

**EVERGREEN HERITAGE CENTER FOUNDATION
(EHCF)
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
EVERGREEN HERITAGE CENTER
FOREST EVOLUTION TRAIL SIGNAGE - Trailheads
IFB NUMBER: EM 001S-2**

ISSUE DATE: March 30, 2026

NOTICE

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EVERGREEN HERITAGE CENTER FOUNDATION (EHCF) KEY INFORMATION SUMMARY SHEET

Invitation for Bids	Trail Signage
Solicitation Number:	EM001S-2
IFB Issue Date:	March 30, 2025
IFB Issuing Agency:	Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation, Inc.
Procurement Officer: e-mail: Office Phone:	Janice Keene, President janicekeene@evergreenheritagecenter.org 301-687-0664
Bids are to be sent to:	Evergreen Heritage Center janicekeene@evergreenheritagecenter.org
Pre-Bid Conference:	April 6, 2026 10:00 AM Local Time Evergreen Heritage Center 15613 Trimble Road NW Mt Savage, MD 21545 or via Zoom See Attachment A for directions and instructions.
Questions Due Date and Time	April 13, 2026, 2026 4:00pm
Bid Due (Closing) Date and Time:	April 20, 2026 12:00pm
Public Bid Opening Date, Time and Location	April 20 2026, 1:30 pm Eastern Day Light Savings Time Evergreen Heritage Center 15613 Trimble Road NW, Mount Savage MD 21545
DBE Subcontracting Goal:	None
Contract Type:	Firm Fixed Price
Contract Duration:	(Award date) and delivery before March 31, 2026
Primary Place of Performance:	15613 Trimble Road NW Mount Savage, MD 21545
Federal Funding:	YES

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1 Minimum Qualifications

1.1 Bidder Minimum Qualifications

As part of the determination to be considered responsive, the Bidder must document in its Bid that it satisfies the following Minimum Qualifications:

1.1.1 The Bidder shall have at least three (3) years' experience, within the last five (5) years, providing a range of outdoor directional, informational, and interpretive signage. Experience with local, state, or national parks preferred. Bidder must have a proven track record of successfully completing similar projects and provide at least two references from projects providing similar services.

1.1.2 Personnel: Design and Project Management

Qualified Personnel: Bidders are expected to have skilled and experienced technical experts, including a project manager and individuals qualified to provide design assistance.

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2 Contractor Requirements: Scope of Work

2.1 Summary Statement

- 2.1.1 The Agency is issuing this Invitation for Bids (IFB) in order to procure the services defined in this Section 2, as specified in this IFB, from a contract between the successful bidder(s) and the Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation: Outdoor interpretive, trailhead, and identification signage along the Forest Evolution 4.5 mile hiking trail.
- 2.1.2 It is the Agency's intention to obtain goods and services, as specified in this IFB, from a Contract between the selected Bidder and the Agency.
- 2.1.3 The Agency intends to make a single award for the work under this IFB. See IFB Section 4.9 Award Basis for more Contract award information.
- 2.1.4 A Bidder, either directly or through its subcontractor(s), must be able to provide all goods and services and meet all of the requirements requested in this solicitation and the successful Bidder (the Contractor) shall remain responsible for Contract performance regardless of subcontractor participation in the work.

2.2 Background and Purpose

The purpose of this solicitation is to provide visitors and users of a new 4.5-mile trail at Evergreen Heritage Center with interpretive and informational signage. With a trailhead adjacent to the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) Trail, the EHC Trail will provide an additional 5-mile spur trail to the 20 ½ miles of the GAP Trail (Allegheny County, MD). This spur will enable hikers to simultaneously experience Western Maryland's history and its rural landscape and natural resources. From the 4.5-mile EHC Trail, visitors may tour three museums on the property - the Evergreen Farmhouse, the Evergreen Barn's Agricultural Museum, and the Coal Miners' Museum in the heart of its Coal Mining Camp. Visitors may also tour EHC gardens, greenhouses, orchards, then hike through its woodlands and streams. The entire 4.5-mile trail is contained within the EHC property. The GAP defines the western EHC boundary, while the existing Coal Trail rides along the eastern boundary.

The EHC Foundation provides both heritage tourism programming and award-winning experiential education programs for 17,000 visitors annually. Adding this new hiking opportunity is projected to increase both heritage and recreational tourism, including GAP usership. Based on 1.5 million Allegheny County GAP users reported in 2020, if the Evergreen Trail attracts only .05% additional GAP users (7500/year), per the GAP's Economic Impact Report indicating 33% overnight users spend an average of \$496 and 67% regional users spend an average of \$90, these additional users would annually yield \$1.68 million in incremental spending. The purpose of this solicitation is to provide visitors and users of a new 4.5 mile trail interpretive and informational signage. any background information that may be helpful to vendors in preparing the responses.

2.2.1 Project Goals

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2.2.2 Agency Staff and Roles

The Project Manager is Janice Keene, President of the Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation and Dawn Hein is EHC's Executive Director. EHC's property manager Matt Diehl and staff will be responsible for installing all signage procured through this process.

The Maryland State Highway Administration will be providing oversight since this project utilizes Federal funds.

2.3 Responsibilities and Tasks

2.3.1 Art Proofs: Art work for signs will be submitted to the awardee. Proofs shall be submitted for approval to Evergreen Heritage Center prior to final order placement for all signs. Send to dawn@evergreenheritagecenter.org

2.3.2 Delivery : Bidder shall deliver items to 15613 Trimble Road NW, Mount Savage, MD 21545 Please call Matt Diehl at 240-727-6644 prior to delivery. Evergreen Heritage Center does not have a receiving dock nor fork lift.

All deliveries must be completed by June 1, 2026

2.3.3 Bid Submittal Sheets: Please see the Bid Submittal Sheets for sign quantities and descriptions which can be found in Appendix 3.

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3 Contractor Requirements: General

3.1 Contract Initiation Requirements

- A. Contractor shall schedule and hold a kickoff meeting within 10 Business Days of NTP Date. At the kickoff, the Contractor shall furnish an updated Project Schedule describing the activities for the Contractor.

3.2 End of Contract Transition

THIS SECTION IS INAPPLICABLE TO THIS IFB.

3.3 Invoicing

3.3.1 General

- a) The Contractor shall invoice the original of each invoice and signed authorization to invoice to the Contract Monitor and Janice Keene at e-mail address:
janicekeene@evergreenheritagecenter.org

All invoices for services shall be verified by the Contractor as accurate at the time of submission.

An invoice not satisfying the requirements of a Proper Invoice (as defined in COMAR 21.06.09) cannot be processed for payment. To be considered a Proper Invoice, invoices must include the following information, without error:

- 1) Contractor name and address;
- 2) Remittance address;
- 3) Federal taxpayer identification (FEIN) number, social security number, as appropriate;
- 4) Invoice period (i.e. time period during which services covered by invoice were performed);
- 5) Invoice date;
- 6) Invoice number;
- 7) Goods or services provided;
- 8) Amount due; and
- 9) Any additional documentation required by regulation or the Contract.

Invoices that contain both fixed price and time and material items shall clearly identify each item as either fixed price or time and material billing.

The Agency reserves the right to reduce or withhold Contract payment in the event the Contractor does not provide the Agency with all required deliverables within the time frame specified in the Contract or otherwise breaches the terms and conditions of the Contract until such time as the Contractor brings itself into full compliance with the Contract.

Any action on the part of the Agency, or dispute of action by the Contractor, shall be in accordance with the provisions of Md. Code Ann., State Finance and Procurement Article §§ 15-215 through 15-223 and with COMAR 21.10.04.

Invoices for final payment shall be clearly marked as “FINAL” and submitted when all work requirements have been completed and no further charges are to be incurred under the Contract. In no event shall any invoice be submitted later than 60 calendar days from the Contract termination date.

3.3.2 Invoice Submission Schedule

The Contractor shall submit invoices in accordance with the following schedule:

- a) For items of work for which there is one-time pricing (see **Attachment B** –Bid Form) those items shall be billed in the month following the acceptance of the work by the Agency.

3.3.3 Time and Materials Invoicing

Travel will not be reimbursed under this IFB.

3.4 Liquidated Damages

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3.5 Disaster Recovery and Data

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3.6 Insurance Requirements

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3.7 Security Requirements

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3.7.1 On-Site Security Requirement(s)

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3.8 Problem Escalation Procedure

3.8.1 The Contractor must provide and maintain a Problem Escalation Procedure (PEP) for both routine and emergency situations. The PEP must state how the Contractor will address problem situations as they occur during the performance of the Contract, especially problems that are not resolved to the satisfaction of the Agency within appropriate timeframes.

3.8.2 The Contractor shall provide contact information to the Contract Monitor, as well as to other Agency personnel as directed should the Contract Monitor not be available.

3.8.3 The Contractor shall provide the PEP no later than ten (10) Business Days after notice of recommended award or after the date of the Notice to Proceed, whichever is earlier. The PEP, including any revisions thereto, must also be provided within ten (10) Business Days after the start of each Contract year and within ten (10) Business Days after any change in circumstance which changes the PEP. The PEP shall detail how problems with work under the Contract will be escalated in order to resolve any issues in a timely manner. The PEP shall include:

- a) The process for establishing the existence of a problem;
- b) Names, titles, and contact information for progressively higher levels of personnel in the Contractor’s organization who would become involved in resolving a problem;

- c) For each individual listed in the Contractor's PEP, the maximum amount of time a problem will remain unresolved with that individual before the problem escalates to the next contact person listed in the Contractor's PEP;
 - d) Expedited escalation procedures and any circumstances that would trigger expediting them;
 - e) The method of providing feedback on resolution progress, including the frequency of feedback to be provided to the Agency;
 - f) Contact information for persons responsible for resolving issues after normal business hours (e.g., evenings, weekends, holidays) and on an emergency basis; and
 - g) A process for updating and notifying the Contract Monitor of any changes to the PEP.
- 3.8.4** Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any rights of the Contract Monitor or the Agency which may be allowed by the Contract or applicable law.

3.9 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Reports

If this solicitation includes an DBE Goal (see **Section 4.2**).

3.10 Work Orders

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3.11 Additional Clauses

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4 Procurement Instructions

4.1 Pre-Bid Conference

- 4.1.1 A pre-Bid conference (Conference) will be held at the date, time, and location indicated on the Key Information Summary Sheet.
- 4.1.2 Attendance at the Conference is not mandatory, but all interested parties are encouraged to attend in order to facilitate better preparation of their Bids. If the solicitation includes an DBE goal, failure to attend the Conference will be taken into consideration as part of the evaluation of a bidder's good faith efforts if there is a waiver request.
- 4.1.3 It is highly recommended that ALL Prime Contractors bring their intended subcontractors to the Conference/Site Visit to ensure that all parties understand the requirements of the contract and the DBE Goal.
- 4.1.4 DBE subcontractors are encouraged to attend the Conference to market their participation to potential prime contractors.
- 4.1.5 Following the Conference, the attendance record and summary of the Conference will be distributed via the same mechanism described for amendments and questions (see Section 4.2.1 eMMA).

4.2 eMaryland Marketplace Advantage (eMMA)

- 4.2.1 eMMA is the electronic commerce system for the State of Maryland and will be utilized by the Agency for this solicitation. The IFB, Conference summary and attendance sheet, Bidders' questions and the Procurement Officer's responses, addenda, and other solicitation-related information will be made available via eMMA.
- 4.2.2 In order to receive a contract award, a vendor must be registered on eMMA. Registration is free. Go to emma.maryland.gov, click on "New Vendor? Register Now" to begin the process, and then follow the prompts.

4.3 Questions

- 4.3.1 All questions, including concerns regarding any applicable DBE participation goals, shall identify in the subject line the Solicitation Number and Title and shall be submitted in writing via e-mail to the Procurement Officer no later than the date and time specified the Key Information Summary Sheet.
- 4.3.2 Answers to all questions that are not clearly specific only to the requestor will be distributed via the same mechanism as for IFB amendments and posted on eMMA.
- 4.3.3 The statements and interpretations contained in responses to any questions, whether responded to verbally or in writing, are not binding on the Agency unless it issues an amendment in writing.

