



**Henderson County Government
ITB: Purchase of a Track Excavator**

Date of Issue: October 28, 2024

Proposal Due Date: November 8, 2024 at 3:00 PM EST

Direct all inquiries concerning this RFP to:

Doug Guffey

Purchasing Agency

Phone: 828-694-5023

Email: hcpurchasing@hendersoncountync.gov

BID FORM

GENERAL

Pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina, **sealed bids**, subject to the conditions and specifications herein, are invited for furnishing the following apparatus, supplies, materials, and equipment. All bids will be received by the Henderson County Finance Department, at 113 North Main St., Hendersonville, NC 28792, November 8, 2024, at 3:00 PM EST, at which time the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

PRICING

The bidder has carefully examined the annexed form of specifications and instructions to bidders and hereby declares that they will furnish the equipment called for in the manner prescribed in the specifications and instructions to bidders for the following price:

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE

SHIPPING TO HENDERSON COUNTY, NC	
APPLICABLE SALES TAX	
GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL GOODS AND SERVICES.	
ESTIMATED DELIVERY DATE OF EQUIPMENT	

Bid Alternate			
DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
Flail Mower Attachment with Coupler			

The price and alternate prices, as applicable, shall be **inclusive** of all applicable fees and taxes.

OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE

Henderson County seeks offers for the goods and services described in this solicitation. The County's acceptance of any offer must be demonstrated by execution of the acceptance found below. Acceptance shall create a contract having an order of precedence as follows: In cases of conflict between documents comprising the contract, the order of precedence shall be (1) special terms and conditions specific to this ITB/RFQ, (2) specifications and requirements under the Instruction to Bidders, (3) Henderson County Terms and Conditions of this ITB/RFQ, and (4) the agreed portions of the awarded Vendor's offer. **No contract shall be binding on the County until an**

encumbrance of funds and preaudit has been made for payment of the sums due under the contract.

EXECUTION

In compliance with this Invitation for Bid / Request for Quote, and subject to all the conditions herein, the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish any or all services or goods upon which prices are offered, at the price(s) offered herein, within the time specified herein. By executing this offer, I certify that this offer is submitted competitively and without collusion.

Failure to execute/sign offer prior to submittal shall render offer invalid. Late offers are not acceptable.

OFFEROR:		
STREET ADDRESS:	P.O. BOX:	ZIP:
CITY, STATE & ZIP:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:	TOLL FREE TEL. NO
PRINT NAME & TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING:	FAX NUMBER:	
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	DATE:	E-MAIL:

Offer valid for ninety (90), days from date of offer opening unless otherwise stated here: ____ days.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

If any or all parts of this ITB/RFQ are accepted, an authorized representative of Henderson County shall affix their signature hereto. A copy of this acceptance will be forwarded to the successful vendor(s).

<p><u>FOR COUNTY USE ONLY</u></p> <p><i>Offer accepted and contract awarded pursuant to Purchase or Contract Order number _____ this ____ day of _____, 20____, as indicated on attached certification,</i></p> <p>by _____ (Authorized representative of Henderson County).</p> <p>This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget & Fiscal Control Act. N.C.G.S. 159-28(a).</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Henderson County Finance Director</p>
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BIDDER'S CHECKLIST

- Be aware of the bid opening date and time as indicated on the first page of this bid.
- You must submit **sealed bids in hard copy format**. Ensure your bid is properly addressed and clearly marked.
- All signatures must be by a company officer or agent who is authorized to enter into and sign bid documents.
- Have you read and understood the “Terms and Conditions” and the “Instructions to Bidders” for submitting a bid?
- Have you read and do you completely understand all the specifications of this bid?
- Have you submitted the requested number of copies of your bid and included all the requested literature and specifications?
- If an addendum to the specifications was issued, has it been signed and returned with this bid?
- Have you enclosed statements explaining any exceptions made to the specifications?
- Have you included executed copies of appendices or attachments, as required?

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide general and specific information for the use by suppliers in submitting a bid to supply Henderson County with apparatus, supplies, material, and equipment listed. All bids and contracts are governed by Henderson County policy, Section 143-129 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and 2 CFR Part 200 Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit.

Section 2: Bid Schedule

Listed below are the dates and times by which stated actions must be taken or completed. The County may determine, in its sole discretion, that it is necessary to change any of these dates and times. Should changes be required, proper notice will be provided to potential bidders. All listed times are Eastern standard times.

