FEDERAL-AID FUNDED PROJECTS

PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE SECTIONS A AND B. THE EXECUTION HEREINAFTER MADE ALSO CONSTITUTES THE EXECUTION OF THE PROPOSAL AND REPRESENTS THE AGREEMENT OF THE CONTRACTOR TO COMPLY WITH ALL DOCUMENTS CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSAL AND THOSE REFERRED TO THEREIN. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE SWORN CERTIFICATION THROUGH PAGE 6 OF THIS NOTICE WILL BE CONSIDERED A NON-RESPONSIVE BID. BID BOND MUST BE SEPARATELY EXECUTED BY CONTRACTOR AND SURETY.

The contractor, subrecipient, or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of USDOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.

The Statement Required To Be Submitted By Proposed Contractor Pursuant To Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246) and Regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 On All Federal and Federally-Assisted Contracts In Excess of $10,000 Will Be Included In the Award of Your Contract and Should Be Returned With Your Executed Contract.

The undersigned agrees that the terms and commitments contained herein shall not be constituted as a debt of the State of Alabama in violation of Article 11, Section 213 of the Constitution of Alabama, 1901, as amended by Amendment Number 26. It is further agreed that if any provision of this contract shall contravene any statute or Constitutional provision or amendment, either now in effect or which may, during the course of this contract, be enacted, then that conflicting provision in the contract shall be null and void.

The undersigned understands that in the event the term of this contract includes more than one fiscal year, said contract is subject to termination should funds not be appropriated for the continued payment of the contract in subsequent fiscal years.

The undersigned understands that in the event of the proration of the fund from which payment under this contract is to be made, the contract will be subject to termination.

Section A: The Alabama Department of Transportation is obligated on every Federal-aid project to implement, to the extent practical, 49CFR26, “Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in U.S. DOT Financial Programs“. This participation can be achieved by race neutral and/or race conscious means.

When race conscious means are used the contract goal for DBE participation will be indicated on Page Two of the Proposal Cover Sheet and in Section 111 of the 2008 Edition of the Alabama Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Highway Construction. Race neutral participation occurs when the contractor exceeds the indicated contract goal, or in the absence of a contract goal, obtains participation from a certified DBE that meets the CREDIT TOWARD PARTICIPATION portion of Section 111 of the 2008 Edition of the Alabama Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Highway Construction.

If the Department has determined that this project has sufficient opportunities for MBE/DBE participation the goal for this contract will be listed on Page Two of the Proposal Cover Sheet.

All bidders must complete form HR-DBE, "BIDDERS LIST OF QUOTERS FOR THE DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM."

If the contractor is low bidder for the project, it is understood the contractor will provide a DBE Utilization Plan which outlines the proposed percentage of DBE Utilization within ten (10) calendar days after notification by the Department of intent to award, along with documentation of the contractor's "Good Faith" efforts to utilize DBE firms if the proposed percentage of utilization is less than the designated project goal. The contractor's good faith efforts will fully comply with and meet all requirements, provisions and criteria of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, including the criteria set forth in 49 CFR, Part 26, Appendix A and will comply with and meet the requirements, provisions and criteria set forth in Section 111 of the 2008 Edition of the Alabama Department...
of Transportation Standard Specifications for Highway Construction as all of such foregoing requirements, provisions and criteria are applicable to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, all of which the contractor represents that he is familiar. The contractor understands that the good faith efforts of the contractor will be reviewed by the Department in keeping with all such requirements, provisions and criteria.

NOTE

The Department will advise the low bidder of his status as soon as possible after the opening of bids. A copy of the Department's DBE Utilization form has been attached to this proposal for use in complying with the Requirement.

Failure by the successful bidder to provide an acceptable DBE Utilization plan within the time frame required or failure of the successful bidder to make and document Good Faith Efforts, when applicable, will result in non-award of the contract to that bidder. If the contract is awarded to the next low bidder, the original low bidder will be prohibited from doing any work on the contract, either as subcontractor or in any other capacity. The original low bidder will also be prohibited from bidding on the project if it is re-advertised for letting. These restrictions shall apply to any other name under which the same person, individual, partnership, company, firm, corporation, association, co-operative or other legal entity that may be operating in which the principal owner(s) is involved.

Section B: CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION

The contractor proposes to perform all "Force Account of Extra Work" that may be required on the basis provided in the Specifications hereto attached, and to give such work personal attention in order to see that it is economically performed.

The contractor further proposes to execute the Contract Agreement in a form to be attached as soon as the work is awarded to the contractor and to begin and complete the work within the respective time limit provided for in the Specifications hereto attached.

The contractor also proposes to furnish a Performance Bond, acceptable to the State, in an amount equal to the total amount of the contract. This bond shall serve not only to guarantee the completion of the work but also to guarantee the excellence of both workmanship and materials until the work is finally accepted. The contractor will also furnish a materialsman bond, acceptable to the State, equal to the amount of the contract.

