# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Property Management, Marketing,
Leasing, Redevelopment and
Expansion Services
for the
Connecticut Regional Agriculture Market

Hartford, Connecticut

Issued January 7, 2020

Key Dates January 16, 2020 - Submission of Letter of Interest January 30, 2020 - Questions from Proposers February 13, 2020 - Proposals Due

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

The Capital Regional Development Authority ("CRDA") is seeking proposals from qualified firms/teams interested in providing Property Management, Marketing, Leasing, Redevelopment and Expansion Services for the Connecticut Regional Agriculture Market (the "Market") in Hartford, Connecticut.

A quasi-public agency of the State of Connecticut, CRDA acquired the Market by Act of the General Assembly in 2018 and has been working with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAG) for the gradual transfer of the facility's operations to CRDA.

#### II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Market is a 33-acre facility with over 185,000 square feet of warehouse and refrigerated space located at 101 Reserve Road in Hartford. It is the largest perishable food distribution facility between New York and Boston and consists of four distribution/warehouse buildings, one free standing restaurant, office space dedicated to real estate management, DoAG and related federal agricultural services, and a farmers' market pavilion. While promoting Connecticut Agriculture, the Market serves a dual customer goal by providing a facility for both retail and wholesale trade. At the present time, there are approximately twenty tenants employing approximately four hundred and fifty persons at the facility on a daily basis. A farmers' market attracts nearly one hundred and fifty vendors on weekends throughout the spring and fall, but is managed separately by CT DoAg.

CRDA believes that the Market is well-positioned for short-term opportunities and longer-term growth. It is the Authority's objective to increase the self-sustainability of the Market by improving revenues and occupancy and by undertaking strategic capital investments. Further, it is the goal of CRDA to both encourage the growth of existing businesses in the Market as well as encourage the redevelopment and expansion of the overall Market facility by attracting new investment partnerships.

#### III. SCOPE OF SERVICES

CRDA expects to enter into a contract with the selected firm/team for the following services:

Property Management: A strong property management team is critical for the long-term health of the Market. Respondents' credentials and abilities to manage commercial and/or industrial real estate including the day to day details of ensuring tenant and customer success are requested. Respondents must be experienced in managing physical plant, as well as tenant relations including rent collection, expense/payable reconciliations, vendor oversight and preparation and presentation of annual operating budgets, capital programs and property maintenance systems. Duties will include overseeing and managing landlord responsibilities as outlined in leases and licenses. The management team must prepare and implement an initial and subsequently an annual plan to enhance the overall Market, to improve its visual appeal and customer, tenant and farmer experiences.

<u>Marketing/Leasing</u>: Respondents must show ability, licenses and experiences in marketing and leasing commercial real estate which will include securing new tenants as well as the expansion of existing ones. It will be incumbent on the leasing agent to evaluate income potential as well as tenant risk

assessment, to project costs/expenses associated with the lease, to show the value of the lease over time and to recommend a lease transaction to CRDA. This will also include the creation and maintenance of a physical and on-line marketing presence.

<u>Redevelopment</u>: The long-term potential of the Market is possible in its redevelopment. The selected firm/team will be tasked with identifying a general plan of redevelopment including the general location, size and layout of existing buildings, development lots/sites with new building potential, including the phased construction of such expanded facilities and their infrastructure and evaluating the economic return of such investment. Marketing and attracting private capital to form a partnership with CRDA will also be a part of the scope of services sought in this RFP.

#### IV. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### A. CRDA Contact Information

The official contact person for the purposes of this RFP is:

Ms. Kimberly Hart, Venue Director Capital Region Development Authority 100 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 500 Hartford, CT 06103-2819

Telephone: (860) 493-2925

Fax:

(860) 527-0133

Email:

khart@crdact.net

All communications with CRDA regarding this RFP must be directed to Ms. Hart.

All communications with CRDA, DoAG or any person representing CRDA or DoAg concerning this RFP are strictly prohibited, except as permitted by this RFP. Any violation of this prohibition by a proposer or its representatives may result in disqualification or other sanctions.

#### B. Letter of Interest

Interested firms are encouraged, but not required, to submit a letter of interest to Ms. Hart by <u>January 16, 2020</u> acknowledging receipt of the RFP and informing CRDA of its intent to respond. Such letters should include the name, address, telephone, e-mail address and facsimile number of the individual who can address inquiries related to this RFP and the firm's proposal and receive clarifications or addenda from CRDA.

#### C. Site Tour

A tour of the Connecticut Regional Agriculture Market will be held at 11:00 a.m. on January 22, 2020 and prospective bidders are encouraged to attend. The tour will meet in front of Building A offices at 101 Reserve Road in Hartford. In the case of a winter storm, an alternative site tour will be held at 11:00 a.m. on January 24, 2020. Please see the CRDA website at http://crdact.net to determine whether the alternative site tour date will be used due to a winter storm.

#### D. Questions and Amendments

All questions regarding this RFP and submission requirements must be directed, in writing, to Ms. Hart by <u>January 30, 2020</u>. Written responses to all questions will be posted by <u>February 6, 2020</u> on the CRDA website at <a href="http://crdact.net/about\_us/rfps\_contracts.html">http://crdact.net/about\_us/rfps\_contracts.html</a> and on the DAS Contracting Portal at <a href="https://biznet.ct.gov/SCP\_Search/Default.aspx?AccLast=2">https://biznet.ct.gov/SCP\_Search/Default.aspx?AccLast=2</a>.

Any amendments to this RFP will be posted on these websites and respondents are advised to check them periodically.

#### E. Proposal Deadline

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP must be submitted to the address below by 3:00 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday, February 13, 2020.

Ms. Kimberly Hart Venue Director Capital City Economic Development Authority 100 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 500 Hartford, CT 06103-2819

#### F. Short Lists; Presentation

CRDA may decide on the basis of the proposals to "short-list" one or more respondents and invite them to make individual presentations. For planning purposes, such presentations, if requested, would be expected to take place during the week of <u>March 2, 2020</u>.

#### G. Sample Contract

A sample CRDA contract – other provisions is included as Attachment H.

#### V. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposer shall complete and submit one (1) original and four (4) hard copies of its proposal and required attachments, together with one (1) copy on a USB flash drive. All submissions must follow the required format and address all requirements listed in the prescribed order using the numbering system below. Failure to follow the required format may result in disqualification of a submission.

All submissions must be signed by the proposer. Unsigned submissions will be rejected. Submissions transmitted by facsimile may not be accepted or reviewed.

#### Part 1 - Cover Letter

The cover letter shall be signed by a person authorized to legally bind the proposer and must include the following items:

- The identity of the proposing or lead firm and any partners, consultants or subcontractors included as part of the response, and a description of its legal form and domicile.
- The names of the individuals involved in the preparation of the RFP response and of any individuals employed or compensated to develop or advocate or solicit for the proposal along with their relationship to the proposing firm. Identify any such individuals who are subject to the provisions of the Connecticut Code of Ethics for Lobbyists.
- A statement confirming that the respondent has sole and complete responsibility for performing the services as proposed.
- A statement expressly acknowledging, accepting and agreeing to the General Requirements and Conditions in Section VII of this RFP.

#### Part 2 - Table of Contents

Proposers must include a Table of Contents that lists sections and subsections with page numbers that follow the organization and sequence for this submission as required.

#### Part 3 – Organizational Profile

- 1. <u>Qualifications</u>. Describe how your experience or special knowledge, skills or abilities meet CRDA's needs as outlined in this RFP.
- 2. <u>Summary of Relevant Experience</u>. Provide a listing of comparable commercial projects, including those sponsored by public entities, for which the respondent and/or its proposed team currently provide these services or have provided such services within the last three (3) years. Additionally, provide detailed information on the type and scope of the projects and scope of services provided. Include name, title, address, telephone, facsimile number and email address of the client contact or contract administrator.