4.4 Procurement Method

A Contract will be awarded in accordance with the Competitive Sealed Bidding method under COMAR 21.05.02.

4.5 Bid Due (Closing) Date and Time

- 4.5.1 Bids, in the number and form set forth in **Section 5 Bid Format**, must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than the Bid due date and time indicated on the Key Information Summary Sheet in order to be considered.
- 4.5.2 Requests for extension of this date or time shall not be granted.
- 4.5.3 Bidders submitting Bids should allow sufficient delivery time to ensure timely receipt by the Procurement Officer. Except as provided in COMAR 21.05.02.10, Bids received after the due date and time listed in the Key Information Summary Sheet will not be considered.
- 4.5.4 The date and time of an e-mail submission is determined by the date and time of arrival in the e-mail address indicated on the Key Information Summary Sheet.
- 4.5.5 Bids may be modified or withdrawn by written notice received by the Procurement Officer before the time and date set forth in the Key Information Summary Sheet for receipt of Bids.
- 4.5.6 Bids will be opened publicly at the date and time indicated on the Key Information Summary Sheet.

4.6 Multiple or Alternate Bids

Multiple or alternate Bids will not be accepted.

4.7 Receipt, Opening and Recording of Bids

- 4.7.1.1 Upon receipt, each Bid and any timely modification(s) to a Bid shall be stored in a secure place until the time and date set for bid opening. Before Bid opening, the Agency may not disclose the identity of any Bidder.
- 4.7.1.2 Bids shall be opened publicly, at the time, date and place designated in the IFB Key Information Summary Sheet. The name of each Bidder, the Total Bid Price, and such other information as is deemed appropriate shall be read aloud or otherwise made available and recorded at the time of bid opening.

4.8 Confidentiality of Bids / Public Information Act Notice

- 4.8.1 The Bidder should give specific attention to the clear identification of those portions of its Bid that it considers confidential and/or proprietary commercial information or trade secrets, and provide justification why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the Agency under the Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., General Provisions Article, Title 4. This information should be identified by page number and placed in the Transmittal Letter with the Bid.
- 4.8.2 The Bids shall be tabulated or a Bid abstract made. The opened Bids shall be available for public inspection at a reasonable time after Bid opening, but in any case before contract award, except to the extent the Bidder designates trade secrets or other proprietary data to be confidential as set forth in this solicitation. Material so designated as confidential shall accompany the Bid and shall be readily separable from the Bid in order to facilitate public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the Bid, including the Total Bid Price.
- 4.8.3 For requests for information made under the PIA, the Procurement Officer shall examine the Bids to determine the validity of any requests for nondisclosure of trade secrets and other proprietary

data identified in writing. Nondisclosure is permissible only if approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

4.9 Award Basis

- 4.9.1** A Contract shall be awarded to the responsible Bidder(s) submitting a responsive Bid with the most favorable bid price or most favorable evaluated bid price (as referenced in COMAR 21.05.02.13) for providing the goods and services as specified in this IFB. Bidders must bid all line items. Partial or incomplete bids will be rejected unless otherwise stated in the solicitation. See IFB Section 6 for Bid evaluation and award information.
- 4.9.2** Award of this contract will not be final and complete until after: (1) the Contractor submits complete and satisfactory documentation required under the Contract and/or documentation required by the Procurement Officer; and (2) the Contract is signed by the Department following any required approvals of the Contract, including approval by the Board of Public Works, if such approval is required.

4.10 Tie Bids

Tie Bids will be decided pursuant to COMAR 21.05.02.14.

4.11 Duration of Bids

Bids submitted in response to this IFB are irrevocable for the latest of the following: 120 days following the Bid due date and time or the date any protest concerning this IFB is finally resolved. This period may be extended at the Procurement Officer's request only with the Bidder's written agreement.

4.12 Revisions to the IFB

- 4.12.1** If the IFB is revised before the due date for Bids, the Agency shall post any addenda to the IFB on eMMA and shall endeavor to provide such addenda to all prospective Bidders that were sent this IFB or are otherwise known by the Procurement Officer to have obtained this IFB. It remains the responsibility of all prospective Bidders to check eMMA for any addenda issued prior to the submission of Bids.
- 4.12.2** Bidders shall acknowledge the receipt of all addenda to this IFB issued before the Bid due date.
- 4.12.3** Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum does not relieve the Bidder from complying with the terms, additions, deletions, or corrections set forth in the addendum, and may cause the Bid to be deemed not responsive.

4.13 Cancellations

- 4.13.1** The Agency reserves the right to cancel this IFB, accept or reject any and all Bids, in whole or in part, received in response to this IFB and to waive or permit the cure of minor irregularities.
- 4.13.2** In the event a government entity proposes and receives the recommendation for award, the procurement may be cancelled and the award processed in accordance with COMAR 21.01.03.01.A(4).

4.14 Incurred Expenses

The Agency will not be responsible for any costs incurred by any Bidder in preparing and submitting a Bid or performing any other activities related to submitting a Bid in response to this solicitation.

4.15 Protest/Disputes

Any protest or dispute related to this solicitation or the Contract award shall be subject to the provisions of COMAR 21.10 (Administrative and Civil Remedies).

4.16 Bidder Responsibilities

- 4.16.1** Bidders must be able to provide all goods and services and meet all of the requirements requested in this solicitation and the successful Bidder shall be responsible for Contract performance including any subcontractor participation.
- 4.16.2** If applicable, subcontractors utilized in meeting the established DBE participation goal(s) for this solicitation shall be identified as provided in the appropriate Attachment(s) to this IFB (see **Section 4.2** “DBE Participation Goal”).
- 4.16.3** If the Bidder is the subsidiary of another entity, all information submitted by the Bidder, including but not limited to references, financial reports, or experience and documentation (e.g. insurance policies, bonds, letters of credit) used to meet minimum qualifications, if any, shall pertain exclusively to the Bidder, unless the parent organization will guarantee the performance of the subsidiary. If applicable, the Bidder’s Bid shall contain an explicit statement, signed by an authorized representative of the parent organization, stating that the parent organization will guarantee the performance of the subsidiary.
- 4.16.4** A parental guarantee of the performance of the Bidder under this Section will not automatically result in crediting the Bidder with the experience or qualifications of the parent under any evaluation criteria pertaining to the actual Bidder’s experience and qualifications. Instead, the Bidder’s responsibility will be assessed to the extent to which the Agency determines that the experience and qualifications of the parent are applicable to and shared with the Bidder, any stated intent by the parent to be directly involved in the performance of the Contract, and the value of the parent’s participation as determined by the Agency.

4.17 Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

By submitting a Bid in response to this IFB, the Bidder, if selected for award, shall be deemed to have accepted the terms and conditions of this IFB and the Contract, attached hereto as Attachment M. Any exceptions to this IFB or the Contract must be raised prior to Bid submission. Changes to the solicitation, including the Bid Form or Contract, made by the Bidder may result in Bid rejection.

4.18 Bid/Proposal Affidavit

A Bid submitted by the Bidder must be accompanied by a completed Bid/Proposal Affidavit. A copy of this Affidavit is included as **Attachment C** of this IFB.

4.19 Contract Affidavit

All Bidders are advised that if a Contract is awarded as a result of this solicitation, the successful Bidder will be required to complete a Contract Affidavit. A copy of this Affidavit is included for informational purposes as **Attachment C** of this IFB. This Affidavit must be provided within five (5) Business Days of notification of recommended award. For purposes of completing Section “B” of this Affidavit (Certification of Registration or Qualification with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation), a business entity that is organized outside of the State of Maryland is considered a “foreign” business.

4.20 Compliance with Laws/Arrearages

By submitting a Bid in response to this IFB, the Bidder, if selected for award, agrees that it will comply with all federal, State, and local laws applicable to its activities and obligations under the Contract.

By submitting a response to this solicitation, each Bidder represents that it is not in arrears in the payment of any obligations due and owing the State, including the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and shall not become so in arrears during the term of the Contract if selected for Contract award.

4.21 Verification of Registration and Tax Payment

Before a business entity can do business in the State, it must be registered with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT). SDAT is located at State Office Building, Room 803, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. For registration information, visit <https://www.egov.maryland.gov/businessexpress>.

It is strongly recommended that any potential Bidder complete registration prior to the Bid due date and time. The Bidder's failure to complete registration with SDAT may disqualify an otherwise successful Bidder from final consideration and recommendation for Contract award.

4.22 False Statements

Bidders are advised that Md. Code Ann., State Finance and Procurement Article, § 11-205.1 provides as follows:

4.22.1 In connection with a procurement contract a person may not willfully:

- a) Falsify, conceal, or suppress a material fact by any scheme or device.
- b) Make a false or fraudulent statement or representation of a material fact.
- c) Use a false writing or document that contains a false or fraudulent statement or entry of a material fact.

4.22.2 A person may not aid or conspire with another person to commit an act under **Section 4.22.1**.

4.22.3 A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or imprisonment not exceeding five (5) years or both.

4.23 Payments by Electronic Funds Transfer

This section is not applicable to this IFB.

4.24 Prompt Payment Policy

This procurement and the Contract(s) to be awarded pursuant to this solicitation are subject to the Prompt Payment Policy Directive issued by the Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs (GOSBA) and dated August 1, 2008. Promulgated pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Finance and Procurement Article, §§ 11-201, 13-205(a), and Title 14, Subtitle 3, and COMAR 21.01.01.03 and 21.11.03.01, the Directive seeks to ensure the prompt payment of all subcontractors on non-construction procurement contracts. The Contractor shall comply with the prompt payment requirements outlined in the Contract, Section 31 "Prompt Pay Requirements" (see **Attachment C**). Additional information is available on GOSBA's website at:

<http://www.gomdsmallbiz.maryland.gov/documents/legislation/promptpaymentfaqs.pdf>.

4.25 Electronic Procurements Authorized

4.25.1 Under COMAR 21.03.05, unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Agency may conduct procurement transactions by electronic means, including the solicitation, proposing, award, execution, and administration of a contract, as provided in Md. Code Ann., Maryland Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, Commercial Law Article, Title 21.

4.25.2 Participation in the solicitation process on a procurement contract for which electronic means has been authorized shall constitute consent by the Bidder to conduct by electronic means all elements of the procurement of that Contract which are specifically authorized under the solicitation or Contract. In the case of electronic transactions authorized by this IFB, electronic records and signatures by an authorized representative satisfy a requirement for written submission and signatures.

“Electronic means” refers to exchanges or communications using electronic, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or other means of electronically conducting transactions. Electronic means includes e-mail, internet-based communications, electronic funds transfer, specific electronic bidding platforms (e.g., <https://procurement.maryland.gov>), and electronic data interchange.

4.25.3 In addition to specific electronic transactions specifically authorized in other sections of this solicitation (e.g., IFB § 4.23 describing payments by Electronic Funds Transfer), the following transactions are authorized to be conducted by electronic means on the terms as authorized in COMAR 21.03.05:

The Procurement Officer may conduct the procurement using eMMA or e-mail to issue:

- 1) The IFB;
- 2) Any amendments;
- 3) Pre-Bid conference documents;
- 4) Questions and responses;
- 5) Communications regarding the solicitation or Bid to any Bidder or potential Bidder;
- 6) Notices of award selection or non-selection; and
- 7) The Procurement Officer’s decision on any Bid protest or Contract claim.

The Bidder or potential Bidder may use eMMA or e-mail to:

- 8) Submit Bids;
- 9) Ask questions regarding the solicitation;
- 10) Reply to any material received from the Procurement Officer by electronic means that includes a Procurement Officer’s request or direction to reply by e-mail or through eMMA, but only on the terms specifically approved and directed by the Procurement Officer.