The contractor encloses a cashier's check or bid bond for five percent (5%) of the bid, maximum $10,000.00, and hereby agrees that in case of failure to execute a contract and furnish bonds within fifteen (15) days after notice of award, the awarding authority shall retain from the proposal guaranty, if it is a cashier's check, or recover from the principal and/or the sureties, if the guaranty is a bid bond, the difference between the amount of the Contract as awarded and the amount of the proposal of the next lowest acceptable bidder, which amount shall not exceed $10,000.00.

If no other bids are received, the full amount of the proposal guaranty shall be so retained and/or recovered as Liquidated Damages for such default. It is understood that in case the work is not awarded to the contractor, the proposal guaranty, if a cashier's check, will be returned as provided in the Alabama Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, 2008 Edition.

1. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

The contractor intends to comply with the contract documents to utilize Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (hereinafter referred to at times as (DBE)) to the extent practical and when, under Section A herein above, the contract documents specify a minimum monetary amount to be expended with Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, to equal or exceed said amount through subcontracting and/or by purchases of materials and services on the project.

It is understood that failure to submit a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Plan, when such is required by the contract within the time frame so specified, will be cause for assessment of penalties as provided in the contract.
It is further understood that failure to comply with the contract relating to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, when such are applicable, will be cause for the assessment of penalties as provided in the contract.

2. REQUIREMENT BY THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY REGULATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF LABOR (41 CFR 60-1.7(b) (1))

THE CONTRACTOR MUST CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW:

The contractor submitting this proposal certifies that such contractor

HAS /_____/                     HAS NOT /______/

participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity Clause, as required by Executive Orders 10925, 1114 or 11246.

If the contractor checked the "HAS" box above, the following statement must be completed. The contractor submitting this proposal certifies that such contractor

HAS /_____/                     HAS NOT /______/

filed with the Joint Reporting Committee, the director of OFCC, any Federal Agency or the former President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity all reports due under the applicable filing requirements of those organizations. All reports due are considered to be those requested by one of these committees or agencies.

Concurrently, Standard Form 100 (EEO-1) is the only report required by the Executive Orders or their implementing regulations.

Proposed prime contractors and subcontractors who have participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Executive Orders and who have not filed the required reports should note that 41 CFR 60-1.7(b)(1) prevents the award of contracts and subcontracts unless such contractor submits a report covering the delinquent period or such other period specified by the Federal Highway Administration or by the director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, U. S. Department of Labor.

3. COLLUSION

It is further certified that neither the person, firm, partnership or corporation submitting this bid, nor any of their officers, have directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this contract.

4. SUSPENSION/DEBARMENT

A. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.

The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

The terms "covered transaction", "debarred", "suspended", "ineligible", "lower-tier covered transaction", "participant", "person", "primary covered transaction", "principal", "proposal" and "voluntarily excluded" as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower-tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion/Lower-Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower-tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower-tier covered transactions.

A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower-tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

Except for transactions authorized under these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower-tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions

The prospective primary participant certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property;

Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the preceding paragraph of this
certification; and have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

B. For Lower-Tier Requirements, see Section XI of "Required Contract Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contracts" located in the proposal.

Exceptions to the above are to be submitted on a separate sheet with the bid proposal. For any exception noted, indicate to whom it applies, initiating agency and dates of action. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.

5. LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS

These restrictions were established by Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1990).

The contractor certifies to the best of his/her knowledge and belief that:

A. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of 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.

B. 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 Federal 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.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file this 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 also agrees by submitting this proposal that he/she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower-tier subcontracts which exceed $100,000 and that all such subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

I further certify that I am a properly authorized individual or corporate official, as applicable, to make this certification that the above is true and correct; and that I recognize, by signing this certification, I am also signing the contract proposal on behalf of the contractor in whose name the proposal is made, whether individual, partnership, or corporation as might be applicable.
NOTE: PROVIDED THE BID BOND ON THE FOLLOWING TWO PAGES IS PROPERLY EXECUTED IN THE CONTRACTOR'S NAME, SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF THE CONTRACTOR CORPORATION (OR INDIVIDUAL OR PARTNER, WHEN NOT A CORPORATION), THE SAME MAY MAKE THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATIONS BY SIGNING BEFORE A PROPERLY SWORN NOTARY PUBLIC. THE CERTIFICATIONS MUST BE PROPERLY SWORN TO, SIGNED AND NOTARIZED BELOW.

Signature of Contractor. If the contractor is an INDIVIDUAL, signature of the individual is required; if contractor is a CORPORATION, signature of proper corporate officer is required; if contractor is a PARTNERSHIP, signature of partner is required; if contractor is JOINT VENTURE, appropriate signatures of all contractors are required.

Legal name of Contractor:

_______________________________________________________________________________________________

(Partnership, Joint Venture, Corporation or Individual)

By: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

(Signature of Officer or Individual, as applicable)

By: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

IF JOINT VENTURE (Signature of Officers or Individual, as applicable)

The foregoing certifications are sworn to and subscribed before me on this

______ day of _____________________, 20______.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

AWARD WILL NOT BE CONFERRED UNLESS THIS FORM IS COMPLETED AND SIGNED AND WITNESSED BY A NOTARY.