Action	Time	Date
Bid issued	5:00 PM	October 28, 2024
Deadline for Questions	5:00 PM	November 4, 2024
County Responses	5:00 PM	November 5, 2024
Bids Due	3:00 PM	November 8, 2024

Section 3: Bid Contact

Any and all questions, concerns, request for additional information, and alternate product considerations shall be directed to the Henderson County Finance Department to the attention of the Lead Purchasing Agent:

Doug Guffey
hcpurchasing@hendersoncountync.gov

Note: Bids shall be submitted sealed as provided herein. Bids cannot be submitted via email.

Section 4: Bidder Questions

The County is not liable for interpretations/misinterpretations or other errors, or omissions made by the Bidder in responding to this bid. The Bidder shall examine this bid to determine if the County's requirements and terms and conditions are clearly stated. If, after examination of the various requirements and terms and conditions of this bid, the Bidder believes there are any requirements or terms and conditions which remain unclear or which restrict competition, the Bidder may request, in writing, that the County clarify the requirement(s) and terms(s) and condition(s) specified by the Bidder. The Bidder must provide the Section(s), Subsection(s), Paragraph(s), and page number(s) that identify the requirements or conditions questioned by the Bidder.

Requests for clarification, technical questions, and approval of alternate products to this bid must be received by the County no later than the date shown above in Section 2, entitled "Bid Schedule", under Deadline for Questions. The Bidders' failure to request clarification and submit questions by the date in the bid schedule above shall be considered to constitute the Bidders' acceptance of all County requirements and terms and conditions. The County shall issue addenda reflecting

questions and answers to this bid, if any, and shall be posted to the County's website at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/rfps>.

Section 5: Objections to the Specifications

It is not the intent of the bid specifications to exclude or limit competition or favor any supplier. If there is an objection to any of the specifications or requirements listed herein, the bidder must notify Doug Guffey, Lead Purchasing Agent in writing, stating and listing the specifications and objections, no later than the date shown above in Section 2, entitled "Bid Schedule", under Deadline for Questions. If a pre-bid meeting has been scheduled, any objections must be presented in writing at that time. The objections stated must pertain both to form and substance of the bid document. Failure to object in accordance with the above procedure shall constitute a waiver on the part of the bidder to protest the solicitation. All concerns, questions, clarifications, or other correspondence must be directed only to Doug Guffey, Lead Purchasing Agent. Information obtained from other sources will not be considered in the evaluation and award of this bid.

Section 6: Equivalent Equipment

Bids are allowed for equivalent equipment. Equivalent equipment is defined as bids containing equipment that is not identical by manufacturer and model or bids which have substantially different specifications, albeit compliant, to what is outlined within the bid specifications. When bids are submitted that contain equivalent equipment, the bidder must submit documentation for review as a part of the bid to show that the product meets or exceeds the specifications of the item(s) referenced in the specifications. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to show that the equipment is equivalent and conforms to the specifications contained herein. Bidders may submit multiple bids on various manufacturers' brands/models.

Section 7: Bid Alternates

The County reserves the right to request pricing on alternate equipment or services along with the pricing for the main or primary product or items when applicable. At the discretion of the County, some or all of the alternates requested may or may not be added and purchased based upon the necessity and the availability of budgeted funds. The bid award will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder for the main or primary product or services on the Bid Form. Pricing for bid alternates will be requested in the bid alternate section of the Bid Form and will not be included in the determination of the bid award.

Section 8: How to Prepare Bids

Bidders are encouraged to carefully review all provisions and attachments of this document prior to completion. Each bid constitutes an offer and may not be withdrawn except as provided herein. Prices are to remain firm for the period stated herein.

I. **Bid Prices:**

All items and products proposed in response to this Bid are to be new, in un-used condition unless otherwise noted in the minimum specifications. All prices proposed in response to this Bid are to include all transport, freight, fuel surcharges and other fees if applicable and be delivered **FOB destination, freight prepaid and allowed** to the location provided on the County Purchase Order if not otherwise instructed within the specifications section. All items are to be packaged, and shipped or delivered safely in a protective carton, fully assembled and serviced, ready for use and operation where applicable or otherwise described within the specifications. All supplies, equipment, and apparatus must meet all

Federal, State, and Local safety regulations, requirements, and guidelines, such as OSHA, EPA, US DOT, NC-DOT, NFPA, UL, etc., if so regulated.