The Procurement Officer, the Contract Monitor, and the Contractor may conduct day-to-day Contract administration, except as outlined in **Section 4.25.3** of this subsection, utilizing e-mail, or other electronic means if authorized by the Procurement Officer or Contract Monitor.

4.25.4 Any e-mail transmission is only authorized to the e-mail addresses for the identified person as provided in the solicitation, the Contract, or in the direction from the Procurement Officer or Contract Monitor.

4.26 DBE Participation Goal

There is no DBE subcontractor participation goal for this procurement.

4.27 VSBE Participation Goal

There is no VSBE participation goal for this procurement.

4.28 Living Wage Requirements

There is no Living Wage requirement for this procurement.

4.29 Federal Funding Acknowledgement

4.29.1 There are programmatic conditions that apply to the Contract due to federal funding (see **Attachment C**).

4.30 Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure

4.30.1 The Bidder shall complete and sign the Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure (**Attachment C**) and submit it with its Bid.

4.30.2 By submitting a Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure, the Contractor shall be construed as certifying all Contractor Personnel and subcontractors are also without a conflict of interest as defined in COMAR 21.05.08.08A.

4.30.3 Additionally, a Contractor has an ongoing obligation to ensure that all Contractor Personnel are without conflicts of interest prior to providing services under the Contract. For policies and procedures applying specifically to Conflict of Interests, the Contract is governed by COMAR 21.05.08.08.

4.30.4 Participation in Drafting of Specifications: Disqualifying Event: Bidders are advised that Md. Code Ann. State Finance and Procurement Article §13-212.1(a) provides generally that “an individual who assists an executive unit in the drafting of specifications, an invitation for bids, a request for proposals for a procurement, or the selection or award made in response to an invitation for bids or a request for proposals, or a person that employs the individual, may not: (1) submit a bid or proposal for that procurement; or (2) assist or represent another person, directly or indirectly, who is submitting a bid or proposal for that procurement.” Any Bidder submitting a Bid in violation of this provision shall be classified as “not responsible.”

4.31 Non-Disclosure Agreement

4.31.1 Non-Disclosure Agreement (Bidder)

A Non-Disclosure Agreement (Bidder) is not required for this procurement.

4.32 HIPAA - Business Associate Agreement

A HIPAA Business Associate Agreement is not required for this procurement.

4.33 Nonvisual Access

This solicitation does not contain Information Technology (IT) provisions requiring Nonvisual Access.

4.34 Mercury and Products That Contain Mercury

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

4.35 Location of the Performance of Services Disclosure

This solicitation does not require a Location of the Performance of Services Disclosure.

4.36 Department of Human Services (DHS) Hiring Agreement

This solicitation does not require a DHS Hiring Agreement.

4.37 Small Business Reserve (SBR) Procurement

This solicitation is not designated as a Small Business Reserve (SBR) Procurement.

4.38 Maryland Healthy Working Families Act Requirements

On February 11, 2018, the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act went into effect. All offerors should be aware of how this Act could affect your potential contract award with the State of Maryland. See the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations web site for Maryland Healthy Working Families Act Information: <http://dllr.maryland.gov/paidleave/>.

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5 Bid Format

5.1 One Part Submission

Each Bidder shall submit its Bid with all Required Bid Submissions (see IFB Section 5.4) in a single email.

5.2 Labeling

Each Bidder is required to include in the email subject line the IFB title and number and name of the Bidder.

5.3 Bid Price Form

The Bid shall contain all price information in the format specified on the Bid Form. The Bidder shall complete the Bid Form only as provided in the Bid Pricing Instructions and the Bid Form. Do not amend, alter, or leave blank any items on the Bid Form or include additional clarifying or contingent language on or attached to the Bid Form. Failure to adhere to any of these instructions may result in the Bid being determined to be non-responsive and rejected by the Agency.

5.4 Required Bid Submission

A Bidder shall include the following with its Bid:

- 5.4.1 **Bidder Information Sheet** (see **Appendix 2**)
- 5.4.2 **Acknowledgement** of all addenda to this IFB.
- 5.4.3 **Minimum Qualifications Documentation.** The Bidder shall submit any Minimum Qualifications documentation that may be required, as set forth in **IFB Section 1**. If references are required in **IFB Section 1**, those references shall be submitted in this section and shall contain the information described in both **Section 1**.
- 5.4.4 **Completed Required Attachments.** Submit three (1) copy of each with original signatures:
 - 1) Completed Bid Form (**Attachment B**).
 - 2) Completed Bid Affidavit (**Attachment C**).
 - 3) A Signed Statement from the Bidder's Parent Organization Guaranteeing Performance of the Bidder. ***see IFB section 4.16**
 - 4) Completed MDOT Certified DBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit (**Attachment C**) ***see IFB section 4.26**
 - 5) Completed Federal Funds Attachment (**Attachment C**) ***see IFB section 4.29**
 - 6) Completed Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure (**Attachment C**) ***see IFB section 4.30**.
- 5.4.5 **References.** At least three (3) references are requested from customers who are capable of documenting the Bidder's ability to provide the goods and services specified in this IFB. References used to meet any Minimum Qualifications (see **IFB Section 1**) may be used to meet this request. Each reference shall be from a client for whom the Bidder has provided goods and services within the past five (5) years and shall include the following information:
 - 1) Name of client organization;

- 2) Name, title, telephone number, and e-mail address, if available, of point of contact for client organization; and
- 3) Value, type, duration, and description of goods and services provided.

The Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation reserves the right to request additional references or utilize references not provided by the Bidder. Points of contact must be accessible and knowledgeable regarding Bidder performance.

- 5.4.6 **Financial Capability.** The Bidder must include in its Bid a commonly accepted method to prove its fiscal integrity. If available, the Bidder shall include Financial Statements, preferably a Profit and Loss (P&L) statement and a Balance Sheet, for the last two (2) years (independently audited preferred).

In addition, the Bidder may supplement its response to this Section by including one or more of the following with its response:

- 1) Dun & Bradstreet Rating;
- 2) Standard and Poor's Rating;
- 3) Lines of credit;
- 4) Evidence of a successful financial track record; and
- 5) Evidence of adequate working capital.

- 5.4.7 **Certificate of Insurance.** The Bidder shall provide a copy of its current certificate of insurance showing the types and limits of insurance in effect as of the Bid submission date. The current insurance types and limits do not have to be the same as described in **Section 3.6**. See **Section 3.6** for the required insurance certificate submission for the apparent awardee.

- 5.4.8 **Subcontractors.** The Bidder shall provide a complete list of all subcontractors that will work on the Contract if the Bidder receives an award, including those utilized in meeting the DBE and VSBE subcontracting goal(s), if applicable. This list shall include a full description of the duties each subcontractor will perform and why/how each subcontractor was deemed the most qualified for this project. If applicable, subcontractors utilized in meeting the established DBE or VSBE participation goal(s) for this solicitation shall be identified as provided in the appropriate attachment(s) of this IFB.

- 5.4.9 **Legal Action Summary.** This summary shall include:

This section does not apply to this IFB.

5.5 Delivery

- 5.5.1 Bidders shall e-mail Bids.

5.6 Documents Required upon Notice of Recommendation for Contract Award

Upon receipt of a notification of recommendation for contract award, the following documents shall be completed and submitted by the recommended awardee within five (5) business days, unless noted otherwise. Submit one (1) electronic copy of each of the following documents:

- A. Signed contract (Attachment D),
- B. Completed Contract Affidavit (Attachment C),

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6 Bid Evaluation and Award

6.1 Bid Evaluation Criteria

The Bids will be evaluated based on the Total Bid Price, as per COMAR 21.02.13. All responsible Bidders will be ranked from the lowest (most advantageous) to the highest (least advantageous) price based on the Total Bid Price as submitted on the **Attachment B** - Bid Form.

6.2 Reciprocal Preference

6.2.1 There is no reciprocal preference for this IFB.

6.3 Award Determination

Award will be made to the responsible Bidder who submits to the Agency the responsive Bid that has the lowest Total Bid Price.

The Agency reserves the right to make the award by item, or groups of items, or Total Bid Price if it is in the best interest of the Agency to do so.

6.4 Documents Required upon Notice of Recommendation for Contract Award

Upon receipt of a Notification of Recommendation for Contract award, the apparent awardee shall complete and furnish the documents and attestations as directed in **IFB Attachments and Appendices**.

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Attachment A. Pre-Bid Conference Response Form

Solicitation Number EM001S

Forest Evolution Trail Signage

A Pre-Bid conference will be held on April 6, 2026 at Evergreen Heritage Center and via Zoom. Email Janicekeene@evergreenheritagecenter.org for the link.

Please return this form by April 3 2026, advising whether or not your company plans to attend. The completed form should be returned via e-mail to the Procurement Officer at the contact information below:

Janice Keene
Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation
E-mail: janicekeene@evergreenheritagecenter.org

Please indicate:

- Yes, a representative will attend in person.
- Yes a representative will attend via Zoom
- No, we will not be in attendance.

Please specify whether any reasonable accommodations are requested (see IFB § 4.1“Pre-Bid conference”):

Bidder: _____
Bidder Name (please print or type)

By: _____
Signature/Seal

Printed Name: _____
Printed Name

Title: _____
Title

Date: _____
Date

Directions to the Pre-Bid Conference

Evergreen Heritage Center | 15613 Trimble Road NW | Mt. Savage, MD 21545

From

I 68 going West take Exit 39 (US 40 West) and turn left onto US 40 W, then right onto MD 638 (Parkersburg Rd) before you get to Frostburg, right onto MD 36 N, right onto Slabtown Rd and then right onto Trimble Road

From

I 68 going East take Exit 34 (MD 36 and turn left onto MD 36 N, right onto US 40 E, left onto MD 638 (Parkersburg Rd), right onto MD 36 right onto Slabtown Road and then right onto Trimble Road

The Learning Center is a one-story, white building next to a pavilion and small parking lot.

Attachment B. Bid Instructions & Form

B-1 Bid Instructions

In order to assist each Bidder in the preparation of its Bid and to comply with the requirements of this solicitation, Bid Instructions and a Bid Form have been prepared. Each Bidder shall submit its Bid on the Bid Form in accordance with the instructions on the Bid Form and as specified herein. Do not alter the Bid Form or the Bid may be determined to be not responsive. The Bid Form is to be signed and dated, where requested, by an individual who is authorized to bind the Bidder to the prices entered on the Bid Form.

The Bid Form is used to calculate the Bidder's TOTAL BID PRICE. Follow these instructions carefully when completing your Bid Form:

- A) All Unit and Extended Prices must be clearly entered in dollars and cents, e.g., \$24.15. Make your decimal points clear and distinct.
- B) All Unit Prices must be the actual price per unit the Agency will pay for the specific item or service identified in this IFB and may not be contingent on any other factor or condition in any manner.
- C) All calculations shall be rounded to the nearest cent, e.g., .344 shall be .34 and .345 shall be .35.
- D) Any goods or services required through this IFB and proposed by the vendor at **No Cost to the Agency** must be clearly entered in the Unit Price, if appropriate, and Extended Price with **\$0.00**.
- E) Every blank in every Bid Form shall be filled in. Any changes or corrections made to the Bid Form by the Bidder prior to submission shall be initialed and dated.
- F) Except as instructed on the Bid Form, nothing shall be entered on or attached to the Bid Form that alters or proposes conditions or contingencies on the prices. Alterations and/or conditions may render the Bid not responsive.
- G) It is imperative that the prices included on the Bid Form have been entered correctly and calculated accurately by the Bidder and that the respective total prices agree with the entries on the Bid Form. Any incorrect entries or inaccurate calculations by the Bidder will be treated as provided in COMAR 21.05.02.12, and may cause the Bid to be rejected.
- H) All Bid prices entered below are to be fully loaded prices that include all costs/expenses associated with the provision of services as required by the IFB. The Bid price shall include, but is not limited to, all: labor, profit/overhead, general operating, administrative, and all other expenses and costs necessary to perform the work set forth in the solicitation. No other amounts will be paid to the Contractor. If labor rates are requested, those amounts shall be fully-loaded rates; no overtime amounts will be paid.
- I) Failure to adhere to any of these instructions may result in the Bid being determined not responsive.

