

Town of Keene, New York

Request for Needs Assessment, Feasibility, Building Program Study and Plan for a Community Center

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Needs Assessment, Feasibility, Building Program Study and Plan for a Community Center

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Undersigned, on behalf of the Town of Keene, will accept proposals **until 2:00 P.M. on February 21, 2020** for **A Needs Assessment, Feasibility, Building Program Study for a Community Center.**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town affirmatively states that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this notice, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, disability, sexual preference or veteran status, disadvantaged and minority or women-owned business enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit bids in response hereto.

Disadvantaged and Minority/Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) businesses and Section 3 businesses are strongly encouraged to participate in this Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) funded project. The Town, the recipient of New York State funds, is an equal opportunity employer.

In addition to the proposal, Respondents shall submit executed non-collusion certificates signed by the proposer or one of its officers as required by the General Municipal Law Sec. 103d. The Respondents shall also submit an executed certificate of compliance with the Iran Divestment Act signed by the proposer or one of its officers as required by the General Municipal Law Sec. 103g.

The Town reserves the right to except any and all proposal(s), reject any and all proposals not considered to be in the best interest of the Town, and to waive any technical or formal defect in the proposals which is considered by the Town to be merely irregular, immaterial, or unsubstantial.

Please contact the Town Supervisor, Joe Pete Wilson at (518) 576-4444 or Hannah Jacques, Project Coordinator with Essex County Planning at (518) 873-3686 for additional information concerning the Proposals.

All proposals submitted in response to this notice shall be marked "**KEENE COMMUNITY CENTER PROPOSAL**" clearly on email traffic and/or the outside of the envelope containing your electronic/digital response files.

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INTRODUCTION

A. Overview

This Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is being issued by the TOWN OF KEENE (“the Town”) for PROFESSIONAL SERVICES for a municipal project. The project will be funded by The DORMITORY AUHTORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (DASNY) and all aspects must be compliant to their requirements, which are included herein as **Appendix A**.

Companies with demonstrated experience in public funding agency administration interested in making their services available to the Town are invited to respond to this RFP. “Respondents” means the companies or individuals that submit proposals in response to this RFP. It is understood that the selected Respondent acting as an individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity, is licensed to provide such services in New York State. The Respondent shall be financially solvent and each of its members if a joint venture, its employees, agents or sub-consultants of any tier shall be competent to perform the services required under this RFP document.

The Town is seeking to encourage participation by respondents who are DBE/MBE/WBE, Section 3 and/or Veterans’ business enterprises. For the purposes of the project, the Town is requiring a *documented* DBE/MBE/WBE & Section 3 participation compliance & good faith effort per the Program requirements listed in **Appendix A** by providing evidence of direct solicitation to M/WBE’s after contract award, but before given Notice to Proceed.

Nothing in this RFP shall be construed to create any legal obligation on the part of the Town or any respondents. The Town reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to amend, suspend, terminate, or reissue this RFP in whole or in part, at any stage. In no event shall the Town be liable to respondents for any cost or damages incurred in connection with the RFP process, including but not limited to, any and all costs of preparing a response to this RFP or any other costs incurred in reliance on this RFP. No respondent shall be entitled to repayment from the Town for any costs, expenses or fees related to this RFP. All supporting documentation submitted in response to this RFP will become the property of the Town. Respondents may also withdraw their interest in the RFP, in writing, at any point in time as more information becomes known.

B. Time of Response

Respondents will have approximately four (4) weeks to provide a response to this RFP. The Town and resources from Essex County will review the proposals and respond within two (2) weeks of RFP closure, after Town Board Meetings are held

1. RFP Posted: **Friday, January 23, 2020**
2. Statements Due: **Friday, February 21st, by 2:00 pm.**
3. Town Board Proposal Review: **March 3rd – 11th, 2020**
4. Contract Awarded estimated: **March 11th, 2020 (Regular Board Meeting)**

C. Contract Negotiations

After review and interviews are complete, the Town will approve the successful Proposal via Board Resolution and then provide a Notice of Award to the Respondent

D. Contract Execution

Once the contract Terms and Conditions have been approved, the final contract cannot be executed until the funding program requirements are completed and provided as part of the contract documents, such as the EEO, M/WBE Plans, other required forms and plans, etc. Once these have been provided the Town Board will execute the final contracts with the Respondent

E. Term of Contract

Any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP solicitation shall be for a contract period of approximately **(12) months** and will expire upon completion of the projects' administrative close out. ***Substantial completion of the construction of the project must be completed no later than 04/01/21, and administrative closeout must be complete no later than 04/30/2021.***

F. Contract Requirements

Award recipients must follow the guidance provided in **Appendix A**. All Respondents must demonstrate capability to adhere to the following Funding Agencies' requirements:

- Davis Bacon Related Acts (DBRA) Compliance
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) & Minority Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Compliance
- Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Compliance
- Anti-Lobbying Policy
- Non-Collusive Bidding Certification (Appendix H)
- Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (Appendix F)
- NYS Sexual Harassment Requirements (Appendix J)

Respondents are strongly encouraged to read these regulations prior to submitting their response to this RFP. Dates and schedules provided by the above funding agencies will be incorporated into project scope

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

A. Scope of Work

The Town seeks proposals from qualified respondents to establish a contract through competitive negotiation for Needs Assessment, Feasibility, Building Program Study and Plan for a Community Center for the Town of Keene.

Recipients will provide a Cost Proposal according to the Tasks listed below and also in in the “Deliverables Table” in **Appendix K**; the majority of all Tasks Are Lump Sum.

i. Background

The Town of Keene has been awarded a grant through DASNY (Dormitory Authority State of New York) through Legislative funding to be used to conduct planning and needs assessment for a community center. It is envisioned that the Community Center will be a multi-use facility that would provide space for services such as a library expansion, visitor center, training classrooms, employment services, meeting space, office rental space or other identified services. It is anticipated that the services would be provided at one central location in an expanded, and renovated within the existing community center.

The Town of Keene is located in the norther portion of Essex County and is entirely located in the Adirondack Park. As the economy and needs of its residents have changed, the demand for such a space has grown. This planning grant project will serve to document the need, feasibility, and redesign of such a space.

Like most of the towns in Essex County, Keene does not have senior centers, boys’ and girls’ clubs or YMCA’s. Without our towns and county working as a catalyst to provide these opportunities, they would likely not exist. Currently, these services are located in multiple facilities throughout the town. When these services are sporadically throughout the town, the operations and costs associated to maintain these facilities become prohibitive. As we try to be efficient, we need to develop creative alternatives to provide our residents the valuable services they want and need. To serve the community in a capacity to house these activities, the building would need to expand.

ii. Overview of Respondents Tasks

- a) **General Requirements / Project Management** – Provide project management support to update Owner on all deliverables at a minimum of a monthly basis, or as required. Provide schedule updates in Gantt chart format and ensure performance is in compliance with all funding agency requirements.
- b) **Needs Assessment and Feasibility/Programming Plan** – The consultant shall conduct a needs assessment to identify the types and level of demand for services including but not limited to: a library expansion, visitor center, training classrooms, employment services, meeting space, office rental space or other similar needs. The Needs Assessment shall include review of existing agency and non-profit strategic plans, meetings with key stakeholders, and a minimum of one public input meeting. The consultant shall use the results of the Needs Assessment to develop a Programming Plan that will recommend how the identified needs

can be addressed. It is anticipated that the services would be provided at one central location in either an expanded, renovated, or new building.

- c) **Operations Plan** – The consultant shall develop an Operations Plan based on the Programming Plan to include at a minimum; financial strategy to ensure the sustainability of the services offered and the facility itself.
- d) **Preliminary Architectural Report and Site Plan** – The consultant shall develop a Preliminary Architectural Report and Site Plan that includes, at a minimum:
 - i. Preliminary Architecture Report showing floor plan, building utilities, doors, windows, restrooms, and other associated building details.
 - ii. Preliminary Site Plan showing site lighting, signage, landscaping, stormwater infrastructure, parking, access and other associated site details.
 - iii. Presentation schematic drawings appropriate for marketing of the building and site.
 - iv. Construction cost estimates.

B. Quality of Work

All work shall follow recognized professional practices and standards and meet the specifications required by local, state and federal approval of the project's plans and specification prior to advertising the project for construction bidding.

C. Records

The design professional is to maintain all books, documents, papers, account records and other evidence pertaining to this work and to make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the agreement and for a period up to seven **(7) years** from the date of final payment under the agreement. Throughout the project, the respondent will be required to coordinate with the Town and the Essex County Planning Office via regular project meetings and other electronic project management software.

All reports, documents, information, presentations, electronic drawings, and other materials prepared by the award recipient in connection with this Agreement are deliverables to be provided to the Town as a result of the project. Copies of all reports, designs, project documents, supporting information and any materials or equipment furnished to the award recipient by the Owner shall remain the property of the Owner and award recipient's limited possession of the purpose of carrying out the Work, shall be returned to the Owner at the conclusion of the Agreement. **Nothing written in this paragraph, however, will be interpreted to forbid the award recipient from retaining a single copy of the information for its files.**

D. Additional Requirements

Professional services shall comply with all codes, standards, regulations, and workers' safety rules that are administered by federal agencies (EPA, OSHA, and DOT), state agencies (State OSHA, DNR, and DCH), and any other local regulations and standards (i.e. local ordinance and building codes) that may apply.