- II. **BID FORM:** Submit all prices and offers on the **BID FORM(S)** provided herein. All bids must be submitted and signed by the supplier or their authorized representative with all erasures or corrections initialed and dated by the authorized representative. If multiple bids are submitted, an executed Bid Form will be required for each submittal.
- III. **Addendum(s):** If applicable, bidders shall include signed addendum(s) with their bid submittal acknowledging the modifications made to the bid document. Addendum(s) will be posted on the Henderson County website at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/rfps>.
- IV. **SIGNATURE:** All bids must be signed by an authorized official of the company on the Bid Form.

Section 9: How to Submit Bids

- I. **SUBMIT SEALED BIDS ON THE BID FORM PROVIDED HEREIN.**
- II. Provide (2) complete sets of your bid on the BID FORM PROVIDED HEREIN in hard copy paper format (on 8-1/2" x 11" size paper, printed one side, only bound with a single staple in the upper left corner or with a single removable clip (no 3-ring binders) and must be SEALED in an envelope. **NO EMAIL OR FAX BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- III. All bids must be mailed or delivered as follows in enough time to ensure receipt by the Lead Purchasing Agent for this purpose on or before the time and date specified on the Bid Form. Bids not received by the time and date specified on the Bid Form will not be opened or considered.

Mailing & Delivery Address:

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Henderson County Finance Department
113 N Main Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

- IV. Bidders shall provide any available product literature and manufacturer's specifications at the request of Henderson County.

Section 10: Bid Opening

- I. Adequate Number of Bids: Due to the federal funding involved in this project, the contract cannot be awarded on the first attempt unless at least 3 competitive bids are received. If three bids are not received the bids submitted shall not be opened and the project shall be readvertised. After readvertisement, the County will be able to award the contract as long as at least one responsive, responsible bid has been received.
- II. Should the adequate number of bids be submitted, bids will be opened and read at the time and place shown on the enclosed Bid Proposal Form. No official award will be made at the Bid Opening. All bidders are welcome to attend the bid opening. **LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE**

OPENED OR ACCEPTED.

- III. Bidders may review and request copies of the bid documents after the public bid opening has concluded.
- IV. Bids will be examined by the Lead Purchasing Agent and the using department officials promptly after the opening and an award made as early as possible. No bids may be withdrawn except for as provided herein.

Section 11: Award of Bid

- V. **Bid Award Acceptance:**
The County reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids received as allowed by law, or to select the bid which, in our opinion, is in the best overall interest of the County. The award shall be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, or bidders, taking into consideration quality, performance and the time specified in the bid for the performance of the contract.
- VI. **Bid Award Approval:**
The Henderson County Board of Commissioners will approve the award of the bid at a designated meeting.

Section 12: Errors in Bids

Bidders or their authorized representatives are expected to understand the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting bids. Failure to do so will be at the bidders' own risk. In case of an error in the extension of prices on the bid, the unit price shall govern.

Section 13: Bid Tabulation

Bidders may request a bid tabulation from the Lead Purchasing Agent, after the public bid opening.

Section 14: Specifications

- I. **Overview:**
It is the intent of these specifications to set up minimum requirements for the **purchase of one new or used track excavator** as specified. These specifications must be considered as minimum requirements. If it is necessary to bid alternate equipment or to take exceptions to the specifications as set forth, this must be so stated in your bid. Any reference to a model or brand is only to denote quality and does not mean that equal equipment will not be considered.
- II. **Equipment Specifications**
 - 1. General
 - a) Shall include all standard equipment
 - b) Closed cab with AC, heat, and Bluetooth
 - c) Minimum operating weight of 67,000 lbs.
 - d) Maximum arm length shall be greater than 11 feet 6 inches