B-1 Bid Form

The Bid Form shall contain all price information in the format specified on these pages. Complete the Bid Form only as provided in the Bid Instructions. Do not amend, alter or leave blank any items on the Bid Form. If option years are included, Bidders must submit pricing for each option year. Failure to adhere to any of these instructions may result in the Bid being determined not responsive.

Submitted by:

Signature of Authorized Representative	Date
Printed Name and Title:	
Telephone:	
Email address:	
Bidder Company Name:	
Bidder Company Address:	
Location(s) from which goods/services will be provided/performed (City/State):	
FEIN:	
eMMA #:	

Attachment C. Federal Funds Attachments

**REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS
FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

1. General
2. Nondiscrimination
3. Non-segregated Facilities
4. Davis-Bacon and Related Act Provisions
5. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act Provisions
6. Subletting or Assigning the Contract
7. Safety: Accident Prevention
8. False Statements Concerning Highway Projects
9. Implementation of Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act
10. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion
11. Certification Regarding Use of Contract Funds for Lobbying
12. Use of United States-Flag

b. Subject to the applicability criteria noted in the following sections, these contract provisions shall apply to all work

Vessels: ATTACHMENTS

A. Employment and Materials Preference for Appalachian Development Highway System or Appalachian Local Access Road Contracts (included in Appalachian contracts only)

1. GENERAL

a. Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated in each construction contract funded under title 23, United States Code, as required in 23 CFR 633.102(b) (excluding emergency contracts solely intended for debris removal). The contractor (or subcontractor) must insert this form in each subcontract and further require its inclusion in all lower tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services). 23 CFR 633.102(e).

The applicable requirements of Form FHWA-1273 are incorporated by reference for work done under any purchase order, rental agreement or agreement for other services. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider. 23 CFR 633.102(e).

Form FHWA-1273 must be included in all Federal-aid design-build contracts, in all subcontracts and in lower tier subcontracts (excluding subcontracts for design services, purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services) in accordance with 23 CFR 633.102. The design-builder shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider.

Contracting agencies may reference Form FHWA-1273 in solicitation-for-bids or request-for-proposals documents, however, the Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated (not referenced) in all contracts, subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services related to a construction contract). 23 CFR 633.102(b).

performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract. 23 CFR 633.102(d).

c. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions may be sufficient grounds for withholding of progress payments, withholding of final payment, termination of the contract, suspension / debarment or any other action determined to be appropriate by the contracting agency and FHWA.

d. Selection of Labor: During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not use convict labor for any purpose within the limits of a construction project on a Federal-aid highway unless it is labor performed by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation. 23 U.S.C. 114(b). The term Federal-aid highway does not include roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors. 23 U.S.C. 101(a).

2. NONDISCRIMINATION (23 CFR 230.107(a); 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A; EO 11246)

The provisions of this section related to 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A are applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of \$10,000 or more. The provisions of 23 CFR Part 230 are not applicable to material supply, engineering, or architectural service contracts.

In addition, the contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the following policies: Executive Order 11246, 41 CFR Part 60, 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627, 23 U.S.C. 140, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26, and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with: the requirements of the Equal Opportunity Clause in 41 CFR 60- 1.4(b) and, for all construction contracts exceeding \$10,000, the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications in 41 CFR 60-4.3.

Note: The U.S. Department of Labor has exclusive authority to determine compliance with Executive Order 11246 and the policies of the Secretary of Labor including 41 CFR Part 60, and 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627. The contracting agency and the FHWA have the authority and the responsibility to ensure compliance with 23 U.S.C. 140, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26, and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The following provision is adopted from 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A, with appropriate revisions to conform to the U.S. Department of Labor (US DOL) and FHWA requirements.

a. Equal Employment Opportunity: Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) requirements not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal opportunity as set forth under laws, executive orders, rules, regulations (*see* 28 CFR Part 35, 29 CFR Part 1630, 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627, 41 CFR Part 60 and 49 CFR Part 27) and orders of the Secretary of Labor as modified by the provisions prescribed herein, and imposed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 140, shall constitute the EEO and specific affirmative action standards for the contractor's project activities under this contract. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) set forth under 28 CFR Part 35 and 29 CFR Part 1630 are incorporated by reference in this contract. In the execution of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of EEO:

- The contractor will work with the contracting agency and the Federal Government to ensure that it has made every good faith effort to provide equal opportunity with respect to all of its terms and conditions of employment and in their review of activities under the contract. 23 CFR 230.409 (g)(4) & (5).

- The contractor will accept as its operating policy the following statement:

"It is the policy of this Company to assure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include: 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, pre-apprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training."

b. EEO Officer: The contractor will designate and make known to the contracting officers an EEO Officer who will have the responsibility for and must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active EEO program and who must be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

c. Dissemination of Policy: All members of the contractor's staff who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action or are substantially involved in such action, will be made fully cognizant of and will implement the contractor's EEO policy and contractual responsibilities to provide EEO in each grade and classification of employment. To ensure that the above agreement will be met, the following actions will be taken as a minimum:

- Periodic meetings of supervisory and personnel office employees will be conducted before the start of work and then not less often than once every six months, at which time the contractor's EEO policy and its implementation will be reviewed and explained. The meetings will be conducted by the EEO Officer or other knowledgeable company official.

- All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer, covering all major aspects of the contractor's EEO obligations within thirty days following their reporting for duty with the contractor.

- All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the project will be instructed by the EEO Officer in the contractor's procedures for locating and hiring minorities and women.

- Notices and posters setting forth the contractor's EEO policy will be placed in areas readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.

- The contractor's EEO policy and the procedures to implement such policy will be brought to the attention of employees by means of meetings, employee handbooks, or other appropriate means.

d. Recruitment: When advertising for employees, the contractor will include in all advertisements for employees the notation: "An Equal Opportunity Employer." All such advertisements will be placed in publications having a large circulation among minorities and women in the area from which the project work force would normally be derived.

- The contractor will, unless precluded by a valid bargaining agreement, conduct systematic and direct recruitment through public and private employee referral sources likely to yield qualified minorities and women. To meet this requirement, the contractor will identify sources of potential minority group employees and establish with such identified sources procedures whereby minority and women applicants may be referred to the contractor for employment consideration.

- In the event the contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hiring hall referrals, the contractor is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system meets the contractor's compliance with EEO contract provisions. Where implementation of such an agreement has the effect of discriminating against minorities or women, or obligates the contractor to do the same, such implementation violates Federal nondiscrimination provisions.

- The contractor will encourage its present employees to refer minorities and women as applicants for employment. Information and procedures with regard to referring such applicants will be discussed with employees.

e. Personnel Actions: Wages, working conditions, and employee benefits shall be established and administered, and personnel actions of every type, including hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, and termination, shall be taken without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age or disability. The following procedures shall be followed:

- The contractor will conduct periodic inspections of project sites to ensure that working conditions and employee facilities do not indicate discriminatory treatment of project site personnel.

- The contractor will periodically evaluate the spread of wages paid within each classification to determine any evidence of discriminatory wage practices.

- The contractor will periodically review selected personnel actions in depth to determine whether there is

evidence of discrimination. Where evidence is found, the contractor will promptly take corrective action. If the review indicates that the discrimination may extend beyond the actions reviewed, such corrective action shall include all affected persons.

- The contractor will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the contractor in connection with its obligations under this contract, will attempt to resolve such complaints, and will take appropriate corrective action

within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the contractor will inform every complainant of all of their avenues of appeal.

f. Training and Promotion:

- The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minorities and women who are applicants for employment or current employees. Such efforts should be aimed at developing full journey level status employees in the type of trade or job classification involved.
- Consistent with the contractor's work force requirements and as permissible under Federal and State regulations, the contractor shall make full use of training programs (i.e., apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs for the geographical area of contract performance). In the event a special provision for training is provided under this contract, this subparagraph will be superseded as indicated in the special provision. The contracting agency may reserve training positions for persons who receive welfare assistance in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 140(a).
- The contractor will advise employees and applicants for employment of available training programs and entrance requirements for each.
- The contractor will periodically review the training and promotion potential of employees who are minorities and women and will encourage eligible employees to apply for such training and promotion.

g. Unions: If the contractor relies in whole or in part upon unions as a source of employees, the contractor will use good faith efforts to obtain the cooperation of such unions to increase opportunities for minorities and women. 23 CFR 230.409. Actions by the contractor, either directly or through a contractor's association acting as agent, will include the procedures set forth below:

- i. The contractor will use good faith efforts to develop, in cooperation with the unions, joint training programs aimed toward qualifying more minorities and women for membership in the unions and increasing the skills of minorities and women so that they may qualify for higher paying employment.
- ii. The contractor will use good faith efforts to incorporate an EEO clause into each union agreement to the end that such union will be contractually bound to refer applicants without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability.
- iii. The contractor is to obtain information as to the referral practices and policies of the labor union except that to the extent such information is within the exclusive possession of the labor union and such labor union refuses to furnish such information to the contractor, the contractor shall so certify to the

contracting agency and shall set forth what efforts have been made to obtain such information.

iv. In the event the union is unable to provide the contractor with a reasonable flow of referrals within the time limit set forth in the collective bargaining agreement, the contractor will, through independent recruitment efforts, fill the employment vacancies without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability; making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualifiable minorities and women. The failure of a union to provide

sufficient referrals (even though it is obligated to provide exclusive referrals under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement) does not relieve the contractor from the requirements of this paragraph. In the event the union referral practice prevents the contractor from meeting the obligations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and these special provisions, such contractor shall immediately notify the contracting agency.

h. Reasonable Accommodation for Applicants / Employees with Disabilities: The contractor must be familiar with the requirements for and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and all rules and regulations established thereunder. Employers must provide reasonable accommodation in all employment activities unless to do so would cause an undue hardship.

i. Selection of Subcontractors, Procurement of Materials and Leasing of Equipment: The contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure nondiscrimination in the administration of this contract.

- The contractor shall notify all potential subcontractors, suppliers, and lessors of their EEO obligations under this contract.

- The contractor will use good faith efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their EEO obligations.

j. Assurances Required:

- The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and the State DOT's FHWA-approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program are incorporated by reference.

- 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 DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- Withholding monthly progress payments;
- Assessing sanctions;
- Liquidated damages; and/or
- Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.

- The Title VI and nondiscrimination provisions of U.S. DOT Order 1050.2A at Appendixes A and E are incorporated by reference. 49 CFR Part 21.

k. Records and Reports: The contractor shall keep such records as necessary to document

compliance with the EEO requirements. Such records shall be retained for a period of three years following the date of the final payment to the contractor for all contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of the contracting agency and the FHWA.

- The records kept by the contractor shall document the following:

- The number and work hours of minority and non- minority group members and women employed in each work classification on the project;
- The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions, when applicable, to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women; and
- The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minorities and women.
- The contractors and subcontractors will submit an annual report to the contracting agency each July for the duration of the project indicating the number of minority, women, and non- minority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by the contract work. This information is to be reported on [Form FHWA-1391](#). The staffing data should represent the project work force on board in all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July. If on-the-job training is being required by special provision, the contractor will be required to collect and report training data. The employment data should reflect the work force on board during all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July.

functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt. 23 U.S.C. 101.

Where applicable law requires that projects be treated as a project on a Federal-aid highway, the provisions of this subpart will apply regardless of the location of the project. Examples include: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 133 [excluding recreational trails projects], the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway

3. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of more than \$10,000. 41 CFR 60-1.5.