- 3. <u>Organization Chart</u>. Data describing the firm's and/or individual team members' current organization date of incorporation, ownership, corporate office, number of years in business, size of business, services offered, operating philosophy and financial performance. Provide a diagram showing the hierarchical structure of functions and positions within the organization.
- 4. <u>Financial Condition</u>. For property management services, the firm or corporation must include the three (3) most recent annual financial statements prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant, and reviewed or audited in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (USA). If the firm or corporation has been in business for less than three (3) years, such respondent must include any financial statements prepared by a Certified Public Accountant and reviewed or audited in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (USA) for the entire existence of such firm or corporation.
  - 5. Firm/team's affirmative action plan.

#### Part 4 – Partners

If the Proposal is submitted jointly by two (2) or more entities that will share responsibility for contract performance in any way, provide the same information required under Parts 3 and 5 for each such entity.

#### Part 5 - Conflict of Interest

Include a disclosure statement concerning any current business relationships (within the last three (3) years) that pose a conflict of interest as defined by Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-86.

#### Part 6 - Proposal

In addition to a financial proposal, this section should describe your firm's understanding of CRDA's goals for the Connecticut Regional Agriculture Market and how your firm will assist in achieving them.

Respondents should include standards to be achieved in the following areas, at a minimum: operations management and services, tenant relations and lease management services, revenue opportunities, quality control, fiscal services, media relations, web site, and inventory.

In consideration of manager's performance of its services, respondents should include within its financial proposal: 1) base fees for management services, 2) brokerage fees for new tenants and how it will be earned, and 3) schedule of planning and development fees on an hourly basis.

#### Part 7 – Additional Data

Provide any additional information which the respondent wishes to bring to the attention of CRDA that is relevant to this RFP.

#### Part 8 – References

Completed Attachment B.

#### Part 9 - Required Forms

Completed Attachments C, D, E, F, and G.

#### VI. SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria shall be among those utilized in the selection process. They are presented as a guide for the respondent in understanding CRDA's requirements and expectations for this project and are not necessarily exclusive or presented in order of importance.

- A. Firm/team's qualifications and experience, specifically:
  - a. Credentials and certifications commonly associated with real estate property management
  - b. Respondent's good standing to conduct business in the State of Connecticut
  - c. Experience managing large commercial/industrial facilities on behalf of an owner
  - d. Capacity to solicit and secure real estate transactions
  - e. Ability to market the facility for agriculture use and new investment
  - f. Familiarity with the Hartford industrial market place
  - g. Understanding of Connecticut and national agricultural trends
- B. Professional qualifications of key personnel assigned to project
- C. Proposed work plan
- D. Price and/or other financial terms of proposal
- E. References (Attachment B)
- F. Firm/team's demonstrated commitment to affirmative action

#### VII. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. If you elect to respond to this RFP, submission of your Proposal constitutes your acceptance of the following understandings:
  - a. Proposals must be signed by an authorized officer of the proposer. Proposals must also provide name, title, email address and telephone number for (i) individuals with authority to negotiate and contractually bind the entity, and (ii) those who may be contacted for the purpose of clarifying or supporting the information provided in the Proposal.
  - b. This RFP is not an offer or commitment, and neither this RFP, the RFP process nor any subsequent negotiations shall give rise to any commitment or obligation on the part of CRDA or confer any rights on any proposer unless and until a binding written agreement is executed by CRDA and the proposer.
  - c. CRDA reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to (i) to reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP for any reason and at any time; (ii) to waive any irregularities or deficiencies in any proposal; (iii) to discuss a proposal or enter into negotiations with any proposer without notice to other proposers; (iv) to suspend or discontinue any such discussions or negotiations at any time; (v) to extend, reopen, modify, cancel and/or reissue this RFP; (vi) to enter into discussions or negotiations with parties not responding to the RFP without first rejecting all proposals received in response to this RFP; (vii) to discuss, negotiate and enter into agreements with more than one proposer or any other party with respect to different responsibilities; and (viii) to use the proposals as a basis for negotiation and to negotiate with one or more proposers on terms other than set forth in this RFP or in any proposal.
  - d. Proposals should be submitted on the most favorable terms from a technical, qualifications and price standpoint. CRDA will select for negotiation the proposal(s) that best meet its needs. While cost will be a factor to be considered, CRDA is not required and reserves the right not to accept the lowest priced proposal.
  - e. The RFP is non-exclusive and CRDA reserves the right to select more than one proposer, to divide the work between one or more proposers, or to retain other firms for any of the work.
  - f. CRDA will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any proposer in conjunction with the preparation or presentation of any proposal with respect to this RFP or proposer's participation in the RFP process, all of which shall be at the proposer's sole cost and risk.
  - g. CRDA is a "public agency" for purposes of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). Accordingly, upon receipt at the office of CRDA, your proposal will be considered a public record or file subject to disclosure under the FOIA. The FOIA includes an exemption for responses to a request for proposals in a contract award process until the contract is executed or negotiations for the award of such contract have ended, whichever occurs earlier. CRDA has determined that it is in the public interest to maintain the temporary confidentiality of proposals pursuant to this FOIA exemption.

The FOIA also includes exemptions for "trade secrets" and "commercial or financial information given in confidence, not required by statute." This exemption allows, but does not require, CRDA to withhold information that qualifies under these exemptions, which

exceptions remain available so long as the information continues to be treated by the submitting party as confidential and is not readily available to the public from other sources. Only the particular information falling within one of these exemptions can be withheld by CRDA if made the subject of a public records request under FOIA. Therefore, a proposer must specifically identify those particular sentences, paragraphs, pages, sections or exhibits that it claims to be exempt, together with a convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to support the claim of confidentiality for purposes of Section 1-210(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes in terms of the prospective harm to the competitive position of the submitting party if such information were to be released. In the absence of such identification and explanation, any claim that particular information is exempt from FOIA disclosure will be deemed to have been waived. If a public records access request is made, CRDA is required to, and reserves the right to, determine (i) whether information included in a proposal qualifies under these exemptions, and (ii) whether to withhold the information.

Proposers should be aware that (i) CRDA has no obligation to initiate, prosecute or defend any legal proceeding or to seek to secure any protective order or other relief to prevent disclosure of any information pursuant to an FOIA request, (ii) the proposer will have the burden of establishing the availability of any FOIA exemption in any such legal proceeding, and (iii) in no event shall CRDA or any of its officers, directors or employees have any liability for disclosure of documents or information in the possession of CRDA which CRDA, or such officer, director or employee, in good faith, believes to be required pursuant to the FOIA or other requirements of law.

In the event of a public records request for a proposal, CRDA may provide a copy of the proposal with all or part of the information redacted for which an exemption has been claimed on the basis of confidentiality. For this purpose, CRDA may request, and each proposer by submission of a proposal agrees promptly to provide to CRDA, a version of such proposal from which all information has been redacted for which an FOIA exemption based on confidentiality has been made.

h. Except as otherwise expressly provided in an agreement with CRDA, each proposal and any work product developed under a contract awarded as a result of this RFP shall be the sole property of CRDA.

This RFP, the RFP process, and any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP are subject to all other applicable legal requirements.

- 2. If you elect to respond to this RFP, you will be deemed to have certified the accuracy and completeness of the following representations and warranties:
  - a. Neither proposer nor any of its principals (i) has been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe a public official of the State of Connecticut; (ii) has been found to have violated the State Code of Ethics for Public Officials or Lobbyists (the "Code of Ethics"); (iii) has been suspended or disqualified from bidding on contracts with the State of Connecticut or any department, agency or quasi-public agency of the State of Connecticut; (iv) has knowingly committed any violation of the Code of Ethics or of any other procurement requirement in connection with this RFP; or (v) is in default under any contract with any department, agency or quasi-public agency of the State of Connecticut.