Further requirements are identified in the accompanying Appendix of this RFP.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Preliminary Requirements

1. *Certificate of Authority (Corporation) or Certificate of Existence (ex: Professional Limited Liability Company or “PLLC”) issued by the NY Secretary of State
2. *Evidence of Insurance: Commercial General Liability with limits not less than \$2,000,000; Workers Compensation and Employers Liability with limits not less than \$500,000; and, Automobile Liability with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
3. *References: At least three (3) references of *related projects*, including date of project, contact person and phone number, and a brief description of the project.
4. *Conflict of Interest Statement & Supporting Documentation: Respondent shall disclose any professional or personal financial interests that may be a conflict of interest in representing the Town. In addition, all Respondents shall further disclose arrangement to derive additional compensation from various investment and reinvestment products, including financial contracts.
5. *Non-Collusion Bidding Affidavit: Provide completed, signed & notarized form back with Response
6. *Iran Divestment Act Compliance Form: Provide completed & signed form back with Response
7. *NYS Sexual Harassment Requirements: Provide firm policy compliance

**RFP RESPONSE WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE AND NOT SCORED IF THESE ITEMS ARE NOT PROVIDED IN COMPLETION*

B. Letter of Interest

Submit a Cover Letter of Interest signed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the Respondent, not to exceed two pages in length. The Letter of Interest must also include the following information:

- The principal place of business and the contact person, title, telephone/fax numbers and email address.
- A brief summary of the qualifications of the Respondent and team.
- Description of organization (i.e. Professional Corporation, or Professional Limited Liability Company).
- The names and business addresses of all Principals of the Respondent. For purposes of this RFP “Principals” shall mean persons possessing an ownership interest in the Respondent.
- If the Respondent is a partially owned or fully-owned subsidiary of another organization, identify the parent organization and describe the nature and extent of the parent organization’s approval rights, if any, over the activities of the Respondent.

C. Main Proposal

The purpose of the proposal is to demonstrate the qualifications, competence and capacity of the Respondents in conformity with the requirements of this RFP. As such, the substance of proposals will carry more weight than their form or manner of presentation. The proposal should demonstrate the qualifications of the firm and of the particular staff to be assigned to this project. It should also specify an approach that will meet the request for proposals requirements.

The proposal should address all the points outlined in the request for proposals. The proposal should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the proposer's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the request for proposals. While additional data may be presented, the following items must be included; this represents the criteria against which the proposal will be evaluated.

1. **Qualifications Proposal:** Provide a synopsis of the years of experience and detailed qualifications on related project types in compliance with applicable standards, including team's resumes. Respondents should provide narrative examples of a minimum of three (3) projects in detail that are similar in nature to projects described in the RFP (see "References"). References for similar projects and portfolio vignettes will be reviewed to evaluate the level of experience.
2. **Technical Proposal:**
 - a. **Project Management Plan:** Discuss approach to the project in terms of understanding of the established Scope and Deliverables execution, with regard to any constraints identified in this RFP, to include funding requirements. Provide a plan for engaging the Town's project team and regulatory agencies required. Provide the number of full-time and part-time employees, partnerships or subconsultants proposed and their value to the project.
 - b. **Schedule:** Capacity to complete the scope of work within the defined period of performance: **April 2020 – April 2021**. The successful Respondent will have a detailed project schedule & work plan to illustrate the ability complete the work with respect to constraints, either stated or assumed. The Schedule Proposal must include a Gantt chart to illustrate your proposed schedule.
 - c. **Funding Agency Experience:** Respondents should state whether they are an DBE/MBE/WBE or Section 3 business enterprise; if so, provide a copy of a current DBE/MBE/WBE certification letter. Respondents may also cite previous project experience in working with DBE firms, cite any existing partnerships with DBEs or cite the planned DBE partnerships relevant to addressing requirements of this project & RFP. If Respondents are planning to cite proposed DBE partnerships for this project (e.g., no existing contract vehicle), please provide contact information for reference checks with the appropriate point of contact for validation.
3. **Cost Proposal:**
 - a. Cost will not be the primary factor in the selection of firm. The proposed price will be graded based upon the following formula:
 - b. $\text{Average Bid} / \text{Your Price} = X$ (whereby X cannot exceed 100%)
 - c. $X * 30 \text{ points} = \text{Points awarded based on cost}$ This should include the lump sum/unit rates for different Tasks, per the table provided in **Appendix K, "Deliverables Table"**. Respondents should include a description of the costs and detail proposals for *cost savings* in their Proposal. Labor cost estimates will include payments of prevailing wage

rates as determined by the NYS Department of Labor and Industries as applicable (such as Survey work for example).

SELECTION PROCESS

The Selection Committee comprised of the Town and resources from Essex County staff will review qualifications in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth herein. Proposals that are submitted timely and comply with the mandatory requirements of the RFP will be evaluated in accordance with the terms of the RFP. Any professional services contracts resulting from this RFP will not necessarily be awarded to the Respondent with the lowest price. Instead, professional services shall be awarded to vendor whose proposal received the most points in accordance with criteria set forth in RFP.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORING

In evaluating responses to this Request for Proposal, the Town will take into consideration the experience, capacity, and costs that are being proposed by the Respondent. The following Evaluation Criteria will be considered in reviewing submittals:

The point system is to evaluate the experience and capacity of the Respondent. Maximum is 100 Points:

- Respondents will be awarded up to **10 Points** for **Completeness of Response**.

- Respondents will be awarded up to **30 Points** for **Qualifications Proposal**.
 - Related Project Experience: 20 Points
 - Public Funding Experience: 10 Points

- Respondents will be awarded up to **30 Points** for the **Technical Proposal**:
 - Project Management Plan: 15 Points
 - Schedule: 15 Points

- Respondents will be awarded up to **30 Points** for **Cost Proposal**.

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding this RFP should be submitted in writing via email to Essex County Community Resources at (Hannah.Jacques@essexcountyny.gov) between the hours of 0900 – 1500 *only*. Any RFI responses will in turn be made available to all Respondents as they are received by means of direct emails.

Site Visits should be coordinated via phone call to **Joe Pete Wilson**, the Town Supervisor @ **(518) 576-4444** or email supervisor1@townofkeene.gov

SUBMITTAL DUE DATE

Responses to this RFP are due by 1:00pm on February 21, 2020.

In order to be considered for selection, Offerors must submit a complete response to this RFP. All responses will be received via electronic submission to Smartsheet:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/39baf7f1149c485ba4e36af114dc6a60>)

Alternatively, proposals may be submitted directly to the Town. In this instance, one (1) original and one (1) digital and two (2) copies of each proposal must be submitted via mail to:

Town of Keene
Joe Pete Wilson, Town Supervisor
PO BOX 89, 10892 NYS Route 9N
Keene, NY 12942

The Town will select a Respondent on **March 11th, 2018** at a regular Board Meeting.

Failure to comply with the instructions of this RFP will be cause for rejection of submittals.

RFP SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

FORMS FROM RFQ PACKAGE TO RETURN:

- RFP Submittal Requirements Checklist (*Provide Checklist with RFP Response*)
- *Appendix C: References (Minimum 3 related projects)
- *Appendix D: Conflict of Interest Statement & Supporting Documentation
- *Appendix E: Certification of Authority
 - Aka, Certificate of Good Standing (Corporation) or Certificate of Existence (Limited Liability Company) issued by the Secretary of State (If Respondent is a joint venture, a Certificate of Good Standing or Certificate of Existence, as applicable, must be submitted for each entity comprising the joint venture.)
- *Appendix F: Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (if over \$100K in proposed contract value)
- *Appendix G: W-9 Form
- *Appendix H: Non-Collusive Bidding Certification
- *Appendix I: Iran Divestment Act Compliance Form
- *Appendix J: NYS Sexual Harassment Requirements
- *Appendix K: Deliverables Table with proposed costs

FOR THE RESPONDENT TO PROVIDE:

- Letter of Interest
- Qualifications Proposal:
 - Description of Company
 - Capacity of Company
 - State License and or Certification
- Technical Proposal:
 - Project Management Plan (*Describe your approach in detail per all Tasks*)
 - Schedule Proposal (*Provide in a Gantt Chart format*)
 - Experience with DBE/MBE/WBE, Local Hiring, HUD Section 3, if applicable
- Pricing Proposal Description (*Also include figures in “Deliverables Table”*)
- *Evidence of Insurance

*These documents must be submitted and complete before the Town will review the remainder of the proposal:

APPENDIX A: FUNDING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE LAW ARTICLE 15-A

§ 310. Definitions

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "Certified business" shall mean a business verified as a minority or women-owned business enterprise pursuant to section three hundred fourteen of this article.

2. "Contracting agency" shall mean a state agency which is a party or a proposed party to a state contract or, in the case of a state contract described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirteen of this section, shall mean the New York state housing finance agency, housing trust fund corporation or affordable housing corporation, whichever has made or proposes to make the grant or loan for the state assisted housing project.

3. "Contractor" shall mean an individual, a business enterprise, including a sole proprietorship, a partnership, a corporation, a not-for-profit corporation, or any other party to a state contract, or a bidder in conjunction with the award of a state contract or a proposed party to a state contract.

4. "Director" shall mean the director of the division of minority and women's business development in the department of economic development.