As prescribed by 41 CFR 60-1.8, the contractor must ensure that facilities provided for employees are provided in such a manner that segregation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin cannot result. The contractor may neither require such segregated use by written or oral policies nor tolerate such use by employee custom. The contractor's obligation extends further to ensure that its employees are not assigned to perform their services at any location under the contractor's control where the facilities are segregated. The term "facilities" includes waiting rooms, work areas, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, restrooms, washrooms, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing provided for employees. The contractor shall provide separate or single-user restrooms and necessary dressing or sleeping areas to assure privacy between sexes.

4. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT PROVISIONS

This section is applicable to all Federal-aid construction projects exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (regardless of subcontract size), in accordance with 29 CFR 5.5. The requirements apply to all projects located within the right-of-way of a roadway that is functionally classified as Federal-aid highway. 23 U.S.C. 113. This excludes roadways

Projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 117, and National Highway Freight Program projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 167.

The following provisions are from the U.S. Department of Labor regulations in 29 CFR 5.5 "Contract provisions and related matters" with minor revisions to conform to the FHWA- 1273 format and FHWA program requirements.

a. Minimum wages (29 CFR 5.5)

- All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work, will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph 1.d. of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period.

Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under paragraph 1.b. of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

b.(1) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe

benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

1. The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and
2. The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and

3. The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

- If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

- In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

- The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs 1.b.(2) or 1.b.(3) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

c. Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

d. If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

b. Withholding (29 CFR 5.5)

The contracting agency 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 the contractor under this contract, or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally- assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics,

including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, the contracting agency may, after written notice to the contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

c. Payrolls and basic records (29 CFR 5.5)

- Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis- Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

b.(1) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the contracting agency. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors.

Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker, and shall provide them upon request to the contracting agency for transmission to the State DOT, the FHWA or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the contracting agency.

- Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or

subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

1. That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(ii), the appropriate information is being maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), and that such information is correct and complete;

2. That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in 29 CFR part 3;

3. That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

- The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph 3.b.(2) of this section.

- The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 31 U.S.C. 231.

c. The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 3.a. of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the FHWA may, after written notice to the contractor, the contracting agency or the State DOT, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

d. Apprentices and trainees (29 CFR 5.5)

- Apprentices (programs of the USDOL).

Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State

Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice.

The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed.

Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination.

Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination.

In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

- Trainees (programs of the USDOL).

Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration.

Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the

corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

- Equal employment opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

- Apprentices and Trainees (programs of the U.S. DOT).

Apprentices and trainees working under apprenticeship and skill training programs which have been certified by the Secretary of Transportation as promoting EEO in connection with Federal-aid highway construction programs are not subject to the requirements of paragraph 4 of this Section IV. 23 CFR 230.111(e)(2). The straight time hourly wage rates for apprentices and trainees under such programs will be established by the particular programs. The ratio of apprentices and trainees to journeymen shall not be greater than permitted by the terms of the particular program.

e. Compliance with Copeland Act requirements. The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract as provided in 29 CFR 5.5.

f. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert Form FHWA-1273 in any subcontracts and also require the subcontractors to include Form FHWA-1273 in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.

g. Contract termination: debarment. A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

h. Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract as provided in 29 CFR 5.5.

i. Disputes concerning labor standards. As provided in 29 CFR 5.5, disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor

set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

j. Certification of eligibility (29 CFR 5.5)

- By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

- No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

- The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

5. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

Pursuant to 29 CFR 5.5(b), the following clauses apply to any Federal-aid construction contract in an amount in excess of \$100,000 and subject to the overtime provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. These clauses shall be inserted in addition to the clauses required by 29 CFR 5.5(a) or 29 CFR 4.6. As used in this paragraph, the terms laborers and mechanics include watchmen and guards.

a. 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. 29 CFR 5.5.

b. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph 1 of this section, the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor 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 1 of this section, in the sum currently provided in 29 CFR 5.5(b)(2)* 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 1 of this section. 29 CFR 5.5.

* \$27 as of January 23, 2019 (See 84 FR 213-01, 218) as may be adjusted annually by the Department of Labor; pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990).

c. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The FHWA or the contracting agency 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 2 of this section. 29 CFR 5.5.

d. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs 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 1 through 4 of this section. 29 CFR 5.5.

6. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts on the National Highway System pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116.

a. The contractor shall perform with its own organization contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent (or a greater percentage if specified elsewhere in the contract) of the total original contract price, excluding any specialty items designated by the contracting agency. Specialty items may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such specialty items performed may be deducted from the total original contract price before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor's own organization (23 CFR 635.116).

- The term "perform work with its own organization" in paragraph 1 of Section VI refers to workers employed or leased by the prime contractor, and equipment owned or rented by the prime contractor, with or without operators. Such term does not include employees or equipment of a subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor, agents of the prime contractor, or any other assignees. The term may include payments for the costs of hiring leased employees from an employee leasing firm meeting all relevant Federal and State regulatory requirements. Leased employees may only be included in this term if the prime contractor meets all of the following conditions: (based on longstanding interpretation)

- the prime contractor maintains control over the supervision of the day-to-day activities of the leased employees;
- the prime contractor remains responsible for the quality of the work of the leased employees;
- the prime contractor retains all power to accept or exclude individual employees from work on the project; and
- the prime contractor remains ultimately responsible for the payment of predetermined minimum wages, the submission of payrolls, statements of compliance and all other Federal regulatory requirements.

- "Specialty Items" shall be construed to be limited to work that requires highly specialized knowledge, abilities, or

equipment not ordinarily available in the type of contracting organizations qualified and expected to bid or propose on the contract as a whole and in general are to be limited to minor components of the overall contract. 23 CFR 635.102.

b. Pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116(a), the contract amount upon which the requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of Section VI is computed includes the cost of material and manufactured products which are to be purchased or produced by the contractor under the contract provisions.

c. Pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116(c), the contractor shall furnish (a) a competent superintendent or supervisor who is employed by the firm, has full authority to direct performance of the work in accordance with the contract requirements, and is in charge of all construction operations (regardless of who performs the work) and (b) such other of its own organizational resources (supervision, management, and engineering services) as the contracting officer determines is necessary to assure the performance of the contract.

d. No portion of the contract shall be sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the contracting officer, or authorized representative, and such consent when given shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract. Written consent will be given only after the contracting agency has assured that each subcontract is evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract. (based on long-standing interpretation of 23 CFR 635.116).

e. The 30-percent self-performance requirement of paragraph (1) is not applicable to design-build contracts; however, contracting agencies may establish their own self-performance requirements. 23 CFR 635.116(d).

7. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

a. In the performance of this contract the contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation (23 CFR Part 635). The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions as it determines, or as the contracting officer may determine, to be reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract. 23 CFR 635.108.

b. It is a condition of this contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract, which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract, that the contractor and any subcontractor shall not permit any employee, in performance of the contract, to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his/her health or safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards (29 CFR Part 1926) promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704). 29 CFR 1926.10.

c. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.3, it is a condition of this contract that the Secretary of Labor or authorized representative thereof, shall have right of entry to any site of contract performance to inspect or investigate the matter of compliance

with the construction safety and health standards and to carry out the duties of the Secretary under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704).

8. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

In order to assure high quality and durable construction in conformity with approved plans and specifications and a high degree of reliability on statements and representations made by engineers, contractors, suppliers, and workers on Federal-aid highway projects, it is essential that all persons concerned with the project perform their functions as carefully, thoroughly, and honestly as possible. Willful falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project is a violation of Federal law. To prevent any misunderstanding regarding the seriousness of these and similar acts, Form FHWA-1022 shall be posted on each Federal-aid highway project (23 CFR Part 635) in one or more places where it is readily available to all persons concerned with the project:

18 U.S.C. 1020 reads as follows:

"Whoever, being an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or of any State or Territory, or whoever, whether a person, association, firm, or corporation, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, or false report as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of the material used or to be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the cost thereof in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or costs of construction on any highway or related project submitted for approval to the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, false report or false claim with respect to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of any work performed or to be performed, or materials furnished or to be furnished, in connection with the construction of any highway or related project approved by the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to provisions of the Federal-aid Roads Act approved July 11, 1916, (39 Stat. 355), as amended and supplemented;

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both."

9. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (42 U.S.C. 7606; 2 CFR 200.88; EO 11738)

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts in excess of \$150,000 and to all related subcontracts. 48 CFR 2.101; 2 CFR 200.326.

By submission of this bid/proposal or the execution of this contract or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, proposer, Federal-aid construction contractor, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders

or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal Highway Administration and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II.

The contractor agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of this Section in every subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements. 2 CFR 200.326.

10. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, consultant contracts or any other covered transaction requiring FHWA approval or that is estimated to cost \$25,000 or more – as defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

a. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:

- By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective first tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective first tier 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 first tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction. 2 CFR 180.320.
- The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the contracting agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the contracting agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default. 2 CFR 180.325.
- The prospective first tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective first tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. 2 CFR 180.345 and 180.350.
- The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180, Subpart I, 180.900-180.1020, and 1200. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant

who has entered into a covered transaction with a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

- The prospective first tier 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. 2 CFR 180.330.

- The prospective first tier 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 contracting agency, entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold. 2 CFR 180.220 and 180.300.

- A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. 2 CFR 180.300; 180.320, and 180.325. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. 2 CFR 180.335. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (<https://www.sam.gov/>). 2 CFR 180.300, 180.320, and 180.325.

- Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require the establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of the prospective 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 paragraph (f) of 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. 2 CFR 180.325.

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b. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – First Tier Participants:

- The prospective first tier 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 participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency, 2 CFR 180.335;.

- 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, 2 CFR 180.800;

- 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 paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, 2 CFR 180.700 and 180.800; 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. 2 CFR 180.335(d).

- Are not a corporation that has been convicted of a felony violation under any Federal law within the two-year period preceding this proposal (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements); and

- Are not a corporation with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements).

- Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant should attach an explanation to this proposal. 2 CFR 180.335 and 180.340.

c. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders, and other lower tier transactions requiring prior FHWA approval or estimated to cost \$25,000 or more - 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200). 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

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

- The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

- The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. 2 CFR 180.365.

- The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180, Subpart I, 180.900 – 180.1020, and 1200. You may contact the person to which this proposal is

submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

- The prospective lower tier 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 with which this transaction originated. 2 CFR 1200.220 and 1200.332.

- The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold. 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

- A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (<https://www.sam.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration. 2 CFR 180.300, 180.320, 180.330, and 180.335.

- 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 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 paragraph e of 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 with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment. 2 CFR 180.325.

6.4.1.1.1.1 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Participants:

- The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals:

1. is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency, 2 CFR 180.355;

2. is a corporation that has been convicted of a felony violation under any Federal law within the two-year period preceding this proposal (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements); and

3. is a corporation with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability. (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements)

- Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant should attach an explanation to this proposal.

11. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts which exceed \$100,000. 49 CFR Part 20, App. A.

- a. The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- 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.

- 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.

- b. 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 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.

- c. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting its bid or proposal that the participant shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier

subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

12. USE OF UNITED STATES-FLAG VESSELS:

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, or any other covered transaction. 46 CFR Part 381.

This requirement applies to material or equipment that is acquired for a specific Federal-aid highway project. 46 CFR

381.7. It is not applicable to goods or materials that come into inventories independent of an FHWA funded-contract.

When oceanic shipments (or shipments across the Great Lakes) are necessary for materials or equipment acquired for a specific Federal-aid construction project, the bidder, proposer, contractor, subcontractor, or vendor agrees:

- To utilize privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to this contract, to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-flag commercial vessels. 46 CFR 381.7.
- To furnish within 20 days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, 'on-board' commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section to both the Contracting Officer (through the prime contractor in the case of subcontractor bills-of-lading) and to the Office of Cargo and Commercial Sealift (MAR-620), Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590. (MARAD requires copies of the ocean carrier's (master) bills of lading, certified onboard, dated, with rates and charges. These bills of lading may contain business sensitive information and therefore may be submitted directly to MARAD by the Ocean Transportation Intermediary on behalf of the contractor). 46 CFR 381.7.