- b. Neither proposer nor any of its principals has received or paid, or agreed to receive or pay, any finders' fee (Section 3-13j through 3-13l of the Connecticut General Statutes) or other compensation or benefit from or to any third party in connection with this solicitation, procurement or award of a contract with CRDA pursuant to this RFP.
- c. Neither proposer nor any of its principals has provided anything of value to any officer, employee or board member of the CRDA, or any state public official or employee who may be involved with the RFP, for which full payment has not been made.
- d. (i) The proposal is not made in connection with any competing proposer submitting a separate response to this RFP and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; (ii) the proposer did not participate in the RFP development process and had no knowledge of the specific contents of the RFP prior to its issuance; (iii) no officer, employee or board member of CRDA participated directly or indirectly in the proposer's proposal preparation; and (iv) the information contained in the proposal is true, accurate and complete and includes all information necessary to insure that the statements therein are not misleading.
- 3. A proposal will not be considered complete unless the proposer also submits the following:
  - a. Completed references in the form attached as <u>Attachment B</u>.
  - b. A completed Consulting Agreement Affidavit in the form attached as <u>Attachment C</u>.
  - c. A completed Gift and Campaign Contribution Certification in the form attached as Attachment D.
  - d. A completed Nondiscrimination Certification in the form attached as <u>Attachment E</u>
  - e. A completed Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations in the form attached as Attachment F, and
  - f. A completed Contract Compliance Package in the form attached as <u>Attachment G</u>.

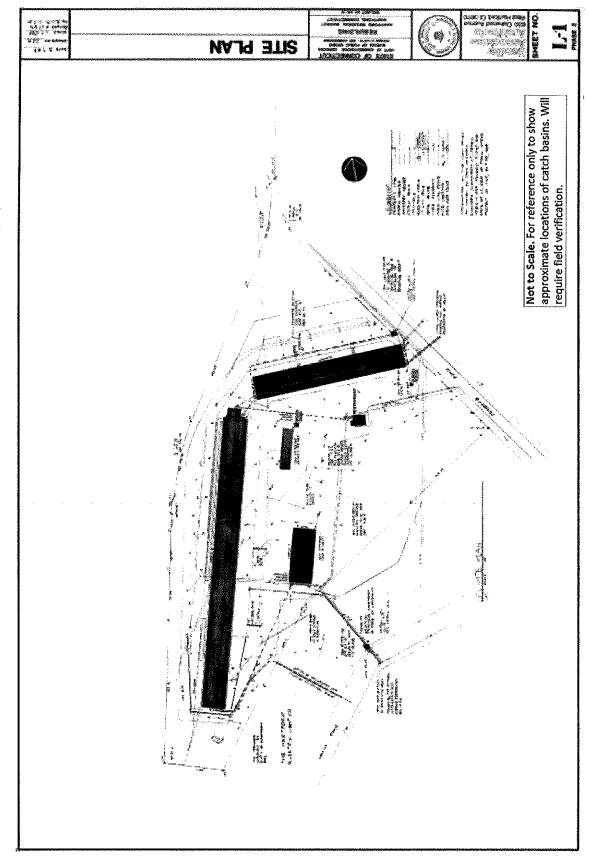
Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, this RFP and the RFP process is solely for the benefit of CRDA. This RFP is not an offer susceptible to acceptance, but merely a request for proposals. CRDA shall have no liability or obligation of any kind as a result of this RFP or the RFP process, including as a result of any discussions or negotiations with a proposer, unless and until a binding agreement is entered into with a proposer. In making its selection of a successful proposer, the CRDA may consider any and all factors and considerations which the CRDA, in its sole discretion deems relevant, the relative importance of which shall be in the sole discretion of CRDA.

# ATTACHMENT A

# Regional Agriculture Market Site Plan

Regional Agriculture Market Site Plan (A)

# Regional Agriculture Market Site Plan (B)



# **ATTACHMENT B**

### REFERENCES

Please provide a minimum of three (3) recent client references for projects similar in nature to the work being requested in the RFP. If necessary, please feel free to include additional client references in the format below:

CLIENT REFERENCE #1		
PROJECT TITLE:		
CONTACT & TITLE:		
ORGANIZATION:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
CONTACT PHONE #:		BEST TIME TO CONTACT:
EMAIL ADDRESS:		
CLIENT REFERENCE #2		
PROJECT TITLE:		
CONTACT & TITLE:		
ORGANIZATION:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
CONTACT PHONE #:		BEST TIME TO CONTACT:
EMAIL ADDRESS:		

# ATTACHMENT B – REFERENCES, continued

CLIENT REFERENCE #3	•	
PROJECT TITLE:		
CONTACT & TITLE:		
ORGANIZATION:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
CONTACT PHONE #:		BEST TIME TO CONTACT:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

# ATTACHMENT C

# **Consulting Agreement Affidavit**

OPM Ethics Form 5 Rev. 3-28-14



Affidavit to accompany a bid or proposal for the purchase of goods and services with a value of \$50,000 or more in a calendar or fiscal year, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-81(a) and 4a-81(b). For sole source or no bid contracts the form is submitted at time of contract execution.

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

If the bidder or vendor has entered into a consulting agreement, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b)(1): Complete all sections of the form. If the bidder or contractor has entered into more than one such consulting agreement, use a separate form for each agreement. Sign and date the form in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. If the bidder or contractor has not entered into a consulting agreement, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b)(1): Complete only the shaded section of the form. Sign and date the form in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public.

Submit completed form to the awarding State agency with bid or proposal. For a sole source award, submit completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of contract execution.

This affidavit must be amended if there is any change in the information contained in the most recently filed affidavit not later than (i) thirty days after the effective date of any such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal, whichever is earlier.

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AFFIDAVIT:	[Number of Affidavi	ts Sworn and Sub	oscribed On This Day:	]
a contract, as such a contract	described in Connect who is authorized to	icut General State execute such cor	tutes § 4a-81(b), or that	bidder or contractor awarded I am the individual awarded t I have not entered into any nent listed below:
Consultant's Na	me and Title		Name of Firm (if appl	icable)
Start Date	End Da	te	Cost	_
Description of S	Services Provided:			
If YES: Name o	of the best of my know	су	Termination Date of E	. ,
Printed Name o	f Bidder or Contracto	Signature of P	rincipal or Key Personne	el Date
		Printed Name (d	of above)	Awarding State Agency
Sworn and su	bscribed before me	on this	day of	_, 20
		Commission or Notary	oner of the Superior Cou Public	rt

**My Commission Expires** 

# ATTACHMENT D

# Gift and Campaign Contribution Certification

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Written or electronic certification to accompany a State contract with a value of \$50,000 or more, pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 4-250, 4-252(c) and 9-612(f)(2) and Governor Dannel P. Malloy's Executive Order 49.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Complete all sections of the form. Attach additional pages, if necessary, to provide full disclosure about any lawful campaign contributions made to campaigns of candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly, as described herein. Sign and date the form, under oath, in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. Submit the completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of initial contract execution and if there is a change in the information contained in the most recently filed certification, such person shall submit an updated certification either (i) not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal for a contract, whichever is earlier. Such person shall also submit an accurate, updated certification not later than fourteen days after the twelve-month anniversary of the most recently filed certification or updated certification.

CHECK ONE:	Initial Certification	12 Month Anniversary Update	(Multi-year contra	cts only.)
		cause of change of information n or twelve-month anniversary		nost

#### **GIFT CERTIFICATION:**

As used in this certification, the following terms have the meaning set forth below:

- "Contract" means that contract between the State of Connecticut (and/or one or more of it agencies or instrumentalities) and the Contractor, attached hereto, or as otherwise described by the awarding State agency below:
- 2) If this is an Initial Certification, "Execution Date" means the date the Contract is fully executed by, and becomes effective between, the parties; if this is a twelve-month anniversary update, "Execution Date" means the date this certification is signed by the Contractor;
- 3) "Contractor" means the person, firm or corporation named as the contactor below;
- 4) "Applicable Public Official or State Employee" means any public official or state employee described in C.G.S. §4-252(c)(1)(i) or (ii);
- 5) "Gift" has the same meaning given that term in C.G.S. § 4-250(1);
- 6) "Principals or Key Personnel" means and refers to those principals and key personnel of the Contractor, and its or their agents, as described in C.G.S. §§ 4-250(5) and 4-252(c)(1)(B) and (C).