5. "Large county" shall mean a county having a population in excess of two hundred eighty-five thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census, provided however, that a county having a population in excess of two hundred eighty-five thousand according to the nineteen hundred eighty federal decennial census shall continue to be a large county thereafter notwithstanding a later census showing a population of less than two hundred eighty-five thousand for such county.

6. "Metropolitan area" shall mean a city with a population of one million or more and a county having a population in excess of one million and immediately contiguous to such city.

7. "Minority-owned business enterprise" shall mean a business enterprise, including a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company or corporation that is:

(a) at least fifty-one percent owned by one or more minority group members;

(b) an enterprise in which such minority ownership is real, substantial and continuing;

(c) an enterprise in which such minority ownership has and exercises the authority to control independently the day-to-day business decisions of the enterprise;

(d) an enterprise authorized to do business in this state and independently owned and operated;

(e) an enterprise owned by an individual or individuals, whose ownership, control and operation are relied upon for certification, with a personal net worth that does not exceed three million five hundred thousand dollars, as adjusted annually on the first of January for inflation according to the consumer price index of the previous year; and

(f) an enterprise that is a small business pursuant to subdivision twenty of this section.

8. "Minority group member" shall mean a United States citizen or permanent resident alien who is and can demonstrate membership in one of the following groups:

(a) Black persons having origins in any of the Black African racial groups;

(b) Hispanic persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, Central or South American of either Indian or Hispanic origin, regardless of race;

(c) Native American or Alaskan native persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America.

(d) Asian and Pacific Islander persons having origins in any of the Far East countries, South East Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands.

9. "Utilization plan" shall mean a plan prepared by a contractor and submitted in connection with a proposed state contract. The utilization plan shall identify certified minority or women-owned business enterprises, if known, that have committed to perform work in connection with the proposed state contract as well as any such enterprises, if known, which the contractor intends to use in connection with the contractor's performance of the proposed state contract. The plan shall specifically contain a list, including the name, address and telephone number, of each certified enterprise with which the contractor intends to subcontract.

10. "Office" shall mean the division of minority and women's business development in the department of economic development.

11. "State agency" shall mean (a)(i) any state department, or (ii) any division, board, commission or bureau of any state department, or (iii) the state university of New York and the city university of New York, including all their constituent units except community colleges and the independent institutions operating statutory or contract colleges on behalf of the state, or (iv) a board, a majority of whose members are appointed by the governor or who serve by virtue of being state officers or employees as defined in subparagraph (i), (ii) or (iii) of paragraph (i) of subdivision one of section seventy-three of the public officers law:

(b) a "state authority," as defined in subdivision one of section two of the public authorities law, and the following:

Albany County Airport Authority;

Albany Port District Commission;

Alfred, Almond, Hornellsville Sewer Authority;

Battery Park City Authority;

Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority;

(Nelson A. Rockefeller) Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center Corporation;

Industrial Exhibit Authority;

Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority;

Long Island Power Authority;

Long Island Rail Road;

Long Island Market Authority;

Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority;

Metro-North Commuter Railroad;

Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority;

Metropolitan Transportation Authority;

Natural Heritage Trust;

New York City Transit Authority;

New York Convention Center Operating Corporation;

New York State Bridge Authority;

New York State Olympic Regional Development Authority;

New York State Thruway Authority;

Niagara Falls Public Water Authority;

Niagara Falls Water Board;

Port of Oswego Authority;

Power Authority of the State of New York;

Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation;

Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority;

State Insurance Fund;

Staten Island Rapid Transit Operating Authority;

State University Construction Fund;

Syracuse Regional Airport Authority;

Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority.

Upper Mohawk valley regional water board.

Upper Mohawk valley regional water finance authority.

Upper Mohawk valley memorial auditorium authority.

Urban Development Corporation and its subsidiary corporations.

(c) the following only to the extent of state contracts entered into for its own account or for the benefit of a state agency as defined in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subdivision:

Dormitory Authority of the State of New York;

Facilities Development Corporation;

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority;

New York State Science and Technology Foundation.

12. "State assisted housing project" shall mean, for such projects which receive from the New York state housing finance agency, the affordable housing corporation, the housing trust fund corporation or the division of housing and community renewal a grant or loan for all or part of the total project cost:

(a) a "permanent housing project for homeless families" or "project" as defined in subdivision five of section sixty-four of the private housing finance law;

(b) a "project" as defined in subdivision twelve of section one thousand one hundred one of the private housing finance law provided said project is located in a large county and consists of more than twelve residential units at a single site;

(c) "affordable home ownership development programs" or "project" as defined in subdivision eight of section one thousand one hundred eleven of the private housing finance law provided said project is located in a metropolitan area as herein defined and consists of more than twelve residential units at a single site;

(d) a "turnkey/enhanced rental project" or "project" as defined in subdivision two of section one thousand one hundred six-a of the private housing finance law;

(e) "infrastructure improvements" as defined in subdivision two of section one thousand one hundred thirty-one of the private housing finance law, to the extent that such "infrastructure improvements" are applied for in connection with a state assisted housing project as defined in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this subdivision and provided further that the applicant for such infrastructure improvements and for such state assisted housing project are identical.

13. "State contract" shall mean: (a) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars, whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services including but not limited to legal, financial and other professional services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting agency; (b) a written agreement in excess of one hundred thousand dollars whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; and (c) a written agreement in excess of one hundred thousand dollars whereby the owner of a state assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project.

14. "Subcontract" shall mean an agreement providing for a total expenditure in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon between a contractor and any individual or business enterprise, including a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or not-for-profit corporation, in which a portion of a contractor's obligation under a state contract is undertaken or assumed, but shall not include any construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property or improvements thereon for the beneficial use of the contractor.

15. "Women-owned business enterprise" shall mean a business enterprise, including a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company or corporation that is:

(a) at least fifty-one percent owned by one or more United States citizens or permanent resident aliens who are women;

(b) an enterprise in which the ownership interest of such women is real, substantial and continuing;

(c) an enterprise in which such women ownership has and exercises the authority to control independently the day-to-day business decisions of the enterprise;

(d) an enterprise authorized to do business in this state and independently owned and operated;

(e) an enterprise owned by an individual or individuals, whose ownership, control and operation are relied upon for certification, with a personal net worth that does not exceed three million five hundred thousand dollars, as adjusted annually on the first of January for inflation according to the consumer price index of the previous year; and

(f) an enterprise that is a small business pursuant to subdivision twenty of this section.

A firm owned by a minority group member who is also a woman may be certified as a minority-owned business enterprise, a women-owned business enterprise, or both, and may be counted towards either a minority-owned business enterprise goal or a women-owned business enterprise goal, in regard to any contract or any goal, set by an agency or authority, but such participation may not be counted towards both such goals. Such an enterprise's participation in a contract may not be divided between the minority-owned business enterprise goal and the women-owned business enterprise goal.

16. "Statewide advocate" shall mean the person appointed by the commissioner to serve in the capacity of the minority and women-owned business enterprise statewide advocate.

17. "Commissioner" shall mean the commissioner of the department of economic development.

18. "Lessee" shall mean an individual, a business enterprise, including a sole proprietorship, a partnership, a corporation, a not-for-profit corporation, or any other party to a lease with a state agency as defined in subdivision eleven of this section, or a respondent in conjunction with the award of such a lease or a proposed lessee with a state agency as defined in subdivision eleven of this section.

19. "Personal net worth" shall mean the aggregate adjusted net value of the assets of an individual remaining after total liabilities are deducted. Personal net worth includes the individual's share of assets held jointly with said individual's spouse and does not include the individual's ownership interest in the certified minority and women-owned business enterprise, the individual's equity in his or her primary residence, or up to five hundred thousand dollars of the present cash value of any qualified retirement savings plan or individual retirement account held by the individual less any penalties for early withdrawal.

20. "Small business" as used in this section, unless otherwise indicated, shall mean a business which has a significant business presence in the state, is independently owned and operated, not dominant in its field and employs, based on its industry, a certain number of persons as determined by the director, but not to exceed three hundred, taking into consideration factors which include, but are not limited to, federal small business administration standards pursuant to 13 CFR part 121 and any amendments thereto. The director may issue regulations on the construction of the terms in this definition.

21. "The 2010 disparity study" shall refer to the disparity study commissioned by the empire state development corporation, pursuant to section three hundred twelve-a of this article, and published on April twenty-nine, two thousand ten.

22. "Diversity practices" shall mean the contractor's practices and policies with respect to:

(a) utilizing certified minority and women-owned business enterprises in contracts awarded by a state agency or other public corporation, as subcontractors and suppliers; and

(b) entering into partnerships, joint ventures or other similar arrangements with certified minority and women-owned business enterprises as defined in this article or other applicable statute or regulation governing an entity's utilization of minority or women-owned business enterprises.

23. "Provisional MWBE Certification" shall mean minority and women-owned business enterprise certification status which shall not exceed one year, but which may be renewed by the director.

§ 311. Division of minority and women's business development

1. The head of the division of minority and women's business development shall be the director who shall be appointed by the governor and hold office at the pleasure of the commissioner. It shall be the duty of the director of the division of minority and women's business development to assist the governor in the formulation and implementation of laws and policies relating to minority and women-owned business enterprises.