2. Driveline
 - a) Minimum engine displacement of 415 cubic inches
 - b) Minimum 240 net horsepower
3. Dimensions
 - a) Maximum transport height shall not exceed 12 feet 2 inches
 - b) Overall undercarriage width shall not exceed 11 feet 2 inches
 - c) Track length on the ground shall be between 13 feet 1 inch to 13 feet 3 inches
 - d) Ground clearance shall be a minimum of 18 inches
 - e) Minimum digging reach at ground level of 35 feet
 - f) Minimum dig height of 32 feet 9 inches
 - g) Minimum dump height of 22 feet 10 inches
 - h) Minimum digging depth of 23 feet
4. Performance
 - a) Minimum travel speed of 3.2 mph
 - b) Minimum Arm Tearout of 28,500 lbf
 - c) Minimum bucket breakout of 42,480 lbf.
 - d) Maximum reach end lift shall be at least 12,000 lbs.
 - e) Maximum reach side lift shall be at least 9,000 lbs.
 - f) Minimum main pump flow of 130 gallons per minute
5. Safety
 - a) Roll over protection system
 - b) Fire suppression system
 - c) LED lighting package. Lights shall be positioned at a minimum on each corner of the cab and be outward facing.
 - d) Backup Camera
 - e) Shall have an object detection system
 - f) Shall have 360-degree visibility
6. Bucket
 - a) Shall be a minimum of 2 cubic yards
7. Options
 - a) Shall have quick couplers
 - b) Shall have quick attach lines
 - c) Wet lines shall have a high volume hydraulic pump
 - d) Shall have a Hydraulic Thumb
 - e) Forestry guard protection package
8. Used Equipment

A bid may be submitted for used equipment with a maximum of 250 hours. Equipment must be in compliance with the specifications described herein.

III. Alternate Equipment

1. Flail Mower Attachment with Coupler
 - a) Minimum working width 40 inches

- b) Minimum working length 30 inches
- c) Please provide equipment brochure

IV. Warranty

- 1. Shall have a minimum 2 year warranty for all parts and labor.

V. Delivery

- 1. Equipment shall be delivered to Henderson County at the address listed below:

Henderson County Solid Waste
191 Transfer Station Dr
Hendersonville, NC 28791

VI. Titling

- 1. Vehicle(s) or equipment shall be titled as follows:

County of Henderson
113 N Main St
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Section 15: Minority and Disadvantaged Business

Pursuant to General Statutes of North Carolina Sections 143-128 and 143-131 and, the County encourages and provides equal opportunity for Certified Minority and Women- Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) businesses to participate in all aspects of the County’s contracting and procurement programs.

For Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements, see Minority Business Participation Guidelines posted under Doing Business with Henderson County at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/county/page/doing-business-henderson-county>.

Section 16: County Terms & Conditions

Any bid submitted to Henderson County shall be deemed to include all the Terms and Conditions shown below. Any attempt by a proposed contracting party (the “Bidder”) under the ITB to exclude any of these Terms and Conditions shall cause any bid made in response to this ITB to be deemed to be non-responsive

A. PUBLIC RECORDS.

The seller acknowledges that notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary (including any statements regarding confidential information), this agreement, the confidential information and any documents, memorandum, data, reports, analyses, compilations, records, pricing and evaluation of all or any portion of the transactions contemplated by this agreement may be deemed public records and subject to disclosure, in whole or in part, pursuant to the North Carolina Public Records Law. The County will provide the seller with reasonably prompt notice of any intended disclosures or requests for disclosure pursuant

to the North Carolina Public Records Law. The seller may then choose to seek judicial protection of the confidential information consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Should a public records request be made for information the seller claims is proprietary in nature, the County will, within a reasonable time, notify the seller of such public records request. The seller shall, within five (5) business days of said notification, provide notice to the County that it does or does not object to the County disclosing the requested information pursuant to the subject public records request. If the seller objects to the disclosure of the requested information, the seller agrees that it shall be solely responsible for the defense of and the cost of defending any claim or complaint against the County for its refusal to disclose confidential information. The seller agrees that if any such complaint or claim is filed it will indemnify the County and will reimburse the County for any and all damages awarded against the County its refusal to disclose the requested information. The seller agrees that it releases the County from all loss, liability, claims or expense, including attorney's fees, arising out of or related to the release or disclosure or failure by the County to release or disclose confidential information. The seller further agrees that it waives the right to file any court action for any such release, disclosure, or failure to release or disclose confidential information.

B. Choice of Law

All terms and conditions shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina. Any legal actions arising from default of this contract shall be brought only in the County of Henderson, State of North Carolina.