I, the undersigned, am a Principal or Key Personnel of the person, firm or corporation authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the Contractor. I hereby certify that, no gifts were made by (A) such person, firm, corporation, (B) any principals and key personnel of the person firm or corporation who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating state contracts or (C) any agent of such, firm, corporation, or principals or key personnel who participates substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating state contracts, to (i) any public official or state employee of the state agency or quasi-public agency soliciting bids or proposals for state contracts who participates substantially in the preparation of bid solicitations or request for proposals for state contracts or the negotiation or award of state contracts or (ii) any public official or state employee of any other state agency, who has supervisory or appointing authority over such state agency or quasi-public agency.

I further certify that no Principals or Key Personnel know of any action by the Contractor to circumvent (or which would result in the circumvention of) the above certification regarding **Gifts** by providing for any other Principals, Key Personnel, officials, or employees of the Contractor, or its or their agents, to make a **Gift** to any Applicable Public Official or State Employee. I further certify that the Contractor made the bid or proposal for the Contract without fraud or collusion with any person.

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#### **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION:**

I further certify that, on or after January 1, 2011, neither the Contractor nor any of its principals, as defined in C.G.S. § 9-612(f)(1), has made any **campaign contributions** to, or solicited any contributions on behalf of, any exploratory committee, candidate committee, political committee, or party committee established by, or supporting or authorized to support, any candidate for <u>statewide public office</u>, in violation of C.G.S. § 9-612(f)(2)(A). I further certify that **all lawful campaign contributions** that have been made on or after January 1, 2011 by the Contractor or any of its principals, as defined in C.G.S. § 9-612(f)(1), to, or solicited on behalf of, any exploratory committee, candidate committee, political committee, or party committee established by, or supporting or authorized to support any candidates for <u>statewide public office</u> or the <u>General Assembly</u>, are listed below:

Lawful Campaign	Contributions to Cand	didates for Statewid	e Public Office	e:
Contribution Date	Name of Contributor	Recipient	<u>Value</u>	<u>Description</u>
Lawful Campaign	Contributions to Cand	didates for the Gene	ral Assembly:	
Contribution Date	Name of Contributor	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Description</u>
Sworn as true to th	ne best of my knowledge	and belief, subject to	the penalties of	false statement.
Printed Contractor	Name	Printed Na	ame of Author	ized Official
Signature of Auth	norized Official	-		
	cknowledged before n	ne this day	of	, 20
	ā	ommissioner of the	Superior Cour	t (or Notary Public)
	M	ly Commission Expir	es	

# ATTACHMENT E

# **Nondiscrimination Certification**



Documentation in the form of an <u>affidavit signed under penalty of false statement by a chief executive</u> <u>officer, president, chairperson, member, or other corporate officer duly authorized to adopt corporate, company, or partnership policy</u> that certifies the contractor complies with the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties under Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60 and 4a-60a, as amended

INSTRUCTIONS:

For use by an <u>entity</u> (corporation, limited liability company, or partnership) when entering into any contract type with the State of Connecticut valued at <u>\$50,000 or more</u> for any year of the contract. Complete all sections of the form. Sign form in the presence of a Commissioner of Superior Court or Notary Public. Submit to the awarding State agency prior to contract execution.

#### **AFFIDAVIT:**

I, the undersigned, am over the age of eighteen (	18) and unde	rstand and a	ppreciate the ob	ligations of
an oath. I amSignatory's Title	of	Name of	Entity	, an entity
duly formed and existing under the laws of	Na	me of State	or Commonwea	lth .
I certify that I am authorized to execute and deliv				
Name of Entity	and that	N	ame of Entity	
has a policy in place that complies with the nondis General Statutes §§ 4a-60 and 4a-60a, as amend		greements a	nd warranties of	f Connecticut
Authorized Signatory  Printed Name				
Sworn and subscribed to before me on this	day	of	<u>,                                    </u>	20 .
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# **ATTACHMENT F**

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# **Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations**

This notice is provided under the authority of Connecticut General Statutes §9-612(g)(2), as amended by P.A. 10-1, and is for the purpose of informing state contractors and prospective state contractors of the following law (italicized words are defined on the reverse side of this page).

#### CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND SOLICITATION LIMITATIONS

No state contractor, prospective state contractor, principal of a state contractor or principal of a prospective state contractor, with regard to a state contract or state contract solicitation with or from a state agency in the executive branch or a quasi-public agency or a holder, or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee (which includes town committees).

In addition, no holder or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of State senator or State representative, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee.

On and after January 1, 2011, no state contractor, prospective state contractor, principal of a state contractor or principal of a prospective state contractor, with regard to a state contract or state contract solicitation with or from a state agency in the executive branch or a quasi-public agency or a holder, or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall **knowingly** *solicit* contributions from the state contractor's or prospective state contractor's employees or from a *subcontractor* or *principals* of the *subcontractor* on behalf of (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee.

#### **DUTY TO INFORM**

State contractors and prospective state contractors are required to inform their principals of the above prohibitions, as applicable, and the possible penalties and other consequences of any violation thereof.

#### PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Contributions or solicitations of contributions made in violation of the above prohibitions may result in the following civil and criminal penalties:

<u>Civil penalties</u>—Up to \$2,000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contribution, whichever is greater, against a principal or a contractor. Any state contractor or prospective state contractor which fails to make reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions requiring notice to its principals of these prohibitions and the possible consequences of their violations may also be subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contributions made by their principals.

<u>Criminal penalties</u>—Any knowing and willful violation of the prohibition is a Class D felony, which may subject the violator to imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or not more than \$5,000 in fines, or both.

#### **CONTRACT CONSEQUENCES**

In the case of a state contractor, contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions may result in the contract being voided.

In the case of a prospective state contractor, contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions shall result in the contract described in the state contract solicitation not being awarded to the prospective state contractor, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

The State shall not award any other state contract to anyone found in violation of the above prohibitions for a period of one year after the election for which such contribution is made or solicited, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

Additional information may be found on the website of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, <a href="www.ct.gov/seec">www.ct.gov/seec</a>. Click on the link to "Lobbyist/Contractor Limitations."

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

"State contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that enters into a state contract. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed to be a state contractor until December thirty-first of the year in which such contract terminates. "State contractor" does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Prospective state contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that (i) submits a response to a state contract solicitation by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, or a proposal in response to a request for proposals by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, until the contract has been entered into, or (ii) holds a valid prequalification certificate issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services under section 4a-100. "Prospective state contractor" does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" means (i) any individual who is a member of the board of directors of, or has an ownership interest of five per cent or more in, a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, except for an individual who is a member of the board of directors of a nonprofit organization, (ii) an individual who is employed by a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive vice president, (iii) an individual who is the chief executive officer of a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is not a business entity, or if a state contractor or prospective state contractor has no such officer, then the officer who duly possesses comparable powers and duties, (iv) an officer or an employee of any state contractor or prospective state contractor who has *managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract*, (v) the spouse or a *dependent child* who is eighteen years of age or older of an individual described in this subparagraph or the business entity or nonprofit organization that is the state contractor or prospective state contractor.

"State contract" means an agreement or contract with the state or any state agency or any quasi-public agency, let through a procurement process or otherwise, having a value of fifty thousand dollars or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of one hundred thousand dollars or more in a calendar year, for (i) the rendition of services, (ii) the furnishing of any goods, material, supplies, equipment or any items of any kind, (iii) the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work, (iv) the acquisition, sale or lease of any land or building, (v) a licensing arrangement, or (vi) a grant, loan or loan guarantee. "State contract" does not include any agreement or contract with the state, any state agency or any quasi-public agency that is exclusively federally funded, an education loan, a loan to an individual for other than commercial purposes or any agreement or contract between the state or any state agency and the United States Department of the Navy or the United States Department of Defense.

"State contract solicitation" means a request by a state agency or quasi-public agency, in whatever form issued, including, but not limited to, an invitation to bid, request for proposals, request for information or request for quotes, inviting bids, quotes or other types of submittals, through a competitive procurement process or another process authorized by law waiving competitive procurement.

"Managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract" means having direct, extensive and substantive responsibilities with respect to the negotiation of the state contract and not peripheral, clerical or ministerial responsibilities.

"Dependent child" means a child residing in an individual's household who may legally be claimed as a dependent on the federal income tax of such individual.

"Solicit" means (A) requesting that a contribution be made, (B) participating in any fund-raising activities for a candidate committee, exploratory committee, political committee or party committee, including, but not limited to, forwarding tickets to potential contributors, receiving contributions for transmission to any such committee or bundling contributions, (C) serving as chairperson, treasurer or deputy treasurer of any such committee, or (D) establishing a political committee for the sole purpose of soliciting or receiving contributions for any committee. Solicit does not include: (i) making a contribution that is otherwise permitted by Chapter 155 of the Connecticut General Statutes; (ii) informing any person of a position taken by a candidate for public office or a public official, (iii) notifying the person of any activities of, or contact information for, any candidate for public office; or (iv) serving as a member in any party committee or as an officer of such committee that is not otherwise prohibited in this section.

"Subcontractor" means any person, business entity or nonprofit organization that contracts to perform part or all of the obligations of a state contractor's state contract. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed to be a subcontractor until December thirty first of the year in which the subcontract terminates. "Subcontractor" does not include (i) a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or (ii) an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Principal of a subcontractor" means (i) any individual who is a member of the board of directors of, or has an ownership interest of five per cent or more in, a subcontractor, which is a business entity, except for an individual who is a member of the board of directors of a nonprofit organization, (ii) an individual who is employed by a subcontractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive vice—president, (iii) an individual who is the chief executive officer of a subcontractor, which is not a business entity, or if a subcontractor has no such officer, then the officer who duly possesses comparable powers and duties, (iv) an officer or an employee of any subcontractor who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a subcontract with a state contractor, (v) the spouse or a dependent child who is eighteen years of age or older of an individual described in this subparagraph, or (vi) a political committee established or controlled by an individual described in this subparagraph or the business entity or nonprofit organization that is the subcontractor.

# ATTACHMENT G

# **Contract Compliance Package**

#### COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS

(Revised 09/3/15)

The contract to be awarded is subject to contract compliance requirements mandated by Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes; and, when the awarding agency is the State, Sections 46a-71(d) and 46a-81i(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes. There are Contract Compliance Regulations codified at Section 46a-68j-21 through 43 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which establish a procedure for awarding all contracts covered by Sections 4a-60 and 46a-71(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

According to Section 46a-68j-30(9) of the Contract Compliance Regulations, every agency awarding a contract subject to the contract compliance requirements has an obligation to "aggressively solicit the participation of legitimate minority business enterprises as bidders, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers of materials." "Minority business enterprise" is defined in Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes as a business wherein fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, or assets belong to a person or persons: "(1) Who are active in daily affairs of the enterprise; (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise; and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Section 32-9n." "Minority" groups are defined in Section 32-9n of the Connecticut General Statutes as "(1) Black Americans . . . (2) Hispanic Americans . . . (3) persons who have origins in the Iberian Peninsula . . . (4)Women . . . . (5) Asian Pacific Americans and Pacific Islanders; (6) American Indians . . ." An individual with a disability is also a minority business enterprise as provided by Section 4a-60g of the Connecticut General Statutes. The above definitions apply to the contract compliance requirements by virtue of Section 46a-68j-21(11) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

The awarding agency will consider the following factors when reviewing the bidder's qualifications under the contract compliance requirements:

- (a) the bidder's success in implementing an affirmative action plan;
- (b) the bidder's success in developing an apprenticeship program complying with <u>Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17</u> of the Administrative Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, inclusive;
- (c) the bidder's promise to develop and implement a successful affirmative action plan;
- (d) the bidder's submission of employment statistics contained in the "Employment Information Form", indicating that the composition of its workforce is at or near parity when compared to the racial and sexual composition of the workforce in the relevant labor market area; and
- (e) the bidder's promise to set aside a portion of the contract for legitimate minority business enterprises. See Section 46a-68j-30(10)(E) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

#### INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION

The following <u>BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT</u> must be completed in full, signed, and submitted with the bid for this contract. The contract awarding agency and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities will use the information contained thereon to determine the bidders compliance to <u>Sections 4a-60</u> and <u>4a-60a</u> CONN. GEN. STAT., and <u>Sections 46a-68j-23</u> of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies regarding equal employment opportunity, and the bidder's good faith efforts to include minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers for the work of the contract.

#### 1) Definition of Small Contractor

Section 4a-60g CONN. GEN. STAT. defines a small contractor as a company that has been doing business under the same management and control and has maintained its principal place of business in Connecticut for a one year period immediately prior to its application for certification under this section, had gross revenues not exceeding fifteen million dollars in the most recently completed fiscal year, and at least fifty-one percent of the ownership of which is held by a person or persons who are active in the daily affairs of the company, and have the power to direct the management and policies of the company, except that a nonprofit corporation shall be construed to be a small contractor if such nonprofit corporation meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision 4a-60g CONN. GEN. STAT.

MANAGEMENT: Managers plan, organize, direct, and BUILDING AND GROUNDS CLEANING AND control the major functions of an organization through MAINTENANCE: This category includes occupations subordinates who are at the managerial or supervisory level. involving landscaping, housekeeping, and janitorial They make policy decisions and set objectives for the services. Job titles found in this category include company or departments. They are not usually directly involved in production or providing services. Examples include top executives, public relations managers, managers of operations specialties (such as financial. human resources, or purchasing managers), and construction and engineering managers.

**BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:** These occupations include managers and professionals who work with the financial aspects of the business. These occupations include accountants and auditors, purchasing agents, management analysts, labor relations specialists, and budget, credit, and financial analysts.

MARKETING AND SALES: Occupations related to the act or process of buying and selling products and/or this category. First line supervisors, foremen, and helpers services such as sales engineer, retail sales workers and in these trades are also grouped in this category. sales representatives including wholesale.

**LEGAL OCCUPATIONS:** In-House Counsel who is charged with providing legal advice and services in regards to legal issues that may arise during the course of standard business practices. This category also includes assistive legal occupations such as paralegals, legal assistants.

COMPUTER SPECIALISTS: Professionals responsible for the computer operations within a company are grouped in this category. Examples of job titles in this category include computer programmers, software engineers, database administrators, computer scientists, systems analysts, and computer support specialists

**ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING:** Occupations related to architecture, surveying, engineering, and drafting are included in this category. Some of the job titles in this category include electrical and electronic engineers, surveyors, architects, drafters, mechanical engineers, materials engineers, mapping technicians, and civil engineers.

OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT: All clerical-type work is included in this category. These jobs involve the preparing, transcribing, and preserving of written communications and records; collecting accounts; gathering and distributing information; operating office machines and electronic data processing equipment; and distributing mail Job titles listed in this category include telephone operators, bill and account collectors, customer service representatives, dispatchers. secretaries and administrative assistants. computer operators and clerks (such as payroll, shipping, stock, mail and file).

supervisors of landscaping or housekeeping, janitors, maids, grounds maintenance workers, and pest control workers.

CONSTRUCTION AND **EXTRACTION:** category includes construction trades and related occupations. Job titles found in this category include boilermakers, masons (all types), carpenters, construction laborers, electricians, plumbers (and related trades), roofers, sheet metal workers, elevator installers, hazardous materials removal workers, paperhangers, and painters. Paving, surfacing, and tamping equipment operators; drywall and ceiling tile installers; and carpet, floor and tile installers and finishers are also included in

INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR: Occupations involving the installation, maintenance, and repair of equipment are included in this group. Examples of job titles found here are heating, ac, and refrigeration mechanics and installers; telecommunication line installers and repairers; heavy vehicle and mobile equipment service technicians and mechanics; small engine mechanics; security and fire alarm systems installers; electric/electronic repair, industrial, utility and transportation equipment; millwrights; riggers; and manufactured building and mobile home installers. First line supervisors, foremen, and helpers for these jobs are also included in the category.