2. The director may appoint such deputies, assistants, and other employees as may be needed for the performance of the duties prescribed herein subject to the provisions of the civil service law and the rules and regulations of the civil service commission. The director may request and

shall receive from any department, division, board, bureau, executive commission or agency of the state such assistance as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this article.

3. The director shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) to encourage and assist contracting agencies in their efforts to increase participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises on state contracts and subcontracts so as to facilitate the award of a fair share of such contracts to them;

(b) to develop standardized forms and reporting documents necessary to implement this article;

(c) to conduct educational programs consistent with the purposes of this article;

(d) to review periodically the practices and procedures of each contracting agency with respect to compliance with the provisions of this article, and to require them to file periodic reports with the division of minority and women's business development as to the level of minority and women-owned business enterprises participation in the awarding of agency contracts for goods and services;

(e) on January first of each year report to the governor and the chairpersons of the senate finance and assembly ways and means committees on the level of minority and women-owned business enterprises participating in each agency's contracts for goods and services and on activities of the office and effort by each contracting agency to promote employment of minority group members and women, and to promote and increase participation by certified businesses with respect to state contracts and subcontracts so as to facilitate the award of a fair share of state contracts to such businesses. The comptroller shall assist the division in collecting information on the participation of certified business for each contracting agency. Such report may recommend new activities and programs to effectuate the purposes of this article;

(f) to prepare and update periodically a directory of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises which shall, wherever practicable, be divided into categories of labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials and recognized construction trades and which shall indicate areas or locations of the state where such enterprises are available to perform services;

(g) to appoint independent hearing officers who by contract or terms of employment shall preside over adjudicatory hearings pursuant to section three hundred fourteen of this article for the office and who are assigned no other work by the office;

(h) notwithstanding the provisions of section two hundred ninety-six of this chapter, to file a complaint pursuant to the provisions of section two hundred ninety-seven of this chapter where the director has knowledge that a contractor may have violated the provisions of paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subdivision one of section two hundred ninety-six of this chapter where such violation is unrelated, separate or distinct from the state contract as expressed by its terms; and

(i) to streamline the state certification process to accept federal and municipal corporation certifications.

4. The director may provide assistance to, and facilitate access to programs serving certified businesses as well as applicants to ensure that such businesses benefit, as needed, from technical, managerial and financial, and general business assistance; training; marketing; organization and personnel skill development; project management assistance; technology assistance; bond and insurance education assistance; and other business development assistance. In addition, the director may, either independently or in conjunction with other state agencies:

(a) develop a clearinghouse of information on programs and services provided by entities that may assist such businesses;

(b) review bonding and paperwork requirements imposed by contracting agencies that may unnecessarily impede the ability of such businesses to compete; and

(c) seek to maximize utilization by minority and women-owned business enterprises of available federal resources including but not limited to federal grants, loans, loan guarantees, surety bonding guarantees, technical assistance, and programs and services of the federal small business administration.

§ 311-a. Minority and women-owned business enterprise statewide advocate

1. There is hereby established within the department of economic development an office of the minority and women-owned business enterprise statewide advocate. The statewide advocate shall be appointed by the

commissioner with the advice of the small business advisory board as established in section one hundred thirty-three of the economic development law and shall serve in the unclassified service of the director. The statewide advocate shall be located in the Albany empire state development office.

2. The advocate shall act as a liaison for minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBEs) to assist them in obtaining technical, managerial, financial and other business assistance for certified businesses and applicants. The advocate shall investigate complaints brought by or on behalf of MWBEs concerning certification delays and instances of violations of law by state agencies. The statewide advocate shall assist certified businesses and applicants in the certification process. Other functions of the statewide advocate shall be directed by the commissioner. The advocate may request and the director may appoint staff and employees of the division of minority and women business development to support the administration of the office of the statewide advocate.

3. The statewide advocate shall establish a toll-free number at the department of economic development to be used to answer questions concerning the MWBE certification process.

4. The statewide advocate shall report to the director and commissioner by November fifteenth on an annual basis on all activities related to fulfilling the obligations of the office of the statewide advocate. The commissioner shall include the unedited text of the statewide advocate's report within the reports submitted by the department of economic development to the governor and the legislature.

§ 312. Equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women

1. All state contracts and all documents soliciting bids or proposals for state contracts shall contain or make reference to the following provisions:

(a) The contractor will not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, and will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. For purposes of this article affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgradings, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.

(b) At the request of the contracting agency, the contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the contractor's obligations herein.

(c) The contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the state contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

2. The contractor will include the provisions of subdivision one of this section in every subcontract, except as provided in subdivision six of this section, in such a manner that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the state contract.

3. The provisions of this section shall not be binding upon contractors or subcontractors in the performance of work or the provision of services or any other activity that are unrelated, separate or distinct from the state contract as expressed by its terms.

4. In the implementation of this section, the contracting agency shall consider compliance by a contractor or subcontractor with the requirements of any federal law concerning equal employment opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this section. The contracting agency shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such law and if such duplication or conflict exists, the contracting agency shall waive the applicability of this section to the extent of such duplication or conflict.

5. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations to ensure that contractors and subcontractors undertake programs of affirmative action and equal employment opportunity as required by this section. Such rules and regulations as they pertain to any particular agency shall be developed after consultation with contracting agencies. Such rules and regulations may require a contractor, after notice in a bid solicitation, to submit an equal employment opportunity program after bid opening and prior to the award of any contract, and may require the contractor or subcontractor to submit compliance reports relating to the contractor's or subcontractor's operation and implementation of any equal employment opportunity program in effect

as of the date the contract is executed. The contracting agency may recommend to the director that the director take appropriate action according to the procedures set forth in section three hundred sixteen of this article against the contractor for noncompliance with the requirements of this section. The contracting agency shall be responsible for monitoring compliance with this section.

6. The requirements of this section shall not apply to any employment outside this state or application for employment outside this state or solicitations or advertisements therefor, or any existing programs of affirmative action regarding employment outside this state and the effect of contract provisions required by subdivision one of this section shall be so limited.

§ 312-a. Study of minority and women-owned business enterprise programs

1. The director of the division of minority and women-owned business development in the department of economic development is authorized and directed to recommission a statewide disparity study regarding the participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises in state contracts since the amendment of this article to be delivered to the governor and legislature no later than August fifteenth, two thousand sixteen. The study shall be prepared by an entity independent of the department and selected through a request for proposal process. The purpose of such study is:

(a) to determine whether there is a disparity between the number of qualified minority and women-owned businesses ready, willing and able to perform state contracts for commodities, services and construction, and the number of such contractors actually engaged to perform such contracts, and to determine what changes, if any, should be made to state policies affecting minority and women-owned business enterprises; and (b) to determine whether there is a disparity between the number of qualified minorities and women ready, willing and able, with respect to labor markets, qualifications and other relevant factors, to participate in contractor employment, management level bodies, including boards of directors, and as senior executive officers within contracting entities and the number of such group members actually employed or affiliated with state contractors in the aforementioned capacities, and to determine what changes, if any, should be made to state policies affecting minority and women group populations with regard to state contractors' employment and appointment practices relative to diverse group members. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the history of minority and women-owned business enterprise

programs and their effectiveness as a means of securing and ensuring participation by minorities and women, and a disparity analysis by market area and region of the state. Such study shall distinguish between minority males, minority females and non-minority females in the statistical analysis.

2. The director of the division of minority and women-owned business development is directed to transmit the disparity study to the governor and the legislature not later than August fifteenth, two thousand sixteen, and to post the study on the website of the department of economic development.

§ 313. Opportunities for minority and women-owned business enterprises

1. Goals and requirements for agencies and contractors. Each agency shall structure procurement procedures for contracts made directly or indirectly to minority and women-owned business enterprises, in accordance with the findings of the two thousand ten disparity study, consistent with the purposes of this article, to attempt to achieve the following results with regard to total annual statewide procurement:

(a) construction industry for certified minority-owned business enterprises: fourteen and thirty-four hundredths percent;

(b) construction industry for certified women-owned business enterprises: eight and forty-one hundredths percent;

(c) construction related professional services industry for certified minority-owned business enterprises: thirteen and twenty-one hundredths percent;

(d) construction related professional services industry for certified women-owned business enterprises: eleven and thirty-two hundredths percent;

(e) non-construction related services industry for certified minority-owned business enterprises: nineteen and sixty hundredths percent;

(f) non-construction related services industry for certified women-owned business enterprises: seventeen and forty-four hundredths percent;

(g) commodities industry for certified minority-owned business enterprises: sixteen and eleven hundredths percent;

(h) commodities industry for certified women-owned business enterprises: ten and ninety-three hundredths percent;

(i) overall agency total dollar value of procurement for certified minority-owned business enterprises: sixteen and fifty-three hundredths percent;

(j) overall agency total dollar value of procurement for certified women-owned business enterprises: twelve and thirty-nine hundredths percent; and

(k) overall agency total dollar value of procurement for certified minority, women-owned business enterprises: twenty-eight and ninety-two hundredths percent.

1-a. The director shall ensure that each state agency has been provided with a copy of the two thousand ten disparity study.

1-b. Each agency shall develop and adopt agency-specific goals based on the findings of the two thousand ten disparity study.

2. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the goals established in subdivision one of this section that provide measures and procedures to ensure that certified minority and women-owned businesses shall be given the opportunity for maximum feasible participation in the performance of state contracts and to assist in the agency's identification of those state contracts for which minority and women-owned certified businesses may best bid to actively and affirmatively promote and assist their participation in the performance of state contracts so as to facilitate the agency's achievement of the maximum feasible portion of the goals for state contracts to such businesses.

2-a. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations that will accomplish the following:

(a) provide for the certification and decertification of minority and women-owned business enterprises for all agencies through a single process that meets applicable requirements;

(b) require that each contract solicitation document accompanying each solicitation set forth the expected degree of minority and women-owned business enterprise participation based, in part, on:

(i) the potential subcontract opportunities available in the prime procurement contract; and

(ii) the availability, as contained within the study, of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises to respond competitively to the potential subcontract opportunities;

(c) require that each agency provide a current list of certified minority business enterprises to each prospective contractor;

(d) allow a contractor that is a certified minority-owned or women-owned business enterprise to use the work it performs to meet requirements for use of certified minority-owned or women-owned business enterprises as subcontractors;

(e) provide for joint ventures, which a bidder may count toward meeting its minority and women-owned business enterprise participation;

(f) consistent with subdivision six of this section, provide for circumstances under which an agency may waive obligations of the contractor relating to minority and women-owned business enterprise participation;

(g) require that an agency verify that minority and women-owned business enterprises listed in a successful bid are actually participating to the extent listed in the project for which the bid was submitted;

(h) provide for the collection of statistical data by each agency concerning actual minority and women-owned business enterprise participation; and

(i) require each agency to consult the most current disparity study when calculating agency-wide and contract specific participation goals pursuant to this article.

3. Solely for the purpose of providing the opportunity for meaningful participation by certified businesses in the performance of state contracts as provided in this section, state contracts shall include leases of real property by a state agency to a lessee where: the terms of such leases provide for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon by such lessee; and the cost of such construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon shall exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Reports to the director pursuant to section three hundred fifteen of this article shall include activities with respect to all such state contracts. Contracting agencies shall include or require to be included with respect to state contracts for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon, such provisions as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section in every bid specification and state contract, including, but not limited to: (a) provisions requiring contractors to make a good faith effort to solicit active participation by enterprises identified in the directory of certified businesses provided to the contracting agency by the office; (b)

requiring the parties to agree as a condition of entering into such contract, to be bound by the provisions of section three hundred sixteen of this article; and (c) requiring the contractor to include the provisions set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision in every subcontract in a manner that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with such contract. Provided, however, that no such provisions shall be binding upon contractors or subcontractors in the performance of work or the provision of services that are unrelated, separate or distinct from the state contract as expressed by its terms, and nothing in this section shall authorize the director or any contracting agency to impose any requirement on a contractor or subcontractor except with respect to a state contract.

4. In the implementation of this section, the contracting agency shall (a) consult the findings contained within the disparity study evidencing relevant industry specific availability of certified businesses;

(b) implement a program that will enable the agency to evaluate each contract to determine the appropriateness of the goal pursuant to subdivision one of this section;

(c) consider where practicable, the severability of construction projects and other bundled contracts; and

(d) consider compliance with the requirements of any federal law concerning opportunities for minority and women-owned business enterprises which effectuates the purpose of this section. The contracting agency shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of any such law duplicate or conflict with the provisions hereof and if such duplication or conflict exists, the contracting agency shall waive the applicability of this section to the extent of such duplication or conflict.

5. (a) Contracting agencies shall administer the rules and regulations promulgated by the director in a good faith effort to meet the maximum feasible portion of the agency's goals adopted pursuant to this article and the regulations of the director. Such rules and regulations: shall require a contractor to submit a utilization plan after bids are opened, when bids are required, but prior to the award of a state contract; shall require the contracting agency to review the utilization plan submitted by the contractor and to post the utilization plan and any waivers of compliance issued pursuant to subdivision six of this section on the website of the contracting agency within a reasonable period of time as established by the director; shall require the contracting agency to notify the contractor in writing within a period of time specified by the director as to any deficiencies contained in

the contractor's utilization plan; shall require remedy thereof within a period of time specified by the director; shall require the contractor to submit periodic compliance reports relating to the operation and implementation of any utilization plan; shall not allow any automatic waivers but shall allow a contractor to apply for a partial or total waiver of the minority and women-owned business enterprise participation requirements pursuant to subdivisions six and seven of this section; shall allow a contractor to file a complaint with the director pursuant to subdivision eight of this section in the event a contracting agency has failed or refused to issue a waiver of the minority and women-owned business enterprise participation requirements or has denied such request for a waiver; and shall allow a contracting agency to file a complaint with the director pursuant to subdivision nine of this section in the event a contractor is failing or has failed to comply with the minority and women-owned business enterprise participation requirements set forth in the state contract where no waiver has been granted.

(b) The rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this subdivision regarding a utilization plan shall provide that where enterprises have been identified within a utilization plan, a contractor shall attempt, in good faith, to utilize such enterprise at least to the extent indicated. A contracting agency may require a contractor to indicate, within a utilization plan, what measures and procedures he or she intends to take to comply with the provisions of this article, but may not require, as a condition of award of, or compliance with, a contract that a contractor utilize a particular enterprise in performance of the contract.

(c) Without limiting other grounds for the disqualification of bids or proposals on the basis of non-responsibility, a contracting agency may disqualify the bid or proposal of a contractor as being non-responsible for failure to remedy notified deficiencies contained in the contractor's utilization plan within a period of time specified in regulations promulgated by the director after receiving notification of such deficiencies from the contracting agency. Where failure to remedy any notified deficiency in the utilization plan is a ground for disqualification, that issue and all other grounds for disqualification shall be stated in writing by the contracting agency. Where the contracting agency states that a failure to remedy any notified deficiency in the utilization plan is a ground for disqualification the contractor shall be entitled to an administrative hearing, on a record, involving all grounds stated by the contracting agency. Such hearing shall be conducted by the appropriate authority of the contracting agency to review the determination of disqualification. A final administrative determination made following such hearing shall be reviewable in a proceeding commenced under article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules, provided that such

proceeding is commenced within thirty days of the notice given by certified mail return receipt requested rendering such final administrative determination. Such proceeding shall be commenced in the supreme court, appellate division, third department and such proceeding shall be preferred over all other civil causes except election causes, and shall be heard and determined in preference to all other civil business pending therein, except election matters, irrespective of position on the calendar. Appeals taken to the court of appeals of the state of New York shall be subject to the same preference.

6. Where it appears that a contractor cannot, after a good faith effort, comply with the minority and women-owned business enterprise participation requirements set forth in a particular state contract, a contractor may file a written application with the contracting agency requesting a partial or total waiver of such requirements setting forth the reasons for such contractor's inability to meet any or all of the participation requirements together with an explanation of the efforts undertaken by the contractor to obtain the required minority and women-owned business enterprise participation. In implementing the provisions of this section, the contracting agency shall consider the number and types of minority and women-owned business enterprises located in the region in which the state contract is to be performed, the total dollar value of the state contract, the scope of work to be performed and the project size and term. If, based on such considerations, the contracting agency determines there is not a reasonable availability of contractors on the list of certified business to furnish services for the project, it shall issue a waiver of compliance to the contractor. In making such determination, the contracting agency shall first consider the availability of other business enterprises located in the region and shall thereafter consider the financial ability of minority and women-owned businesses located outside the region in which the contract is to be performed to perform the state contract.

7. For purposes of determining a contractor's good faith effort to comply with the requirements of this section or to be entitled to a waiver therefrom the contracting agency shall consider:

(a) whether the contractor has advertised in general circulation media, trade association publications, and minority-focus and women-focus media and, in such event, (i) whether or not certified minority or women-owned businesses which have been solicited by the contractor exhibited interest in submitting proposals for a particular project by attending a pre-bid conference; and

(ii) whether certified businesses which have been solicited by the contractor have responded in a timely fashion to the contractor's solicitations for timely competitive bid quotations prior to the contracting agency's bid date; and

(b) whether there has been written notification to appropriate certified businesses that appear in the directory of certified businesses prepared pursuant to paragraph (f) of subdivision three of section three hundred eleven of this article; and

(c) whether the contractor can reasonably structure the amount of work to be performed under subcontracts in order to increase the likelihood of participation by certified businesses.

8. In the event that a contracting agency fails or refuses to issue a waiver to a contractor as requested within twenty days after having made application therefor pursuant to subdivision six of this section or if the contracting agency denies such application, in whole or in part, the contractor may file a complaint with the director pursuant to section three hundred sixteen of this article setting forth the facts and circumstances giving rise to the contractor's complaint together with a demand for relief. The contractor shall serve a copy of such complaint upon the contracting agency by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested. The contracting agency shall be afforded an opportunity to respond to such complaint in writing.

9. If, after the review of a contractor's minority and women owned business utilization plan or review of a periodic compliance report and after such contractor has been afforded an opportunity to respond to a notice of deficiency issued by the contracting agency in connection therewith, it appears that a contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the minority and women-owned business participation requirements as set forth in the state contract and where no waiver from such requirements has been granted, the contracting agency may file a written complaint with the director pursuant to section three hundred sixteen of this article setting forth the facts and circumstances giving rise to the contracting agency's complaint together with a demand for relief. The contracting agency shall serve a copy of such complaint upon the contractor by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested. The contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to respond to such complaint in writing.