ATTACHMENT A - EMPLOYMENT AND MATERIALS PREFERENCE FOR
APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY SYSTEM OR APPALACHIAN
LOCAL ACCESS

ROAD CONTRACTS (23 CFR 633, Subpart B, Appendix B)

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid projects funded under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor undertaking to do work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work, shall give preference to qualified persons who regularly reside in the labor area as designated by the DOL wherein the contract work is situated, or the subregion, or the Appalachian counties of the State wherein the contract work is situated, except:

1. To the extent that qualified persons regularly residing in the area are not available.

2. For the reasonable needs of the contractor to employ supervisory or specially experienced personnel necessary to assure an efficient execution of the contract work.

3. For the obligation of the contractor to offer employment to present or former employees as the result of a lawful collective bargaining contract, provided that the number of nonresident persons employed under this subparagraph (1c) shall not exceed 20 percent of the total number of employees employed by the contractor on the contract work, except as provided in subparagraph (4) below.

2. The contractor shall place a job order with the State Employment Service indicating (a) the classifications of the laborers, mechanics and other employees required to perform the contract work, (b) the number of employees required in each classification, (c) the date on which the participant estimates such employees will be required, and (d) any other pertinent information required by the State Employment Service to complete the job order form. The job order may be placed with the State Employment Service in writing or by telephone. If during the course of the contract work, the information submitted by the contractor in the original job order is substantially modified, the participant shall promptly notify the State Employment Service.

3. The contractor shall give full consideration to all qualified job applicants referred to him by the State Employment Service. The contractor is not required to grant employment to any job applicants who, in his opinion, are not qualified to perform the classification of work required.

4. If, within one week following the placing of a job order by the contractor with the State Employment Service, the State Employment Service is unable to refer any qualified job applicants to the contractor, or less than the number requested, the State Employment Service will forward a certificate to the contractor indicating the unavailability of applicants. Such certificate shall be made a part of the contractor's permanent project records. Upon receipt of this certificate, the contractor may employ persons who do not normally reside in the labor area to fill positions covered by the certificate, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1c) above.

5. The provisions of 23 CFR 633.207(e) allow the contracting agency to provide a contractual preference for the use of mineral resource materials native to the Appalachian region.

6. The contractor shall include the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 of this Attachment A in every subcontract for work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work.

Attachment D. Contract

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**STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
PROPOSAL FORM**

Proposal by _____
Name

Address (Street and/or P.O. Box)

City State Zip

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A.C. Phone No. A.C. Fax No.

to furnish and deliver all materials and to do and perform all work, in conformance with the Standard Specifications, revisions thereto, General Provisions and the Special Provisions in this contract to IFB_ShortDescr located in, IFB_County, Maryland, for which Invitation for Bids will be received until 12:00 o'clock noon on IFB_BidOpenDate, this work being situated as follows: IFB_PFPDescription.

To the State Highway Administration
BID BOX in Bldg. 4
7450 Traffic Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076

In response to the advertisement by the Administration, inviting bids for the work in conformance with the Contract Documents, now on file in the office of the Administration. I/We hereby certify that I/we am/are the only person, or persons, interested in this bid proposal as principals, and that an examination has been made of the work site, the Specifications, the Plans, and Invitation for Bids, including the Special Provisions contained herein. I/We propose to furnish all necessary machinery, equipment, tools, labor and other means of construction, and to furnish all materials required to complete the project at the following unit price or lump sum price.

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GENERAL MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

CONVICT PRODUCED MATERIALS

Section 1019 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) clarifies that materials produced by convict labor after July 1, 1991 may not be used for Federal-aid highway construction projects unless produced at a prison facility producing convict made materials for Federal-aid construction projects prior to July 1, 1987.

CONTRACT PROVISION BUY AMERICA

This section only applies to projects partially or totally financed with Federal funds.

The prime contractor or its subcontractors shall comply with Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Title IX – Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act. Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52.

Materials used on this contract and permanently incorporated into the project, including all materials/items supplied, shall comply with the Buy America preference requirements including:

- (A) All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States.

This means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

- (B) All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States.

This means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States, and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation.

In accordance with 23 CFR Part 635.410, FHWA currently has a general applicability waiver on manufactured products that do not contain steel and iron components. Therefore, this 55 percent standard for manufactured products that do not contain steel and iron components, does not apply on projects funded under Title 23 U.S.C.

- (C) All construction materials are manufactured in the United States.

This means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States. Common construction materials used in public works infrastructure projects are or consist primarily of non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based

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products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables), glass (including optic glass), lumber, and drywall.

The term 'construction materials' shall not include cement and cementitious materials, aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel, or aggregate binding agents (including asphalt cement) or additives; or any material composed of or derived from these items.

Items that consist of two or more of the listed materials that have been combined together through a manufacturing process, and items that include at least one of the listed construction materials combined with a material that is not listed through a manufacturing process, shall be treated as manufactured products, rather than as construction materials.

Furnish steel or iron construction materials, including coating, for permanently incorporated work according to 23 CFR 635.410 and as follows:

- (a) All manufacturing processes of steel or iron materials in a product, including coating; and any subsequent process that alters the steel or iron material's physical form or shape, changes its chemical composition, or the final finish; are to occur within the United States (One of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or in territories and possessions of the U.S.). Manufacturing begins with the initial melting and mixing, and continues through the coating stage. The processes include rolling, extruding, machining, bending, grinding, drilling, welding, and coating. The action of applying a coating to steel or iron is deemed a manufacturing process. Coating includes epoxy coating, galvanizing, aluminizing, painting, and any other coating that protects or enhances the value of steel or iron. Any process from the original reduction from ore to the finished product constitutes a manufacturing process for iron.
- (b) The following are considered to be steel manufacturing processes:
 - (1) Production of steel by any of the following processes:
 - (a) Open hearth furnace.
 - (b) Basic oxygen.
 - (c) Electric furnace.
 - (d) Direct reduction.
 - (2) Rolling, heat treating, and any other similar processing.
 - (3) Fabrication of the products:
 - (a) Spinning wire into cable or strand.
 - (b) Corrugating and rolling into culverts.
 - (c) Shop fabrication.

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- (c) The manufacturing process for a steel/iron product is considered complete when the product is ready for use as an item (e.g., fencing, posts, girders, pipe, manhole cover, etc.) or could be incorporated as a component of a more complex product through a further manufacturing process (e.g., prestressed concrete girders, reinforced concrete pipe, traffic control devices, bearing pads, etc.). A product containing both steel and/or iron components, may be assembled outside the United States and meet Buy America requirements if the constituent steel and iron components (in excess of the minimal amounts permitted) were manufactured domestically and are not modified at the assembly location prior to final assembly.
- (d) If domestically produced steel billets or iron ingots are exported outside of the U.S., as defined above, for any manufacturing process then the resulting product does not conform to the Buy America requirements. Additionally, products manufactured domestically from foreign source steel billets or iron ingots do not conform to the Buy America requirements because the initial melting and mixing of alloys to create the material occurred in a foreign country.
- (e) Due to a nationwide waiver, Buy America does not apply to raw materials (iron ore and alloys), scrap (recycled steel or iron), and pig iron or processed, pelletized, and reduced iron ore.
- (f) For the Buy America provisions to apply, the steel or iron product must be permanently incorporated into the project. If an item is rendered as a “donated material” in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 323 – Donations and Credits, it will have to comply with Buy America requirements. While States and local governments may receive a credit for donated material, this material must generally comply with Buy America requirements. Buy America does not apply to temporary steel items, e.g., temporary sheet piling, temporary bridges, steel scaffolding and falsework. Further, Buy America does not apply to materials which remain in place at the contractor convenience.
- (g) Certifications which document that steel and iron have been manufactured and that coatings for iron or steel have been applied in the United States shall be provided to the Contractor by the manufacturer. The Contractor shall provide the required certifications to the Engineer prior to such items being incorporated into the permanent work. Certifications shall extend to materials utilized in manufactured and fabricated products purchased by the Contractor.
- (h) Products manufactured of foreign steel or iron materials may be used, provided the cost of such products as they are delivered to the project does not exceed 0.1% of the total contract amount, or \$2,500, whichever is greater. If a supplier or fabricator wishes to use a partial fabrication process where domestic and foreign source components are assembled at a domestic location, the “as delivered cost” of the foreign components should include any transportation, assembly and testing costs required to install them in the final product.

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NOTICE

All bidders shall complete and submit with their bid the Bid/Proposal Affidavit below.

BID/PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT

A. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AND AFFIANT

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I, _____ (print name), possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit.

B. CERTIFICATION REGARDING COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION

The undersigned bidder hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct: In preparing its bid on this project, the bidder has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not engaged in “discrimination” as defined in §19-103 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. “Discrimination” means any disadvantage, difference, distinction, or preference in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or commercial treatment of a vendor, subcontractor, or commercial customer on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, sexual identity, genetic information or an individual’s refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a genetic test, disability, or any otherwise unlawful use of characteristics regarding the vendor’s, supplier’s, or commercial customer’s employees or owners. “Discrimination” also includes retaliating against any person or other entity for reporting any incident of “discrimination”. Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation on this project, it is understood that, if the certification is false, such false certification constitutes grounds for the State to reject the bid submitted by the bidder on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the bid. As part of its bid or proposal, the bidder herewith submits a list of all instances within the past 4 years where there has been a final adjudicated determination in a legal or administrative proceeding in the State of Maryland that the bidder discriminated against subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, and a description of the status or resolution of that determination, including any remedial action taken. Bidder agrees to comply in all respects with the State’s Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as described under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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C. AFFIRMATION REGARDING BRIBERY CONVICTIONS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business (as is defined in Section 16-101(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities, including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has been convicted of, or has had probation before judgment imposed pursuant to Criminal Procedure Article, §6-220, Annotated Code of Maryland, or has pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of, bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of Maryland law, or of the law of any other state or federal law, except as follows (indicate the reasons why the affirmation cannot be given and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of person(s) involved, and their current positions and responsibilities with the business):

D. AFFIRMATION REGARDING OTHER CONVICTIONS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has:

- (1) Been convicted under state or federal statute of:
 - (a) a criminal offense incident to obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract; or
 - (b) fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records, or receiving stolen property;
- (2) Been convicted of any criminal violation of a state or federal antitrust statute;
- (3) Been convicted under the provisions of Title 18 of the United States Code for violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, 18 U.S.C. §1961, et seq., or the Mail Fraud Act, 18 U.S.C. §1341, et seq., for acts in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;

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- (4) Been convicted of a violation of the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, Section 14-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (5) Been convicted of a violation of the Section 11-205.1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (6) Been convicted of conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in subsections (1) through (5) above;
- (7) Been found civilly liable under a state or federal antitrust statute for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;
- (8) Been found in a final adjudicated decision to have violated the Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland with regard to a public or private contract;
- (9) Been convicted of a violation of one or more of the following provisions of the Internal Revenue Code:
 - (a) §7201, Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax;
 - (b) §7203, Willful Failure to File Return, Supply Information, or Pay Tax,
 - (c) §7205, Fraudulent Withholding Exemption Certificate or Failure to Supply Information,
 - (d) §7206, Fraud and False Statements, or
 - (e) §7207 Fraudulent Returns, Statements, or Other Documents;
- (10) Been convicted of a violation of 18 U.S.C. §286 Conspiracy to Defraud the Government with Respect to Claims, 18 U.S.C. §287, False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Claims, or 18 U.S.C. §371, Conspiracy to Defraud the United States;
- (11) Been convicted of a violation of the Tax-General Article, Title 13, Subtitle 7 or Subtitle 10, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (12) Been found to have willfully or knowingly violated State Prevailing Wage Laws as provided in the State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 17, Subtitle 2, Annotated Code of Maryland, if:
 - (a) A court:
 - (i) Made the finding; and
 - (ii) Decision became final; or
 - (b) The finding was:
 - (i) Made in a contested case under the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act; and
 - (ii) Not overturned on judicial review;

