall be the full amount of the Penal Sum.

WHEREAS, Principal has entered into or will enter into a contract with the State, by and through the Administration named above acting for the State of Maryland, which contract is described and dated as shown above, and incorporated herein by reference. The contract and all items incorporated into the contract, together with any and all changes, extensions of time, alterations, modifications, or additions to the contract or to the work to be performed thereunder or to the Plans, Specifications, and Special Provisions, or any of them, or to any other items incorporated into the contract shall hereinafter be referred to as the "TO Agreement".

WHEREAS, it is one of the conditions precedent to the final award of the TO Agreement that these presents be executed.

NOW THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that if the Principal shall promptly make payment to all claimants as hereinafter defined, for all labor and materials furnished, supplied and reasonably required for use in the performance of the TO Agreement, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect, subject to the following conditions:

1. A claimant is defined to be any and all of those persons supplying labor and materials (including lessors of the equipment to the extent of the fair market value thereof) to the Principal or its subcontractors and subcontractors in the prosecution of the work provided for in the TO Agreement, entitled to the protection provided by Section 9-113 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as from time to time amended.

2. The above named Principal and Surety hereby jointly and severally agree with the Obligee that every claimant as herein defined, who has not been in full may, pursuant to and when in compliance with the provisions of the aforesaid Section 9-113, sue on this Bond for the use of such claimant, prosecute the suit to final judgment for such sum or sums as may be justly due claimant and have execution thereon. The Obligee shall not be liable for the payment of any costs or expenses of any such suit.

The Surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the TO Agreement or to the work to be performed thereunder or the Specifications accompanying the same shall in any way affect its obligation on this Payment Bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the TO Agreement or to the work or to the Specifications.

This Payment Bond shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and any reference herein to Principal or Surety in the singular shall include all entities in the plural who or which are signatories under the Principal or Surety heading below.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Principal and Surety have set their hands and seals to this Payment Bond. If any individual is a signatory under the Principal heading below, then each such individual has signed below on his or her own behalf, has set forth below the name of the firm, if any, in whose name he or she is doing business, and has set forth below his or her title as a sole proprietor. If any partnership or joint venture is a signatory under the Principal heading below, then all members of each such partnership or joint venture have signed below, each member has set forth below the name of the partnership or joint venture, and each member has set forth below his or her title as a general partner, limited partner, or member of joint venture, whichever is applicable. If any corporation is a signatory under the Principal or Surety heading below, then each such corporation has caused the following: the corporation's name to be set forth below, a duly authorized representative of the corporation to affix below the corporation's seal and to attach hereto a notarized corporate resolution of power of attorney authorizing such action, and each such duly authorized representative to sign below and set forth below his or her title as a representative of the corporation. If any individual acts as a witness to any signature below, then each such individual has signed below and has set forth below his or her title as a witness. All of the above has been done as of the Date of Bond shown above.

Individual Principal

In Presence of:  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ as to

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)

Co-Partnership Principal

In Presence of:  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Co-Partnership)

\_\_\_\_\_ as to

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)

Partner

\_\_\_\_\_ as to

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)

Partner

\_\_\_\_\_ as to

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Partner

Corporate Principal

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Corporation) AFFIX  
CORPORATE  
SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Individual or Corporate Surety)

Bonding Agent's Name:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent's Address:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Business Address of Surety)

Approved as to form and legal  
sufficiency this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Attorney General

Appendix 5 Proposal/Bid Bond

PROPOSAL/BID BOND

Bond No. \_\_\_\_\_

We, \_\_\_\_\_ as Principal, hereinafter called the Principal, and \_\_\_\_\_, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland, hereinafter called "State", for the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ for the payment of which sum, the Principal and the Surety bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted a bid for (Identify project by number and brief description):

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal, upon acceptance by the State of its bid identified above, within the period specified therein for acceptance (ninety (90) days, if no period is specified), shall execute such further contractual documents, if any, and give such bond(s) as may be required by the terms of the bid as accepted within the time specified (ten (10) days if no period is specified) after receipt of the forms, or in the event of failure so to execute such further contractual documents and give such bonds, if the Principal shall pay the State the difference not to exceed the penalty hereof between the amount specified in Principal's bid and such larger amount for which the State may in good faith contract with another party to perform the work covered by said bid, then the above obligation shall be void and of no effect.

The Surety executing this instrument hereby agrees that its obligation shall not be impaired by any extension(s) of the time for acceptance of the bid that the Principal may grant to the State, notice of which extension(s) to the Surety being hereby waived; provided that such waiver of notice shall apply only with respect to extensions aggregating not more than ninety (90) calendar days in addition to the period originally allowed for acceptance of the bid.

Individual Principal

In Presence of:  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ as to

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)

Partnership Principal

In Presence of:  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ as to

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)

Partner

\_\_\_\_\_ as to

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)

Partner

\_\_\_\_\_ as to

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)

Partner

Corporate Principal

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Corporation) AFFIX  
SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
By:  
President

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Surety)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
By:  
Attorney-in-fact AFFIX  
SEAL

Bonding Agent's Name

Agent's Address:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form and legal  
sufficiency this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
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Assistant Attorney General