§ 313-a. Diversity practices of state contractors

The director shall promulgate rules and regulations setting forth measures and procedures to require all contracting agencies, where practicable, feasible and appropriate, to assess the diversity practices of contractors

submitting bids or proposals in connection with the award of a state contract. Such rules and regulations shall take into account: the nature of the labor, services, supplies, equipment or materials being procured by the state agency; the method of procurement required to be used by a state agency to award the contract and minority and women-owned business utilization plans required to be submitted pursuant to sections three hundred twelve and three hundred thirteen of this article; and such other factors as the director deems appropriate or necessary to promote the award of state contracts to contractors having sound diversity practices. Such assessment shall not in any way permit the automatic rejection of a bid or procurement contract proposal based on lack of adherence to diversity practices. Each bid or proposal shall be analyzed on an individual per bid or per proposal basis with the contractor's diversity practices considered as only a part of a wider consideration of several factors when deciding to award or decline to award a bid or proposal. The director shall develop the rules and regulations required hereunder only after consultation with the state procurement council established by section one hundred sixty-one of the state finance law.

§ 314. Statewide certification program

1. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations providing for the establishment of a statewide certification program including rules and regulations governing the approval, denial or revocation of any such certification. Such rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, such matters as may be required to ensure that the established procedures thereunder shall at least be in compliance with the code of fair procedure set forth in section seventy-three of the civil rights law.

2. For the purposes of this article, the office shall be responsible for verifying businesses as being owned, operated, and controlled by minority group members or women and for certifying such verified businesses. The director shall prepare a directory of certified businesses for use by contracting agencies and contractors in carrying out the provisions of this article. The director shall periodically update the directory.

2-a. (a) The director shall establish a procedure enabling the office to accept New York municipal corporation certification verification for minority and women-owned business enterprise applicants in lieu of requiring the applicant to complete the state certification process. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations to set forth criteria for the acceptance of municipal corporation certification. All eligible municipal corporation certifications shall require business enterprises seeking certification to meet the following standards:

(i) have at least fifty-one percent ownership by a minority or a women-owned enterprise and be owned by United States citizens or permanent resident aliens;

(ii) be an enterprise in which the minority and/or women-ownership interest is real, substantial and continuing;

(iii) be an enterprise in which the minority and/or women-ownership has and exercises the authority to control independently the day-to-day business decisions of the enterprise;

(iv) be an enterprise authorized to do business in this state;

(v) be subject to a physical site inspection to verify the fifty-one percent ownership requirement;

(vi) be owned by an individual or individuals, whose ownership, control and operation are relied upon for certification, with a personal net worth that does not exceed three million five hundred thousand dollars, as adjusted annually for inflation according to the consumer price index; and

(vii) be an enterprise that is a small business pursuant to subdivision twenty of section three hundred ten of this article.

(b) The director shall work with all municipal corporations that have a municipal minority and women-owned business enterprise program to develop standards to accept state certification to meet the municipal corporation minority and women-owned business enterprise certification standards.

(c) The director shall establish a procedure enabling the division to accept federal certification verification for minority and women-owned business enterprise applicants, provided said standards comport with those required by the state minority and women-owned business program, in lieu of requiring the applicant to complete the state certification process. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations to set forth criteria for the acceptance of federal certification.

3. Following application for certification pursuant to this section, the director shall provide the applicant with written notice of the status of the application, including notice of any outstanding deficiencies, within thirty days. Within sixty days of submission of a final completed application, the director shall provide the applicant with written notice of a determination by the office approving or denying such certification and, in the event of a

denial a statement setting forth the reasons for such denial. Upon a determination denying or revoking certification, the business enterprise for which certification has been so denied or revoked shall, upon written request made within thirty days from receipt of notice of such determination, be entitled to a hearing before an independent hearing officer designated for such purpose by the director. In the event that a request for a hearing is not made within such thirty day period, such determination shall be deemed to be final. The independent hearing officer shall conduct a hearing and upon the conclusion of such hearing, issue a written recommendation to the director to affirm, reverse or modify such determination of the director. Such written recommendation shall be issued to the parties. The director, within thirty days, by order, must accept, reject or modify such recommendation of the hearing officer and set forth in writing the reasons therefor. The director shall serve a copy of such order and reasons therefor upon the business enterprise by personal service or by certified mail return receipt requested. The order of the director shall be subject to review pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules.

4. The director may, after performing an availability analysis and upon a finding that industry-specific factors coupled with personal net worth or small business eligibility requirements pursuant to subdivisions nineteen and twenty of section three hundred ten of this article, respectively, have led to the significant exclusion of businesses owned by minority group members or women in that industry, grant provisional MWBE certification status to applicants from that designated industry, provided, however, that all other eligibility requirements pursuant to subdivision seven or fifteen of section three hundred ten of this article, as applicable, are satisfied. Any industry-based determination made under this section by the director shall be made widely available to the public and posted on the division's website.

5. With the exception of provisional MWBE certification, as provided for in subdivision twenty-three of section three hundred ten of this article, all certifications shall be valid for a period of three years.

§ 315. Responsibilities of contracting agencies

1. Each contracting agency shall be responsible for monitoring state contracts under its jurisdiction, and recommending matters to the office respecting non-compliance with the provisions of this article so that the office may take such action as is appropriate to insure compliance with the provisions of this article, the rules and regulations of the director issued hereunder and the contractual provisions required pursuant to this article. All contracting agencies shall comply with the rules and regulations of the office and are directed to cooperate with the office and to furnish to the

office such information and assistance as may be required in the performance of its functions under this article.

2. Each contracting agency shall provide to prospective bidders a current copy of the directory of certified businesses, and a copy of the regulations required pursuant to sections three hundred twelve and three hundred thirteen of this article at the time bids or proposals are solicited.

3. Each contracting agency shall report to the director with respect to activities undertaken to promote employment of minority group members and women and promote and increase participation by certified businesses with respect to state contracts and subcontracts. Such reports shall be submitted periodically, but not less frequently than annually, as required by the director, and shall include such information as is necessary for the director to determine whether the contracting agency and contractor have complied with the purposes of this article, including, without limitation, a summary of all waivers of the requirements of subdivisions six and seven of section three hundred thirteen of this article allowed by the contracting agency during the period covered by the report, including a description of the basis of the waiver request and the rationale for granting any such waiver. Each agency shall also include in such annual report whether or not it has been required to prepare a remedial plan, and, if so, the plan and the extent to which the agency has complied with each element of the plan.

4. The division of minority and women's business development shall issue an annual report which: (a) summarizes the report submitted by each contracting agency pursuant to subdivision three of this section; (b) contains such comparative or other information as the director deems appropriate, including but not limited to goals compared to actual participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises in state contracting, to evaluate the effectiveness of the activities undertaken by each such contracting agency to promote increased participation by certified minority or women-owned businesses with respect to state contracts and subcontracts; (c) contains a summary of all waivers of the requirements of subdivisions six and seven of section three hundred thirteen of this article allowed by each contracting agency during the period covered by the report, including a description of the basis of the waiver request and the contracting agency's rationale for granting any such waiver; (d) describes any efforts to create a database or other information storage and retrieval system containing information relevant to contracting with minority and women-owned business enterprises; and (e) contains a summary of (i) all determinations of violations of this article by a contractor or a contracting agency made during the period covered by the annual report pursuant to section three hundred sixteen-a of this article and (ii) the penalties or

sanctions, if any, assessed in connection with such determinations and the rationale for such penalties or sanctions. Copies of the annual report shall be provided to the commissioner, the governor, the comptroller, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the assembly and shall also be made widely available to the public via, among other things, publication on a website maintained by the division of minority and women's business development.

5. Each agency shall include in its annual report to the governor and legislature pursuant to section one hundred sixty-four of the executive law its annual goals for contracts with minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises, the number of actual contracts issued to minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises; and a summary of all waivers of the requirements of subdivisions six and seven of section three hundred thirteen of this article allowed by the reporting agency during the preceding year, including a description of the basis of the waiver request and the rationale for granting such waiver. Each agency shall also include in such annual report whether or not it has been required to prepare a remedial plan, and, if so, the plan and the extent to which the agency has complied with each element of the plan.

6. Each contracting agency that substantially fails to meet the goals supported by the disparity study, as defined by regulation of the director, shall be required to submit to the director a remedial action plan to remedy such failure.

7. If it is determined by the director that any agency has failed to act in good faith to implement the remedial action plan, pursuant to subdivision six of this section within one year, the director shall provide written notice of such a finding, which shall be publicly available, and direct implementation of remedial actions to:

(a) assure that sufficient and effective solicitation efforts to women and minority-owned business enterprises are being made by said agency;

(b) divide contract requirements, when economically feasible, into quantities that will expand the participation of women and minority-owned business enterprises;

(c) eliminate extended experience or capitalization requirements, when programmatically and economically feasible, that will expand participation by women and minority-owned business enterprises;

(d) identify specific proposed contracts as particularly attractive or appropriate for participation by women and minority-owned business enterprises with such identification to result from and be coupled with the efforts of paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this subdivision; and

(e) upon a finding by the director that an agency has failed to take affirmative measures to implement the remedial plan and to follow any of the remedial actions set forth by the director, and in the absence of any objective progress towards the agency's goals, require some or all of the agency's procurement, for a specified period of time, be placed under the direction and control of another agency or agencies.