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(13) Been found to have willfully or knowingly violated State Living Wage Laws as provided in the State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 18, Annotated Code of Maryland, if:

- (a) A court:
 - (i) Made the finding; and
 - (ii) Decision became final; or
- (b) The finding was:
 - (i) Made in a contested case under the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act; and
 - (ii) Not overturned on judicial review;

(14) Been found to have willfully or knowingly violated the Labor and Employment Article, Title 3, Subtitles 3, 4, or 5, or Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland, if:

- (a) A court:
 - (i) Made the finding; and
 - (ii) Decision became final; or
- (b) The finding was:
 - (i) Made in a contested case under the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act; and
 - (ii) Not overturned on judicial review; or

(15) Admitted in writing or under oath, during the course of an official investigation or other proceedings, acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in §§B and C and subsections D(1) — (14) above, except as follows (indicate reasons why the affirmations cannot be given, and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, and the status of any debarment):

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E. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities, including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has ever been suspended or debarred (including being issued a limited denial of participation) by any public entity, except as follows (list each debarment or suspension providing the dates of the suspension or debarment, the name of the public entity and the status of the proceedings, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, the grounds of the debarment or suspension, and the details of each person's involvement in any activity that formed the grounds of the debarment or suspension):

F. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OF RELATED ENTITIES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

- (1) The business was not established and it does not operate in a manner designed to evade the application of or defeat the purpose of debarment pursuant to Sections 16-101, et seq., of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and
- (2) The business is not a successor, assignee, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business, except as follows (you must indicate the reasons why the affirmations cannot be given without qualification):

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G. SUB-CONTRACT AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, has knowingly entered into a contract with a public body under which a person debarred or suspended under Title 16 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland will provide, directly or indirectly, supplies, services, architectural services, construction related services, leases of real property, or construction.

H. AFFIRMATION REGARDING COLLUSION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business has:

- (1) Agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the compilation of the accompanying bid or offer that is being submitted;
- (2) In any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement of any kind to fix the bid price or price proposal of the bidder or offeror or of any competitor, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the contract for which the accompanying bid or offer is submitted.

I. CERTIFICATION OF TAX PAYMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Except as validly contested, the business has paid, or has arranged for payment of, all taxes due the State of Maryland and has filed all required returns and reports with the Comptroller of the Treasury, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, as applicable, and will have paid all withholding taxes due the State of Maryland prior to final settlement.

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J. CONTINGENT FEES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency working for the business, to solicit or secure the Contract, and that the business has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of the Contract.

K. CERTIFICATION REGARDING INVESTMENTS IN IRAN

- (1) The undersigned certifies that, in accordance with State Finance and Procurement Article, §17-705, Annotated Code of Maryland:
 - (a) It is not identified on the list created by the Board of Public Works as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in State Finance and Procurement Article, §17-702, Annotated Code of Maryland; and
 - (b) It is not engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in State Finance and Procurement Article, §17-702, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- (2) The undersigned is unable to make the above certification regarding its investment activities in Iran due to the following activities: _____

L. CONFLICT MINERALS ORIGINATED IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES CONTRACTS)

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business has complied with the provisions of State Finance and Procurement Article, §14-413, Annotated Code of Maryland governing proper disclosure of certain information regarding conflict minerals originating in the Democratic Republic of Congo or its neighboring countries as required by federal law.

M. I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Any claims of environmental attributes made relating to a product or service included in the bid or proposal are consistent with the Federal Trade Commission's Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims as provided in 16 CFR §260, that apply to claims about the environmental attributes of a product, package, or service in connection with the marketing, offering for sale, or sale of such item or service.

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N. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT this Affidavit is to be furnished to the Procurement Officer and may be distributed to units of: (1) the State of Maryland; (2) counties or other subdivisions of the State of Maryland; (3) other states; and (4) the federal government. I further acknowledge that this Affidavit is subject to applicable laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, both criminal and civil, and that nothing in this Affidavit or any contract resulting from the submission of this bid or proposal shall be construed to supersede, amend, modify or waive, on behalf of the State of Maryland, or any unit of the State of Maryland having jurisdiction, the exercise of any statutory right or remedy conferred by the Constitution and the laws of Maryland with respect to any misrepresentation made or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the above business with respect to (1) this Affidavit, (2) the contract, and (3) other Affidavits comprising part of the contract.

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

Date: _____

By: _____ (print name of Authorized Representative and Affiant)

_____ (signature of Authorized Representative and Affiant)

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THE BIDDER IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THIS DOCUMENT SHALL BE SIGNED IN INK IN ORDER FOR THE BID TO BE ACCEPTED. BY SIGNING, THE BIDDER CERTIFIES THAT HE/SHE WILL COMPLY IN EVERY ASPECT WITH THESE SPECIFICATIONS.

FURTHER, I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT (PARAGRAPHS A-N) ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

This bid form shall be filled out legibly in ink or typed. The bid, if submitted by an individual, shall be signed by an individual; if submitted by a partnership, shall be signed by such member or members of the partnership as have authority to bind the partnership; if submitted by a corporation the same shall be signed by the President and attested by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary. If not signed by the President as aforesaid, there must be attached a copy of that portion of the By-Laws, or a copy of a Board resolution, duly certified by the Secretary, showing the authority of the person so signing on behalf of the corporation. In lieu thereof, the corporation may file such evidence with the Administration, duly certified by the Secretary, together with a list of the names of those officers having authority to execute documents on behalf of the corporation, duly certified by the Secretary, which listing shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Administration is advised in writing to the contrary. In any case where a bid is signed by an Attorney in Fact the same must be accompanied by a copy of the appointing document, duly certified.

IF AN INDIVIDUAL:

NAME: _____

Street and/or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code Fed ID or SSN

Signature (SEAL) Date

Print Signature

WITNESS: _____

Signature

Print Signature

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IF A PARTNERSHIP:

NAME OF PARTNERSHIP: _____

Street and/or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code Fed ID or SSN

BY: _____ (SEAL) _____
Signature Date

Print Signature

TITLE: _____ WITNESS: _____
Signature

Print Signature

IF A CORPORATION:

NAME OF CORPORATION: _____

Street and/or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code Fed ID or SSN

STATE OF INCORPORATION: _____

BY: _____ (SEAL) _____
Signature Date

Print Signature

TITLE: _____ WITNESS: _____
Secretary's Signature

Print Signature

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INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED FOR FEDERALLY ASSISTED CONTRACTS:

(a) Each bidder shall provide the following information:

NAME OF FIRM: _____

Street and/or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

____ DBE ____ Non-DBE Age of the firm ____ years
Annual gross receipts per last calendar year ____ <\$500,000 ____ \$500,000-1,000,000
____ \$1,000,000-3,000,000 ____ \$3,000,000-5,000,000 ____ \$5,000,000-10,000,000
____ >\$10,000,000

(b) Each bidder shall provide the following information for each firm quoting or considered as subcontractors and/or suppliers:

NAME OF FIRM: _____

Street and/or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

____ DBE ____ Non-DBE Age of the firm ____ years
Annual gross receipts per last calendar year ____ <\$500,000 ____ \$500,000-1,000,000
____ \$1,000,000-3,000,000 ____ \$3,000,000-5,000,000 ____ \$5,000,000-10,000,000
____ > \$10,000,000

NAME OF FIRM: _____

Street and/or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

____ DBE ____ Non-DBE Age of the firm ____ years
Annual gross receipts per last calendar year ____ <\$500,000 ____ \$500,000-1,000,000
____ \$1,000,000-3,000,000 ____ \$3,000,000-5,000,000 ____ \$5,000,000-10,000,000
____ > \$10,000,000

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NAME OF FIRM: _____

Street and/or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

____ DBE ____ Non-DBE Age of the firm ____ years
Annual gross receipts per last calendar year ____ <\$500,000 ____ \$500,000-1,000,000
____ \$1,000,000-3,000,000 ____ \$3,000,000-5,000,000 ____ \$5,000,000-10,000,000
____ > \$10,000,000

NAME OF FIRM: _____

Street and/or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

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Annual gross receipts per last calendar year ____ <\$500,000 ____ \$500,000-1,000,000
____ \$1,000,000-3,000,000 ____ \$3,000,000-5,000,000 ____ \$5,000,000-10,000,000
____ > \$10,000,000

NAME OF FIRM: _____

Street and/or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

____ DBE ____ Non-DBE Age of the firm ____ years
Annual gross receipts per last calendar year ____ <\$500,000 ____ \$500,000-1,000,000
____ \$1,000,000-3,000,000 ____ \$3,000,000-5,000,000 ____ \$5,000,000-10,000,000
____ > \$10,000,000

Submit additional copies of this page as page 41A of 44, 41B of 44, etc. as necessary, and place them as the last pages in the Invitation for Bids. Place an "X" for "NO" on the last copy. Any additional Copies: _____ NO _____ YES

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EXTRA WORK, CONTRACT TIME, BONDING, LIQUIDATED DAMAGES, AND PROPOSAL GUARANTY

EXTRA WORK. It is further proposed to do all "Extra Work" which may be required to complete the work contemplated at unit prices or lump sum prices to be agreed upon in writing prior to starting such extra work, or if such prices or sums cannot be agreed upon, to perform such work on a Force Account basis as specified in TC-7.03.

CONTRACT TIME. To commence work as specified in the "Notice to Proceed" and to prosecute the work to complete the contract within/or before

IFB_PFPContractDays (working days)

IFB_PFPContractDate (calendar date)

Any delay in awarding or the execution of this contract will not be considered as a basis for any monetary claim, however, an extension of time may be considered by the Administration, if warranted.

BONDING. When the Contractor's bid is \$100,000 or more, the Contractor shall furnish a Payment Bond and a Performance Bond in the full amount of the Contract Award as security for the construction and completion of the contract in conformance with the Plans, Standard Specifications, revisions thereto, General Provisions and Special Provisions.

To guarantee all of the work performed under this contract to be done in conformance with the Standard Specifications, revisions thereto, General Provisions and Special Provisions in a good workmanlike manner and to renew or repair any work which may be rejected due to defective materials or workmanship, prior to final completion and acceptance of the work, also we have the equipment, labor, supervision and financial capacity to perform this contract either with our organization or with Subcontractors.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES. The Contractor is hereby advised that liquidated damages in the amount of

IFB_PFPLiquidatedDays dollars (IFB_PFPLiquidatedDaysNum) per working day

IFB_PFPLiquidatedDate dollars (IFB_PFPLiquidatedDateNum) per calendar day

will be assessed for unauthorized extensions beyond the contracted time of completion.

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PROPOSAL GUARANTY. A bid security is not required on Contract Proposals under \$100,000.

A bid security totaling at least five percent (5%) of the bid amount will be required on contracts of \$100,000 or over.

Acceptable forms of security for bid guaranty shall be per GP-2.07.

Enclosed herewith, find bid security based on at least five percent (5%) of the aggregate amount of the bid submitted, and made payable to the "State of Maryland". This bid security is a Proposal Guaranty (which is understood will be forfeited in the event the contract is not executed, if awarded to the signer of this affidavit).

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Commercial Nondiscrimination

- A. As a condition of entering into this Agreement, Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with the State’s Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy, as described under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. As part of such compliance, Contractor may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, sexual identity, genetic information or an individual’s refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a genetic test or on the basis of disability, or other unlawful forms of discrimination in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or commercial treatment of subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall Contractor retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. Contractor shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that this clause does not prohibit or limit lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the marketplace. Contractor understands that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement and may result in termination of this Agreement, disqualification of Contractor from participating in State contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party.
- B. The Contractor agrees to include the clause contained in subsection (A.), above, in all subcontracts, regardless of the tier.
- C. As a condition of entering into this Agreement, upon the request of the Commission on Civil Rights, and only after the filing of a complaint against Contractor under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time, Contractor agrees to provide within 60 days after the request a complete list of the names of all subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers that Contractor has used in the past 4 years on any of its contracts that were undertaken within the State of Maryland, including the total dollar amount paid by Contractor on each subcontract or supply contract. Contractor further agrees to cooperate in any investigation conducted by the State pursuant to the State’s Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as set forth under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and to provide any documents relevant to any investigation that are requested by the State. Contractor understands that violation of this clause is a material breach of this Agreement and may result in contract termination, disqualification by the State from participating in State contracts, and other sanctions.