MATERIAL MOVING WORKERS: The job titles included in this group are Crane and tower operators; dredge, excavating, and lading machine operators; hoist and winch operators; industrial truck and tractor operators; cleaners of vehicles and equipment; laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand; machine feeders and offbearers; packers and packagers, hand; pumping station operators; refuse and recyclable material collectors; and miscellaneous material moving workers.

PRODUCTION WORKERS: The job titles included in this category are chemical production machine setters, operators and tenders; crushing/grinding workers; cutting workers; inspectors, testers sorters, samplers, weighers; precious stone/metal workers; painting workers; cementing/gluing machine operators and tenders: etchers/engravers; molders, shapers and casters except for metal and plastic; and production workers.

3) Definition of Racial and Ethnic Terms (as used in F	Part IV Bidder Employment Information) (Page 3)
White (not of Hispanic Origin)-All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.	Asian or Pacific Islander- All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.
Black (not of Hispanic Origin)-All persons having origins	American Indian or Alaskan Native- All persons having
in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.	origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and
<u>Hispanic</u> - All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or	who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation
origin, regardless of race.	or community recognition.
origin, regardless of face.	
BIDDER CONTRACT COMPL	IANCE MONITORING REPORT
PART 1 – Bidder Information	
Company Name:	Bidder Federal Employer
Street Address:	Identification Number:
City & State:	Or
Chief Executive:	Social Security Number:
Major Business Activity:	Bidder Identification
(brief description)	(response optional/definitions on page 1)
	-Bidder is a small contractor? Yes No
	-Bidder is a minority business enterprise? Yes No
	(If yes, check ownership category)
	Black Hispanic Asian American
	American Indian/Alaskan Native Iberian Peninsula
	Individual(s) with a Physical Disability Female
	-Bidder is certified as above by State of CT? Yes No
Bidder Parent Company:	
(If any)	
Other Locations in CT:	
(If any)	
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PART II - Bidder Nondiscrimination Policies and Procedures  1. Does your company have a written Affirmative	7. Do all of your company contracts and purchase orders contain
Action/Equal Employment Opportunity statement posted on	non-discrimination statements as required by Sections 4a-60 &
company bulletin boards?	4a-60a Conn. Gen. Stat.?
Yes No	Yes No
2. Does your company have the state-mandated sexual	8. Do you, upon request, provide reasonable accommodation
harassment prevention in the workplace policy posted on	to employees, or applicants for employment, who have
company bulletin boards?	physical or mental disability?
Yes No	Yes No
3. Do you notify all recruitment sources in writing of your company's Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity	9. Does your company have a mandatory retirement age for all employees?
employment policy? Yes No	Yes No
4. Do your company advertisements contain a written statement	10. If your company has 50 or more employees, have you provided at
that you are an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer?	least two (2) hours of sexual harassment training to all of your
Yes No	supervisors? Yes No N/A
5. Do you notify the Ct. State Employment Service of all	11. If your company has apprenticeship programs, do they meet the
employment openings with your company?	Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity requirements of
Yes No	the apprenticeship standards of the Ct. Dept. of Labor?  Yes No N/A
6. Does your company have a collective bargaining	12. Does your company have a written affirmative action Plan?
agreement with workers?	· _ · _ · ·
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Yes No	Yes No
6a. If yes, do the collective bargaining agreements contain	Yes No I If no, please explain.
	) <b></b>
6a. If yes, do the collective bargaining agreements contain non-discrimination clauses covering all workers? Yes No	If no, please explain.  13. Is there a person in your company who is responsible for equal
6a. If yes, do the collective bargaining agreements contain non-discrimination clauses covering all workers? Yes No	If no, please explain.  13. Is there a person in your company who is responsible for equal employment opportunity? Yes No
6a. If yes, do the collective bargaining agreements contain non-discrimination clauses covering all workers? Yes No	If no, please explain.  13. Is there a person in your company who is responsible for equal

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1. Will the work of this contract include subcontractors or suppliers? Yes No	
1a. If yes, please list all subcontractors and suppliers and report if they are a small contractor	and/or a minority business
enterprise. (defined on page 1 / use additional sheet if necessary)	
1b. Will the work of this contract require additional subcontractors or suppliers other than thos	e identified in 1a. above? Yes∐No∏
1b. Will the work of this contract require additional subcontractors or suppliers other than thos	e identified in 1a. above? Yes No

PART IV - Bidder Employment Information Date

PART IV - Bidder E	Employment Information Date:										
JOB CATEGORY*	OVERALL TOTALS	WHITE Hispanic	(not of origin)	BLACK (not of Hispanic origin)		HISPANIC		ASIAN or PACIFIC ISLANDER		AMERICAN INDIAN or ALASKAN NATIVE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Management											
Business & Financial Ops											
Marketing & Sales											
Legal Occupations											
Computer Specialists											
Architecture/Engineering											
Office & Admin Support											
Bldg/ Grounds Cleaning/Maintenance										_	
Construction & Extraction											
Installation, Maintenance & Repair											
Material Moving Workers											
Production Occupations											
TOTALS ABOVE											
Total One Year Ago											
	FORM	AAL ON THE	JOB TRAINEES	(ENTER FIGU	RES FOR THE SA	ME CATEG	ORIES AS A	RE SHOWN	ABOVE)		
Apprentices											
Trainees											

<sup>\*</sup>NOTE: JOB CATEGORIES CAN BE CHANGED OR ADDED TO (EX. SALES CAN BE ADDED OR REPLACE A CATEGORY NOT USED IN YOUR COMPANY)

PART V - Bidder Hiring and Recruitment Practices						(Page 5)		
1. Which of the following recruitment sources are used by you? (Check yes or no, and report percent used)				Check (X) any of the below listed requirements that you use as a hiring qualification  (X)		3. Describ show that y	oe below any other practi you hire, train, and prom	ces or actions that you take which ote employees without discrimination
SOURCE	YES	NO	% of applicants provided by source					
State Employment Service					Work Experience			
Private Employment Agencies					Ability to Speak or Write English			
Schools and Colleges					Written Tests			
Newspaper Advertisement					High School Diploma			
Walk Ins					College Degree			
Present Employees					Union Membership			
Labor Organizations					Personal Recommendation			
Minority/Community Organizations					Height or Weight			
Others (please identify)					Car Ownership			
					Arrest Record			
			,		Wage Garnishments			
MONITORING REPORT	re comple	ete and tru	e to the best of my kr	owledge and beli	gning). I certify that the stateme of, and are made in good faith. ons of the CONN. GEN. STAT	I understand t		NTRACT COMPLIANCE any misstatements of facts, I am
(Signature)				(Title)			(Date Signed)	(Telephone)

# ATTACHMENT H SAMPLE CRDA CONTRACT OTHER PROVISIONS

#### SAMPLE CONTRACT - OTHER PROVISIONS

#### A. Entire Agreement

This Agreement embodies the entire agreement between CRDA and Contractor on the matters specifically addressed herein. The parties shall not be bound by or be liable for any statement, representation, promise, inducement, or understanding of any kind or nature not set forth herein. This Agreement shall supersede all prior written agreements between the parties and their predecessors. No changes, amendments, or modifications of any of the terms or conditions of the Agreement shall be valid unless reduced to writing, signed by both parties. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of each party's heirs, successors, and assigns.

#### **B.** Changes in Service

When changes in the services are required or requested by CRDA, Contractor shall promptly estimate their monetary effect and so notify CRDA. No change shall be implemented by Contractor unless it is approved by CRDA in writing; and, unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the provisions of this Agreement shall apply to all changes in the services. If CRDA determines that any change materially affects the cost or time of performance of this Agreement as a whole, Contractor and CRDA will mutually agree in writing to an equitable adjustment.