§ 316. Enforcement

Upon receipt by the director of a complaint by a contracting agency that a contractor has violated the provisions of a state contract which have been included to comply with the provisions of this article or of a contractor that a contracting agency has violated such provisions or has failed or refused to issue a waiver where one has been applied for pursuant to subdivision six of section three hundred thirteen of this article or has denied such application, the director shall attempt to resolve the matter giving rise to such complaint. If efforts to resolve such matter to the satisfaction of all parties are unsuccessful, the director shall refer the matter, within thirty days of the receipt of the complaint, to the division's hearing officers. Upon conclusion of the administrative hearing, the hearing officer shall submit to the director his or her decision regarding the alleged violation of the contract and recommendations regarding the imposition of sanctions, fines or penalties. The director, within ten days of receipt of the decision, shall file a determination of such matter and shall cause a copy of such determination along with a copy of this article to be served upon the contractor by personal service or by certified mail return receipt requested. The decision of the hearing officer shall be final and may only be vacated or modified as provided in article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules upon an application made within the time provided by such article. The determination of the director as to the imposition of any fines, sanctions or penalties shall be reviewable pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules. The penalties imposed for any violation which is premised upon either a fraudulent or intentional misrepresentation by the contractor or the contractor's willful and intentional disregard of the minority and women-owned participation requirement included in the contract may include a determination that the contractor shall be ineligible to submit a bid to any contracting agency or be awarded any such contract for a period not to exceed one year following the final determination; provided however, if a contractor has previously been determined to be ineligible to submit a bid

pursuant to this section, the penalties imposed for any subsequent violation, if such violation occurs within five years of the first violation, may include a determination that the contractor shall be ineligible to submit a bid to any contracting agency or be awarded any such contract for a period not to exceed five years following the final determination. The division of minority and women's business development shall maintain a website listing all contractors that have been deemed ineligible to submit a bid pursuant to this section and the date after which each contractor shall once again become eligible to submit bids.

§ 316-a. Prohibitions in contracts; violations

Every contracting agency shall include a provision in its state contracts expressly providing that any contractor who willfully and intentionally fails to comply with the minority and women-owned participation requirements of this article as set forth in such state contract shall be liable to the contracting agency for liquidated or other appropriate damages and shall provide for other appropriate remedies on account of such breach. A contracting agency that elects to proceed against a contractor for breach of contract as provided in this section shall be precluded from seeking enforcement pursuant to section three hundred sixteen of this article; provided however, that the contracting agency shall include a summary of all enforcement actions undertaken pursuant to this section in its annual report submitted pursuant to subdivision three of section three hundred fifteen of this article.

§ 317. Superseding effect of article with respect to state law

The provisions of this article shall supersede any other provision of state law, which expressly implements or mandates an equal employment opportunity program or a program for securing participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises, concerning action to be taken by any party to a state contract, to which the provisions of this article apply; provided, however, that the provisions of any state law, not as hereinabove superseded, which expressly implement or mandate such programs shall remain unimpaired by the provisions of this article, except that the provisions of any such law shall be construed as if the provisions of subdivisions five, six, seven and eight of section three hundred thirteen and section three hundred sixteen of this article were fully set forth therein and made applicable only to complaints of violations under such provisions of law occurring on or after September first, nineteen hundred eighty-eight; provided, further, that nothing contained in this article shall be construed to limit, impair, or otherwise restrict any state agency's authority or discretionary power in effect prior to the enactment of this article to

establish or continue, by rule, regulation or resolution, an equal opportunity program or a program for securing participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises with regard to banking relationships, the issuance of insurance policies or contracts for the sale of bonds, notes or other securities; and, provided further, that nothing contained in the immediately preceding proviso shall be construed to create, impair, alter, limit, modify, enlarge, abrogate or restrict any agency's authority or discretionary power with respect to an equal opportunity program or a program for securing participation of minority and women-owned enterprises.

§ 318. Severability

The provisions of this article shall supersede any other provision of state law, which expressly implements or mandates an equal employment opportunity program or a program for securing participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises, concerning action to be taken by any party to a state contract, to which the provisions of this article apply; provided, however, that the provisions of any state law, not as hereinabove superseded, which expressly implement or mandate such programs shall remain unimpaired by the provisions of this article, except that the provisions of any such law shall be construed as if the provisions of subdivisions five, six, seven and eight of section three hundred thirteen and section three hundred sixteen of this article were fully set forth therein and made applicable only to complaints of violations under such provisions of law occurring on or after September first, nineteen hundred eighty-eight; provided, further, that nothing contained in this article shall be construed to limit, impair, or otherwise restrict any state agency's authority or discretionary power in effect prior to the enactment of this article to establish or continue, by rule, regulation or resolution, an equal opportunity program or a program for securing participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises with regard to banking relationships, the issuance of insurance policies or contracts for the sale of bonds, notes or other securities; and, provided further, that nothing contained in the immediately preceding proviso shall be construed to create, impair, alter, limit, modify, enlarge, abrogate or restrict any agency's authority or discretionary power with respect to an equal opportunity program or a program for securing participation of minority and women-owned enterprises.

Opportunity Programs Group

UPSTATE: 515 Broadway • Albany, NY 12207-2964 • Phone: (518) 257-3706 Fax: (518) 257-3100
DOWNSTATE: One Penn Plaza, 52nd Floor • New York, NY • 10119-0098 • Phone: (212) 273-5038 Fax: (212) 273-5121

“GOOD FAITH EFFORTS” GUIDELINES

All firms selected to perform on DASNY contracts, that included MBE/WBE/SDVOB requirements, should use these Guidelines for the preparation of MBE/WBE and SDVOB Utilization Plans and all supporting “good faith efforts” documentation.

Responses to information in the Guidelines should be given in an item-by-item format following the numerical sequence as presented and submitted with your Request for Waiver to the Opportunity Programs Group. If you fail to adequately document and respond to each item, it may result in a finding of non-compliance. If you need assistance, please contact the Opportunity Programs Group at (518) 257-3706 (Upstate) or (212) 273-5038 (Downstate).

GUIDELINES

1. Attach a copy of the completed Utilization Plan in accordance with MBE/WBE/SDVOB goals established in the Contract Documents.
2. Submit a written request for a referral list of M/WBE’s certified by NYS Empire State Development or SDVOB’s certified by OGS Division of Service-Disabled Veteran’s Business Development by trade or service from the Opportunity Programs Group for subcontracting and procurement opportunities.
3. Provide a record of written solicitations made to certified MBE/WBE/SDVOB’s obtained from the NYS Empire State Development directory of certified businesses located at: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com> and the directory of OGS Division of Service-Disabled Veteran’s Business Development certified businesses located at: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/Core/SDVOBA.asp>. Include dates and copies of solicitations made.
4. Contact all the NYS Empire State Development certified MBE/WBEs and OGS Division of Service-Disabled Veteran’s Business Development certified SDVOB’s posted in the list of interested subcontractors and suppliers posted on the DASNY’s website: <http://www.dasny.org/construc/bidops/03C2.php>.
5. Provide a record of advertisements placed in general circulation, trade and minority and women oriented publications. Include the name of publications and dates of advertisements.
6. Submit documentation that clearly demonstrates that you contacted all the MBE/WBE/SDVOB’s identified through the outreach activities outlined above to determine their capacity to perform the applicable scope of work.

“GOOD FAITH EFFORTS” GUIDELINES cont’d

7. Provide a record of ALL responses received from NYS certified minority and women-owned business enterprises and OGS certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses to any such advertisements and solicitations made. Include dates and copies of any written responses.
8. Provide a list of any pre-bid, pre-award, or other meetings attended with NYS certified minority or women owned businesses or OGS certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses.
9. List the efforts undertaken to subdivide portions of the work into smaller components in order to increase NYS certified minority and women-owned business enterprise participation or OGS certified service-disabled veteran-owned business participation.
10. Did your firm solicit any NYS certified minority and women-owned business enterprises or OGS certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses located outside the region where the scope of work is to be performed? If so, what actions were taken to contact and assess the financial ability of those firms to participate?
11. Provide a description of all relevant contract documents, plans or specifications, or documents describing the scope of work which was made available to NYS certified minority and women-owned business enterprises or OGS certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses for the purposes of soliciting their bids. Include the dates and manner in which these documents were made available.
12. Were the same subcontract terms and conditions offered to NYS certified minority and women-owned business enterprises and OGS certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses as those offered in the ordinary course of business and to other subcontractors?
13. Did your firm engage in direct in person or telephone negotiations with NYS certified M/WBE firms or OGS certified SDVOB firms where quotes originally submitted were deemed as too high?
14. Has your firm made payments for work performed by NYS certified minority and women-owned business enterprises or OGS certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses in a timely fashion for past work so as to facilitate continued performance by the certified businesses?
15. List any special considerations and/or concerns, which are preventing adequate NYS certified minority and women-owned business enterprises or OGS certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses to participate.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

PRIME CONTRACTOR / CONSULTANT / VENDOR INFORMATION

Requisition Date: _____ Requisition Amount: _____

Firm Name:	Federal ID No:	Project No:	Proj Name:
Address:	Contact:	Contract No:	WAJO No (if applicable):
	Phone:	Institution:	
	Email:	Work Description:	