C. E-Verification

North Carolina General Statute §143-133.3 prohibits the County from entering into contracts with contractors and subcontractors who have not complied with the requirement of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Contactor shall comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Further, if contractor utilizes a subcontractor, contractor shall require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

D. Payment Terms

Contractor/bidder agrees to Net 30 payment terms. The contractor/bidder shall not charge late charges or finance charges for any reason. The contractor/bidder agrees to waive any deposits required. Invoices are payable in U.S. funds.

E. Performance

All services/work rendered under this agreement will be performed at the Seller's own risk and the Seller expressly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability, loss or damage that they may suffer as a result of claims, demands, actions, damages or injuries of any kind or nature whatsoever by or to any and all persons or property.

F. Cancellation

The County reserves the right to cancel this contract, or any part thereof, at any time without

penalty. Such cancellation may be based upon failure of the seller to comply with the terms and conditions of this transaction, failure to perform the work with promptness and diligence, failure to make shipment within the time specified or for any other reason which causes the seller not to perform as agreed. Should the contract be canceled, vendor shall be entitled to payment for all work performed up to the date of cancellation.

G. Cyber Security Breach

Where a security breach or unauthorized release, as those terms are defined or used in Article 2A of Chapter 75 of the North Carolina Statutes, or in any other state or federal regulation, occurs and is attributed to the Contractor (or any sub-contractor thereof), the Contractor shall promptly pay or reimburse Henderson County for all the costs to Henderson County for all required notifications under all applicable laws, including any associated legal fees incurred by Henderson County, and shall indemnify Henderson County from any liability resulting from the security breach or unauthorized release.

H. Non-Appropriation

No provision of any agreement between the County and the seller (the “Agreement”) shall be construed or interpreted as creating a pledge of the faith and credit of the County within the meaning of any Constitutional debt limitation. No provision of the Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as creating a delegation of governmental powers nor as a donation by or a lending of the credit of the County within the meaning of the Constitution of North Carolina. The Agreement shall not directly or contingently obligate the County to make any payments beyond those appropriated in the sole discretion of the County for any fiscal year in which the Agreement is in effect; provided, however, that any failure or refusal by the County to appropriate funds which results in the failure by the County to make any payment coming due under the Agreement will in no way obviate the occurrence of the event of default resulting from such nonpayment. No deficiency judgment may be rendered against the County in any action for breach of a contractual obligation under this Agreement, and the taxing power of the County is not and may not be pledged directly or indirectly or contingently to secure any moneys due under this Agreement. No provision of the Agreement shall be construed to pledge or create a lien of any class or source of the County’s moneys, nor shall any provision of the Agreement restrict the future issuance of any of the County’s bonds or obligations payable from any class or source of the County’s moneys. To the extent of any conflict this provision and any other provision of the Agreement, this provision shall take priority and control.

Section 17: Federal Terms and Conditions

The County anticipates that this Contract will be financed in whole or in part with Federal funding. As such, Federal laws, regulations, policies, and related administrative practices apply to this Contract. The most recent of such Federal requirements, including any amendments made after the execution of this Contract, shall govern this Contract, unless the Federal Government determines otherwise. This Section identifies the Federal requirements that are applicable to this Contract. The Contractor is responsible for complying with all applicable provisions.

To the extent applicable, the Federal requirements are deemed incorporated into this Contract by reference and shall be incorporated into any subcontract or subcontract executed by the Contractor

pursuant to its obligations under this Contract. The Contractor and its subcontractors, if any, hereby represent and covenant that they have complied and shall comply in the future with all applicable provisions of Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and rules and local policies and procedures, as amended from time to time, relating to the Work to be performed under this Contract. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all Federal awarding agency-mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Contract. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any County requests, which would cause the County to be in violation of the Federal awarding agency's terms and conditions.

This Contract will be financed, in whole or in part, by funding provided by programs of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FEMA regulations, policies, procedures, and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this Contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this Contract.

A. REMEDIES:

PERFORMANCE AND DEFAULT: If, through any cause, contractor shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner the obligations under The Contract, the County shall have the right to terminate The Contract by giving written notice to the contractor and specifying the effective date thereof. In that event any or all finished or unfinished deliverable items under The Contract prepared by the contractor shall, at the option of the County, become its property, and the contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any acceptable work completed as to which the option is exercised. Notwithstanding, contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the County for damages sustained by the County by virtue of any breach of The Contract, and the County may withhold any payment due the contractor for the purpose of set off until such time as the exact amount of damages due the County from such breach can be determined. The County reserves the right to require at any time a performance bond or other acceptable alternative performance guarantees from contractor without expense to the County.