#### C. Independent Contractor

Contractor represents that it is fully experienced and properly qualified to perform the services provided for herein, and that it is properly licensed, equipped, organized, and financed to perform such services. Contractor shall act as an independent Contractor in performing this Agreement, maintaining complete control over its employees and all of its subcontractors. Contractor shall furnish fully qualified personnel to perform the services under this Agreement. Contractor shall perform all services in accordance with its methods, subject to compliance with this Agreement and all applicable laws and regulations. It is acknowledged that services rendered by the Contractor to CRDA hereunder do not in any way conflict with other contractual commitments with or by the Contractor.

If applicable, Contractor shall deliver copies of any and all current license(s) and registration(s) relating to the services to be performed under this Agreement to CRDA, at the time of the execution of this Agreement, as evidence that such are in full force and effect.

#### D. Laws and Regulations

This Agreement shall be interpreted under and governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut. Contractor, its employees and representatives shall at all times comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, statutes, rules, regulations, and orders of governmental authorities, including those having jurisdiction over its registration and licensing to perform services under this Agreement.

#### E. Labor and Personnel

At all times, Contractor shall utilize qualified personnel and any CRDA approved subcontractors necessary to perform the services under this Agreement. Contractor shall advise CRDA promptly, in writing, of any labor dispute or anticipated labor dispute or other labor related occurrence known to Contractor involving Contractor's employees or subcontractors which may reasonably be expected to affect Contractor's performance of services under this Agreement. CRDA may then, at its option, ask Contractor to arrange for a temporary employee(s) or subcontractor(s) satisfactory to CRDA to provide the services otherwise performable by Contractor hereunder. The Contractor will be responsible to the CRDA for any economic detriment caused the CRDA by such subcontract arrangement.

Contractor shall, if requested to do so by the CRDA, reassign from CRDA account any employee or authorized representatives whom CRDA, in its sole discretion, determines is incompetent, dishonest, or uncooperative. In requesting the reassignment of an employee under this paragraph, CRDA shall give ten (10) days' notice to Contractor of CRDA's desire for such reassignment. Contractor will then have five (5) days to investigate the situation and attempt, if it so desires, to satisfy CRDA that the employee should not be reassigned; however, CRDA's decision in its sole discretion after such five (5) day period shall be final. Should CRDA still desire reassignment, then five (5) days thereafter, or ten (10) days from the date of the notice of reassignment, the employee shall be reassigned from CRDA's account.

#### F. Conflicts, Errors, Omissions, and Discrepancies

In case of known conflicts, discrepancies, errors, or omissions among the various parts of this Agreement, any such matter shall be submitted immediately by Contractor to CRDA for clarification. CRDA shall issue such clarification within a reasonable period of time. Any services affected by such conflicts, discrepancies, errors, or omissions that are performed by Contractor prior to clarification by CRDA shall be at Contractor's risk.

#### **G.** Indemnification

Contractor hereby indemnifies and shall defend and hold harmless the CRDA, its officers, and its employees from and against any and all suits, actions, legal or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, damages, liabilities, monetary loss, interest, attorney's fees, costs and expenses of whatsoever kind or nature arising out of the performance of this Agreement, including those arising out of injury to or death of Contractor's employees or subcontractors, whether arising before, during, or after completion of the services hereunder and in any manner directly or indirectly caused, occasioned or contributed to in whole or in part, by reason of any act, omission, fault or negligence of Contractor or its employees, agents or subcontractors.

#### H. Nondisclosure

Contractor shall not release any information concerning the services provided pursuant to the Agreement or any part thereof to any member of the public, press, business entity or any official body unless prior written consent is obtained from CRDA. In the event that such information is requested from the Contractor by a judicial order or that such information already exists in the public domain, Contractor shall be released from this obligation.

#### **I.** Quality Surveillance and Examination of Records

All services performed by Contractor shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the CRDA at all times, and Contractor shall furnish all information concerning the services.

The CRDA or its representatives shall have the right at reasonable hours to examine any books, records, and other documents of Contractor or its subcontractors pertaining to work performed under this Agreement and shall allow such representatives free access to any and all such books and records. The CRDA will give the Contractor at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice of such intended examination. At CRDA's request, the Contractor shall provide CRDA with hard copies of or magnetic disk or tape containing any data or information in the possession or control of the Contractor which pertains to CRDA's business under this Agreement. The Contractor shall incorporate this paragraph verbatim into any Agreement it enters into with any subcontractor providing services under this Agreement.

The Contractor shall retain and maintain accurate records and documents relating to performance of services under this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years after the final payment by the CRDA and shall make them available for inspection and audit by the CRDA.

In the event that this Agreement constitutes a grant Agreement, and the Contractor is a public or private agency other than another state agency, the Contractor shall provide for an audit acceptable to the CRDA, in accordance with the provisions of CT General Statutes § 7-396a.

#### J. Insurance

In addition, the Contractor shall at its sole expense maintain in effect at all times during the performance of its obligations hereunder the following insurance coverages with limits not less than those set forth below with insurers and under forms of policies approved by the State Insurance Commissioner to do business in Connecticut:

#### Coverage:

#### Minimum Amounts and Limits

- 1. Professional Liability insurance, covering the named insured in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 for errors and omissions. The Contractor shall obtain the appropriate and proper endorsement to its Professional Liability Policy to cover the indemnification clause in this contract as the same relates to negligent acts, errors, or omissions in the work performed by the Contractor.
- 2. Adequate comprehensive Vehicle Liability Insurance covering all vehicles owned or leased by Contractor and in the course of work under this Agreement:
  - a. Bodily Injury Insurance meeting Connecticut statutory requirements;
  - b. Property Damage Insurance meeting Connecticut statutory requirements;

None of the requirements contained herein as to types, limits, and approval of insurance coverage to be maintained by Contractor are intended to and shall not in any way limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by Contractor under this Agreement.

Contractor shall deliver Certificates of Insurance relating to all of the above referenced coverages to the CRDA at the time of the execution of this Agreement as evidence that policies providing such coverage and limits of insurance are in full force and effect, which Certificate

shall provide that no less than thirty (30) days advance notice will be given in writing to the CRDA prior to cancellation, termination or alteration of said policies of insurance.

#### K. Non-Waiver

None of the conditions of this Agreement shall be considered waived by CRDA or the Contractor unless given in writing. No such waiver shall be a waiver of any past or future default, breach, or modification of any of the conditions of this Agreement unless expressly stipulated in such waiver.

#### L. Promotion

Unless specifically authorized in writing by CRDA, on a case by case basis, Contractor shall have no right to use, and shall not use, the name of the CRDA, its officials, agencies, or employees or the seal of the State of Connecticut or its agencies:

- (1) in any advertising, publicity, promotion; or
- (2) to express or to imply any endorsement of Contractor's products or services; or
- (3) to use the name of the State of Connecticut, its officials, agencies, or employees or the seal of the State of Connecticut or its agencies in any other manner (whether or not similar to uses prohibited by subparagraphs (1) and (2) above), except only to manufacture and deliver in accordance with this Agreement such items as are hereby contracted for by the CRDA. In no event may the Contractor use the State Seal in any way without the express written consent of the Secretary of State.

#### M. Confidentiality

All information and data provided to Contractor by CRDA or developed internally by Contractor with regard to CRDA will be treated as proprietary to CRDA and confidential unless CRDA agrees in writing to the contrary. Contractor agrees to forever hold in confidence all files, records, documents, or other information as designated, whether prepared by CRDA or others, which may come into Contractor's possession during the term of this Agreement, except where disclosure of such information by Contractor is required by other governmental authority to ensure compliance with laws, rules, or regulations, and such disclosure will be limited to that actually so required. Where such disclosure is required, Contractor will provide advance notice to CRDA of the need for the disclosure and will not disclose absent consent from CRDA. In the event that such information is requested from the Contractor by a judicial order or that such information already exists in the public domain, Contractor shall be released from this obligation.

#### N. Subpoenas

In the event the Contractor's records are subpoenaed pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 36a-43, the Contractor shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of service of the subpoena, notify CRDA of such subpoena. Within thirty-six (36) hours of service, the Contractor shall send a written notice of the subpoena together with a copy of the same to CRDA.