Appendix 1. – Abbreviations and Definitions

For purposes of this IFB, the following abbreviations or terms have the meanings indicated below:

- A. Agency – The organization issuing the solicitation.
- B. Bid – The Bidder’s Bid.
- C. Bid Price Form or Bid Form - The Attachment B Bid Form.
- D. Business Day(s) – The official working days of the week to include Monday through Friday. Official working days excluding State Holidays (see definition of “Normal State Business Hours” below).
- E. COMAR – Code of Maryland Regulations available on-line at <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/COMAR/ComarHome.html>.
- F. Contract – The Contract awarded to the successful Bidder pursuant to this IFB. The Contract will be in the form of **Attachment D**.
- G. Contract Monitor – The Agency representative for this Contract who is primarily responsible for Contract administration functions, including issuing written direction, invoice approval, monitoring this Contract to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the Contract, monitoring DBE and VSBE compliance, and achieving completion of the Contract on budget, on time, and within scope. The Contract Monitor may authorize in writing one or more State representatives to act on behalf of the Contract Monitor in the performance of the Contract Monitor’s responsibilities. The Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation (EHCF) may change the Contract Monitor at any time by written notice to the Contractor.
- H. Contractor – The selected Bidder that is awarded a Contract by the Agency.
- I. Contractor Personnel – Employees and agents and subcontractor employees and agents performing work at the direction of the Contractor under the terms of the Contract awarded from this IFB.
- J. eMMA – eMaryland Marketplace Advantage (see IFB **Section 4.2**).
- K. Invitation for Bids (IFB) – This Invitation for Bids issued by the Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation, with the Solicitation Number and date of issuance indicated in the Key Information Summary Sheet, including any amendments thereto.
- L. Key Personnel – All Contractor Personnel identified in the solicitation as such that are essential to the work being performed under the Contract. See IFB **Sections 3.10**.
- M. Local Time – Time in the Eastern Time Zone as observed by the State of Maryland. Unless otherwise specified, all stated times shall be Local Time, even if not expressly designated as such.
- N. Normal State Business Hours - Normal State business hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except State Holidays, which can be found at: www.dbm.maryland.gov – keyword: State Holidays.
- O. Notice to Proceed (NTP) – A written notice from the Procurement Officer that work under the Contract, project, Task Order or Work Order (as applicable) is to begin as of a specified date. The NTP Date is the start date of work under the Contract, project, Task Order or Work Order. Additional NTPs may be issued by either the Procurement Officer or the Contract Monitor regarding the start date for any service included within this solicitation with a delayed or non-specified implementation date.
- P. NTP Date – The date specified in a NTP for work on Contract, project, Task Order or Work Order to begin.
- Q. Bidder – An entity that submits a Bid in response to this IFB.

- R. Personally Identifiable Information (PII) – Any information about an individual maintained by the State, including (1) any information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual identity, such as name, social security number, date and place of birth, mother’s maiden name, or biometric records; and (2) any other information that is linked or linkable to an individual, such as medical, educational, financial, and employment information.
- S. Procurement Officer – Prior to the award of any Contract, the sole point of contact in the State for purposes of this solicitation. After Contract award, the Procurement Officer has responsibilities as detailed in the Contract (**Attachment D**) and is the only State representative who can authorize changes to the Contract. The Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation may change the Procurement Officer at any time by written notice to the Contractor.
- T. Protected Health Information (PHI) – Information that relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and (i) that identifies the individual; or (ii) with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual.
- U. Security Incident – A violation or imminent threat of violation of computer security policies, Security Measures, acceptable use policies, or standard security practices. “Imminent threat of violation” is a situation in which the organization has a factual basis for believing that a specific incident is about to occur.
- V. Security or Security Measures – The technology, policy and procedures that a) protects and b) controls access to networks, systems, and data.
- W. Sensitive Data - Means PII;PHI; other proprietary or confidential data as defined by the State, including but not limited to “personal information” under Md. Code Ann., Commercial Law § 14-3501(e) and Md. Code Ann., St. Govt. § 10-1301(c) and information not subject to disclosure under the Public Information Act, Title 4 of the General Provisions Article; and information about an individual that (1) can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s identity, such as name, social security number, date and place of birth, mother’s maiden name, or biometric records; or (2) is linked or linkable to an individual, such as medical, educational, financial, and employment information.
- X. Total Bid Price - The Bidder’s bid price or evaluated bid price for goods and services in response to this solicitation, included in **Attachment B** – Bid Form.
- Y. Veteran-owned Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) – A business that is verified by the Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE) of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as a veteran-owned small business. See Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 21.11.13.

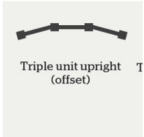

Appendix 2. – Bidder Information Sheets

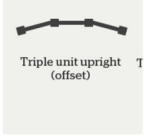

Appendix 2. Bidder Information Sheets

See link at http://procurement.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2018/04/Appendix2-Bidder_OfferorInformationSheet.pdf.

BID SUBMITTAL SHEET
Forest Evolution Trail Signage – Trail Heads
RT# EM001S-2

PROJECT ELEMENTS AND COSTS

Item #	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Total Cost
<p>1 – GAP Trailhead Exhibit Sign</p>  	<p>Three-panel upright exhibit sign with roof and literature rack, In-ground mounted posts.</p> <p>Qty 2 - 1/8” High Pressure Laminate 36”x48” panels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HD printed papers are impregnated with melamine resins. • durable, graffiti and fade-resistant panel. • Warranty: 10 year • A removable frame rail to allow for quick and easy insertion of the panel. • Frames: constructed of high-strength aluminum extrusions and powder-coated • Frame Color: Black • Roof • Panels will be designed by Evergreen Heritage Center <p>Qty 1 - Bulletin Case</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructed of high-strength aluminum extrusions and powder-coated, color: black. • Clear acrylic face, keyed-alike locks, a continuous piano hinge, and a galvanized steel back for use with magnets. <p>Qty 1 - Outdoor Literature racks: Powder-coated aluminum brochure box</p>	<p>1</p>		

Item #	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Total Cost
2 – Trailhead Exhibit Signs  	Three-panel, upright exhibit signs with literature rack, In-ground mounted posts. Qty 2 - 1/8" High Pressure Laminate 36"x48" panels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HD printed papers are impregnated with melamine resins. • durable, graffiti and fade-resistant panel. • Warranty: 10 year • A removable frame rail to allow for quick and easy insertion of the panel. • Frames: constructed of high-strength aluminum extrusions and powder-coated • Frame Color: Black • Panels will be designed by Evergreen Heritage Center Qty 1 - Bulletin Case <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructed of high-strength aluminum extrusions and powder-coated, color: black. • Clear acrylic face, keyed-alike locks, a continuous piano hinge, and a galvanized steel back for use with magnets. Qty 1 - Outdoor Literature racks: Powder-coated aluminum brochure box	2		

Delivery/Shipping Cost _____ **Total Cost** _____

Bidders Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

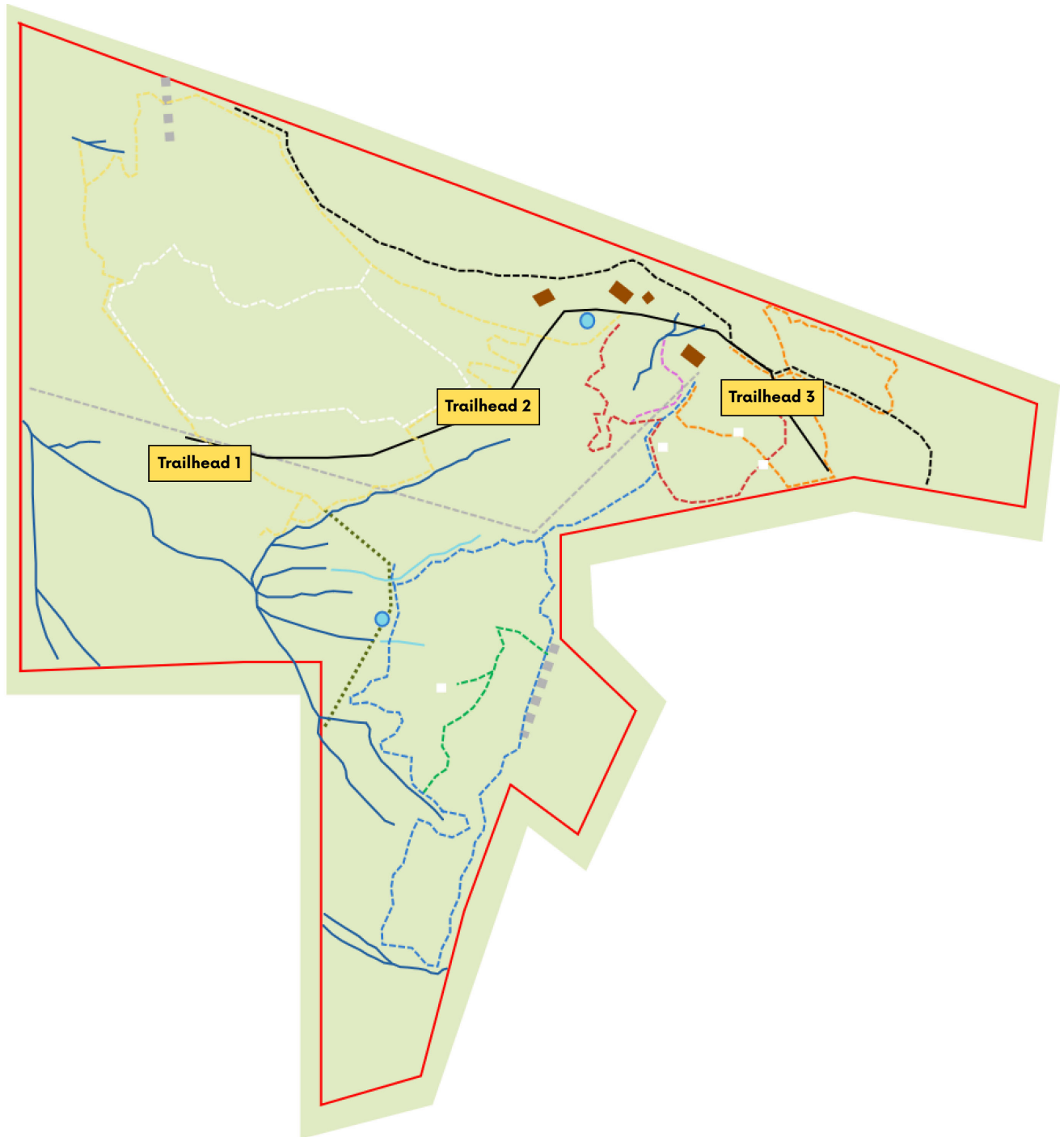
Submit a price for each line item on the bid form. Bidders shall not provide any comments on the bid form. If comments are provided, the bid may be found non-responsive.

Please provide your initials as a confirmation of acknowledgment for the following statements:

_____ **I acknowledge that I will be responsible for and required to submit materials quality assurance documents to OMT and provide material quality assurance documentation to Evergreen Heritage Center to include in grant invoicing.**

_____ **I acknowledge that I will be responsible for and required to comply with Build America Buy America (BABA) and the state equivalent requirements for steel and manufactured products.**

Appendix 4. – Trailhead Map



Evergreen Heritage Center: Forest Evolution Trail