In the event of default by the contractor, the County may procure the goods and services necessary to complete performance hereunder from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby. In addition, in the event of default by the contractor under The Contract, or upon the contractor filing a petition for bankruptcy or the entering of a judgment of bankruptcy by or against the contractor, the County may immediately cease doing business with the contractor, immediately terminate The Contract for cause, and may take action to debar the contractor from doing future business with the County.

B. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:

If this contract contemplates deliveries or performance over a period of time, the County may, for any reason within its sole discretion, terminate this contract at any time by providing 30 days' notice in writing from the County to the contractor. In that event, any or all finished or unfinished deliverable items prepared by the Vendor under this contract shall, at the option of the County, become its property. If the contract is terminated by the County as provided in this section, the County shall pay for those items for which such option is exercised, less any payment or compensation previously made.

C. Equal Employment Opportunity

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex,

sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

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

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering

agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

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

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

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

D. ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

- a) Contractor and any Subcontractor, or the successor, transferee, or assignee of Contractor or any Subcontractor, shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.

E. OTHER NON-DISCRIMINATION STATUTES

Contractor acknowledges that the County is bound by and agrees, to the extent applicable to Contractor, to abide by the provisions contained in the federal statutes enumerated below, and any other federal statutes and regulations that may be applicable to the expenditure of Fiscal Recovery Funds:

- a. The Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin,

sex, familial status, or disability;

- b. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance;
- c. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 et seq.), and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 23, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance; and
- d. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under programs, activities, and services provided or made available by state and local governments or instrumentalities or agencies thereto

F. COMPLIANCE WITH THE DAVIS-BACON ACT- CONSTRUCTION

All transactions regarding this contract shall be done in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141- 3144, and 3146-3148) and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 5 as may be applicable. The contractor shall comply with 40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148 and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 5 as applicable.

Contractors are required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor.

Additionally, contractors are required to pay wages not less than once a week.

G. COMPLIANCE WITH THE COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK" ACT

- a. Contractor. The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.
- b. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.
- c. Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

H. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

- (1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- (2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefore shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States(in the case of work done under contract for

the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$26 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

- (3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The (write in the name of the Federal agency or the loan or grant recipient) shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally- assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.
- (4) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (b)(1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section.

I. CLEAN AIR ACT

1. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
2. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the (name of applicant entering into the contract) and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
3. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

J. FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

1. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
2. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
3. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

K. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

- (1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
- (2) The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered

transaction it enters into.

- (3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by (insert name of subrecipient). If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to (name of state agency serving as recipient and name of subrecipient), the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- (4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.”

L. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended) Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency.

M. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS

“(1) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

- (i) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- (ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- (iii) At a reasonable price.

(2) Information about this requirement is available at EPA’s Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>. The list of EPA-designate items is available at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm>.”

(3) The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.”

N. ACCESS TO RECORDS

- 1) The contractor agrees to provide the State of North Carolina, County of Henderson, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- (2) The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- (3) The contractor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.”
- (4) In compliance with section 1225 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018, the County and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit

audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.”

O. DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS

The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

P. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

Q. NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.”

R. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Contractor’s actions pertaining to this contract.

S. DOMESTIC PREFERENCE CLAUSE

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the [non-Federal entity][vendor] should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including, but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).” – For purposes of this clause, (i) “produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States, and (ii) “manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous materials such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

T. CONFLICT OF INTEREST; GIFTS AND FAVORS

b) Contractor understands that (1) The County will use Fiscal Recovery Funds to pay for the cost of this Contract, and (2) the expenditure of Fiscal Recovery Funds is governed by the [*Conflict of Interest Policy*] of the County, the Regulatory Requirements (including, without limitation, 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c)(1)), and North Carolina law (including, without limitation, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-234(a)(1) and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-234.3(a)).

c) Contractor certifies to the County that as of the date hereof, to the best of its knowledge after reasonable inquiry, no employee, officer, or agent of the County involved in the selection, award, or administration of this Contract (each, a “*Covered Individual*”), nor any member of a Covered Individual’s immediate family, nor a Covered Individual’s partner, nor an organization (including Contractor) which employs or is about to employ a Covered Individual, has a financial or other interest in or has received a tangible personal benefit from Contractor. Should Contractor obtain knowledge of any such interest or any tangible personal benefit described in the preceding sentence after the date hereof, Contractor shall promptly disclose the same to the County in writing.