#### O. Survival

The rights and obligations of the parties which by their nature survive termination or completion of the Agreement, including but not limited to those set forth herein in sections relating to Indemnity, Nondisclosure, Promotion, and Confidentiality of this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect.

#### P. Americans with Disabilities Act

This clause applies to those Contractors which are or will become responsible for compliance with the terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 during the term of this Agreement. Contractor represents that it is familiar with the terms of this Act and that it is in compliance with the law. Failure of the Contractor to satisfy this standard either now or during the term of this Agreement as it may be amended will render the contract voidable at the option of the CRDA upon notice to the Contractor. Contractor warrants that it will hold CRDA harmless from any liability which may be imposed upon CRDA as a result of any failure of the Contractor to be in compliance with this Act.

#### Q. Non-Discrimination and Executive Orders

The non-discrimination clause on the reverse side of page 1 of Form CO 802-A, attached hereto, is superseded and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:

(a) For the purposes of this Section, "minority business enterprise" means any small Contractor or supplier of materials fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, if any, or assets of which is owned by a person or persons: (1) who are active in the daily affairs of the enterprise, (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise, and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Connecticut General Statutes § 32-9n; and "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations. "Good faith efforts" shall include, but not be limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements.

For purposes of this Section, "Commission" means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

- For purposes of this Section, "Public works contract" means any Agreement between any individual, firm or corporation and the State or any political subdivision of the State other than a municipality for construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of a public building, highway or other changes or improvements in real property, or which is financed in whole or in part by the State, including, but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance or guarantees.
- (b) (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut. The Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race,

color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, intellectual disability, mental disability, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved; (2) the Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission; (3) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which the Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission, advising the labor union or worker's representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (4) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56, as amended by Section 5 of Public Act 89-253, Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-68e and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-68f; (5) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor as relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56. If the contract is a public works contract, the Contractor agrees and warrants that he will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on such public works projects.

- (c) Determination of the Contractor's good faith efforts shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following factors: The Contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices; affirmative advertising, recruitment and training; technical assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the Commission may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects.
- (d) The Contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts.
- (e) The Contractor shall include the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §46a-56, as amended by Section 5 of Public Act 89-253; provided if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.
- (f) The Contractor agrees to comply with the regulations referred to in this Section as they exist on the date of this Agreement and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement and any amendments thereto.
- (g) The Contractor agrees to the following provisions: The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Agreement such Contractor will not discriminate or permit

discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of Connecticut, and the employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation; the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §46a-56; the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor which relate to the provisions of this Section and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-56.

(h) The Contractor shall include the provisions of the foregoing paragraph in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the CRDA and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; provided, if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the CRDA and CRDA may so enter.

#### R. No Recourse

It is expressly understood and agreed that the directors, officers and employees and agents of CRDA are acting in a representative capacity and not for their own benefit and that there shall be no recourse or claim under this Agreement against any such person in any circumstances. Contractor further acknowledges that CRDA is not a department, institution or agency of the State of Connecticut and agrees that is shall have no recourse or claim under this Agreement against the State or any of its officers, employees or agents in any circumstances.

#### S. Assignability

This Agreement shall not be assigned by either party without the express prior written consent of the other.

#### T. Severability

If any part or parts of this Agreement shall be held to be void or unenforceable, such part or parts shall be treated as severable, leaving valid the remainder of this Agreement notwithstanding the part or parts found to be void or unenforceable.

#### **U.** Headings

The titles of the several sections, subsections, and paragraphs set forth in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall be disregarded in construing or interpreting any of the provisions of this Agreement.

#### V. Third Parties

CRDA shall not be obligated or liable hereunder to any party other than the Contractor.

#### W. Non Waiver

In no event shall the making by CRDA of any payment to the Contractor constitute or be construed as a waiver by CRDA of any breach of covenant, or any default that may then exist, on the part of the Contractor and the making of any such payment by CRDA while any such breach or default exists shall in no way impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to CRDA in respect to such breach or default.

#### X. Contractor Certification

The Contractor certifies that the Contractor has not been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of CRDA, nor has the Contractor made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record.

#### Y. Large State Contracts

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4-250 and 4-252, Contractor must present at the execution of each large State contract (having a total cost to the State of more than \$500,000 in a calendar or fiscal year) an executed gift certification, which Contractor shall update on an annual basis in accordance with paragraph 8 of Governor M. Jodi Rell's Executive Order No. 1. In addition, pursuant to paragraph 8 of Governor M. Jodi Rell's Executive Order No. 1, anyone who executes and files said gift certification shall also execute and file a campaign contribution certification disclosing all contributions made to campaigns of candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly.

#### Z. Governor M. Jodi Rell's Executive Order No. 7C

Pursuant to Gov. M. Jodi Rell's Exec. Order No. 7C, paragraph 10, Contractor shall comply with the certification requirements of Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 4-250 and 4-252, and Gov. M. Jodi Rell's Executive Order No 1, for all personal service agreement contracts with a value of \$50,000 or more in a calendar or fiscal year by executing and filing the respective certifications with CRDA.

#### AA. <u>Disclosure of Consulting Agreements</u>

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81, the chief official of the Contractor, for all contracts with a value to the State of fifty thousand dollars or more in any calendar or fiscal year, shall attest in an affidavit as to whether any consulting agreement has been entered into in connection with such contract. Such affidavit shall be required if any duties of the consultant included communications concerning business of such State agency, whether or not direct contact with a State agency, State or public official or State employee was expected or made. As used herein "consulting agreement" means any written or oral agreement to retain the services, for a fee, of a consultant for the purposes of (A) providing counsel to a contractor, vendor, consultant or other entity seeking to conduct, or conducting, business with the State, (B) contacting, whether in writing or orally, any executive, judicial, or administrative office of the State, including any department, institution, bureau, board,

commission, authority, official or employee for the purpose of solicitation, dispute resolution, introduction, requests for information or (C) any other similar activity related to such contract. Consulting agreement does not include any agreements entered into with a consultant who is registered under the provisions of Chapter 10 of the general statutes as of the date such affidavit is submitted in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81.

#### **BB.** Retaliation Prohibition

Pursuant to CT Gen. Stat. § 4-61dd, a large state contractor shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each offense, up to a maximum of twenty per cent of the value of the contract, if an officer, employee or appointing authority of a large state contractor takes or threatens to take any personnel action against any employee of the large state contractor in retaliation for such employee's disclosure of information to any employee of the contracting Quasi-public agency or the Auditors of Public Accounts or the Atty. General under the provisions of CT Gen. Stat. § 4-61dd(a). Each violation shall be a separate and distinct offense and in the case of a continuing violation each calendar day's continuance of the violation shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense. Each large state contractor shall post a notice of the provisions of this section relating to large state contractors in a conspicuous place which is readily available for viewing by the employees of the contractor. As used in CT Gen. Stat. § 4-61dd, a "large state contract" means a contract between an entity and a ... quasi-public agency having a value of five million dollars or more and (2) "large state contractor" means an entity that has entered into a large state contract with a quasi-public agency.

#### CC. Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Prohibitions

For all State contracts as defined in P.A. 07-1 having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this Agreement expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice.

#### DD. Forum and Choice of Law.

The parties deem the Contract to have been made in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. Both parties agree that it is fair and reasonable for the validity and construction of the Contract to be, and it shall be, governed by the laws and court decisions of the State of Connecticut, without giving effect to its principles of conflicts of laws. To the extent that any immunities provided by Federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut do not bar an action against the State, and to the extent that these courts are courts of competent jurisdiction, for the purpose of venue, the complaint shall be made returnable to the Judicial District of Hartford only or shall be brought in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut only, and shall not be transferred to any other court, provided, however, that nothing here constitutes a waiver or compromise of the sovereign immunity of the State of Connecticut. The Licensee waives any objection which it may now have or will have to the laying of venue of any Claims in any forum and further irrevocably submits to such jurisdiction in any suit, action or proceeding.

#### EE. <u>Counterparts.</u>

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and each counterpart shall constitute an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.