- d) Contractor certifies to the County that it has not provided, nor offered to provide, any gratuities, favors, or anything of value to an officer, employee, or agent of the County. Should Contractor obtain knowledge of the provision, or offer of the provision, of any gratuity, favor, or anything of value to an officer, employee, or agent described in the preceding sentence after the date hereof, Contractor shall promptly disclose the same to the County in writing.

U. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause, the terms backhaul; covered foreign country; covered telecommunications equipment or services; interconnection arrangements; roaming; substantial or essential component; and telecommunications equipment or services have the meaning as defined in FEMA Policy 405-143-1, Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services (Interim), as used in this clause—

(b) Prohibitions.

(1) Section 889(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibit the head of an executive agency on or after Aug. 13, 2020, from obligating or expending grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds on certain telecommunications products or from certain entities for national security reasons.

(2) Unless an exception in paragraph (c) of this clause applies, the contractor and its subcontractors may not use grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to:

- (i) Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
- (ii) Enter into, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
- (iii) Enter into, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system; or
- (iv) Provide, as part of its performance of this contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

(c) Exceptions.

(1) This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing—

- (i) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
- (ii) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(2) By necessary implication and regulation, the prohibitions also do not apply to:

- (i) Covered telecommunications equipment or services that: i. Are not used as a substantial or essential component of any system; and ii. Are not used as critical technology of any system.
- (ii) Other telecommunications equipment or services that are not considered covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(d) Reporting requirement.

(1) In the event the contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical

technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the recipient or subrecipient, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information.

(2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause:

(i) Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: The contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.

(ii) Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: Any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(e) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments.”

V. SOLICITATION OF MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

- a) If Contractor intends to let any Subcontracts, Contractor shall (1) place qualified small and minority businesses and women’s business enterprises on its solicitation lists; (2) assure that small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources; (3) divide total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises; (4) establish delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises; (5) use the services and assistance, as appropriate, of the Small Business Administration, the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce, and the North Carolina Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses.
- b) For the purposes of Section XII(a), an entity shall qualify (1) as a “minority business” or “women’s business enterprise” if it is currently certified as a North Carolina “historically underutilized business” under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-128.4(a), and (2) as a “small business” if it is independently owned and operated and is qualified under the Small Business Administration criteria and size standards at 13 C.F.R. Part 21.

W. BUY AMERICA

If this project is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA), the Contractor and its subcontractors shall certify that no federal financial assistance funding for infrastructure projects will be provided unless all the iron, steel, manufactured projects, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States. BABAA, Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52. Contractor and subcontractors shall also disclose any use of federal financial assistance for infrastructure projects that does not ensure compliance with BABAA domestic preference requirement.

X. Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United

Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, 62 Fed. Reg. 19216 (Apr. 18, 1997), the County encourages

Contractor to adopt and enforce on-the- job seat belt policies and programs for its employees when operating company-owned, rented or personally owned vehicles.

Y. Reducing Text Messaging While Driving

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (Oct. 6, 2009), the County encourages Contractor to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving.

Z. Conflicts and Interpretation

To the extent that any portion of this Addendum conflicts with any term or condition of the Contract expressed outside of this Addendum, the terms of this Addendum shall govern.

Section 18: Federal Certifications

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY and VOLUNTARY
EXCLUSION LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTION

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor) certifies, by submission of this bid or proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) The prospective Bidder/Contractor also certifies by submission of this bid or proposal that all subcontractors and suppliers (this requirement flows down to all subcontracts at all levels) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (3) Where the prospective lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor) is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this bid or proposal.

The lower tier participant (Bidder/Contractor), _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of this statement of its certification and disclosure, if any.

DATE _____
SIGNATURE _____
COMPANY _____
NAME _____
TITLE _____

State of _____

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public _____

My Appointment Expires _____ [SEAL]

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

(To be submitted with all offers exceeding \$100,000; must be executed prior to Award)

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any persons for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding to any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into these transactions imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 1352, et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized

Official Date _____

Printed Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized

Official State of _____

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 20___.

Notary Public _____

My Appointment Expires _____

[SEAL]