MBE/WBE/SDVOB - PAYMENTS

Instructions: In the appropriate section, please list each NYS Certified MBE/WBE/SDVOB subcontractor or supplier being utilized. All subcontractors and suppliers utilized must be listed regardless of the award amount or the payment being made. Compliance Report Instructions click [HERE](#)

MBE PAYMENT INFORMATION
 Check if no MBE subcontractors or suppliers are being utilized in this section

MBE Company Information	Federal ID Number	Classification	Amount to be Paid from this Requisition	Total Amount Paid from Prior Requisitions	Subcontract/PO's Award Amount
Firm Name: Address: Work Description:		<input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor <input type="checkbox"/> Subconsultant <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier			
Firm Name: Address: Work Description:		<input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor <input type="checkbox"/> Subconsultant <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier			

MBE SUBTOTAL:
WBE PAYMENT INFORMATION
 Check if no WBE subcontractors or suppliers are being utilized in this section

WBE Company Information	Federal ID Number	Classification	Amount to be Paid from this Requisition	Total Amount Paid from Prior Requisitions	Subcontract/PO's Award Amount
Firm Name: Address: Work Description:		<input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor <input type="checkbox"/> Subconsultant <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier			
Firm Name: Address: Work Description:		<input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor <input type="checkbox"/> Subconsultant <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier			

WBE SUBTOTAL:

COMPLIANCE REPORT

SDVOB PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check if no SDVOB subcontractors or suppliers are being utilized in this section

SDVOB Company Information	Federal ID Number	Classification	Amount to be Paid from this Requisition	Total Amount Paid from Prior Requisitions	Subcontract/PO's Award Amount
Firm Name: Address: Work Description:		<input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor <input type="checkbox"/> Subconsultant <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier			
Firm Name: Address: Work Description:		<input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor <input type="checkbox"/> Subconsultant <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier			

SDVOB SUBTOTAL:

NON-MBE/WBE/SDVOB - PAYMENTS

Instructions: List each NON-MBE/WBE/SDVOB subcontractor or supplier being utilized with a total award amount of subcontracts and purchase orders greater than \$10,000. All subcontractors and suppliers identified must be listed regardless of the payment being made.

NON-MBE/WBE/SDVOB PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check if no firms or suppliers are being utilized in this section

NON-MBE/WBE/SDVOB Company Information	Federal ID Number	Classification	Amount to be Paid from this Requisition	Total Amount Paid from Prior Requisitions	Subcontract/PO's Award Amount
Firm Name: Address: Work Description:		<input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor <input type="checkbox"/> Subconsultant <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier			
Firm Name: Address: Work Description:		<input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor <input type="checkbox"/> Subconsultant <input type="checkbox"/> Supplier			

NON-MBE/WBE/SDVOB SUBTOTAL:

REPORT TOTAL:

COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION*

_____ { name of firm } _____ hereby certifies that for the current payment period: (i) the information in this report regarding MBE/WBE/SDVOB participation on the contract is true and accurate; (ii) the MBE/WBE/SDVOB subcontractors and vendors listed in this report have performed a commercially useful function on the project and have not, other than as allowed in the approved Utilization Plan, subcontracted their assigned scope of work to a non-MBE/WBE/SDVOB entity; and (iii) it is in compliance with the approved Utilization Plan for the contract.

Principal or Officer (print name and title)	Signature	Date
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Subscribed and sworn to before me in the State of _____

County of _____ this ____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public:

ID No.: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

****False statements, information or data submitted on or with Application for Payment, may result in one or more of the following actions: Termination of Contract for cause; disapproval of future bids, contracts, or subcontracts; withholding of final payments on the contract; and civil and/or criminal prosecution.***

DASNY's review of this report does not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to provide a true and accurate report and strictly comply with its approved Utilization Plan and Contract General Conditions requirements.

Reviewed by Design/Const. Phase Manager (print name and title)	Signature	Date
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STANDARD EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT

PRIME INFORMATION

Contractor Consultant Vendor

Firm Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Contact: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project No: _____ Project Name: _____ Contract Amount: _____
 Facility: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Work Description: _____

The following is a statement of _____'s commitment to provide participation by minority, women and service disabled veteran persons in the workforce at the above referenced project:

_____ (Initial)
 Will ensure and maintain a working environment free of harassment, intimidation and coercion and shall specifically ensure that all foremen, superintendents and other supervisory personnel are aware of, and carry out, our commitment to maintain such a working environment.

_____ (Initial)
 Will establish and maintain a current list of minority, women and service disabled veteran recruitment sources and notify such sources and minority and community organizations when employment opportunities are available and maintain a record of the sources' and organizations' responses.

_____ (Initial)
 Will maintain a file of the names and addresses of each minority, woman or service disabled veteran person referred by any individual, recruitment source or community organization and of what action was taken with respect to each such-referred individual. If the individual was not employed, the file will contain the reasons.

_____ (Initial)
 Will promptly notify DASNY when the union or unions with which DASNY has a collective bargaining agreement, has not referred to us a minority person or woman sent by us to such a union for employment in the work or when it has other information that the union referral process has impeded efforts to meet its obligations.

_____ (Initial)
 Will disseminate this Equal Employment Opportunity policy statement within the organization and will provide all subcontractors with a copy, discussing it with them prior to commencing work at the job site. A copy of DASNY's Equal Employment policy shall be posted at the job site at all times.

 Principal or Officer (print name and title) Signature Date

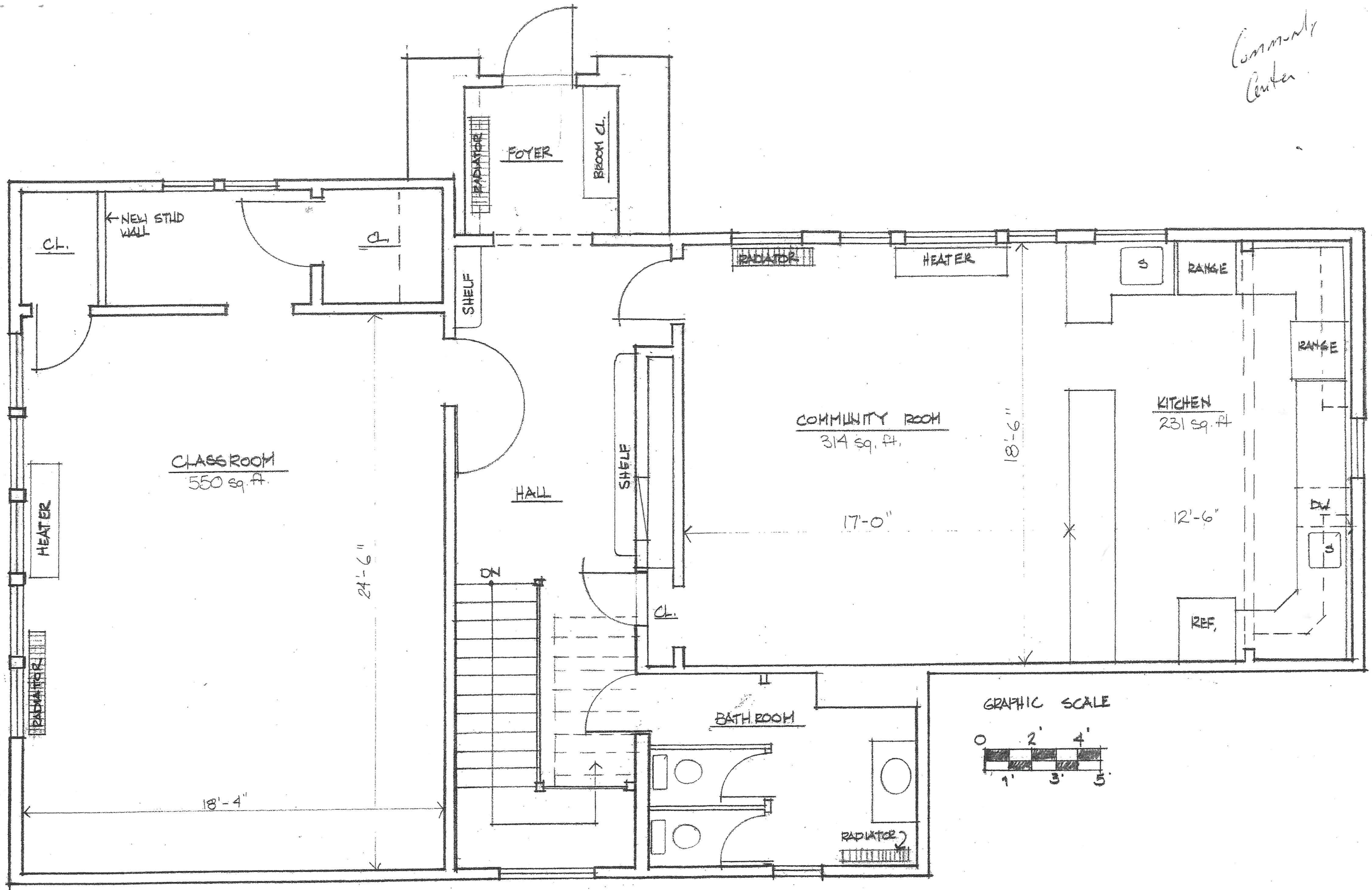
APPENDIX B: PROJECT REFERENCE DATA

Keene Community Center



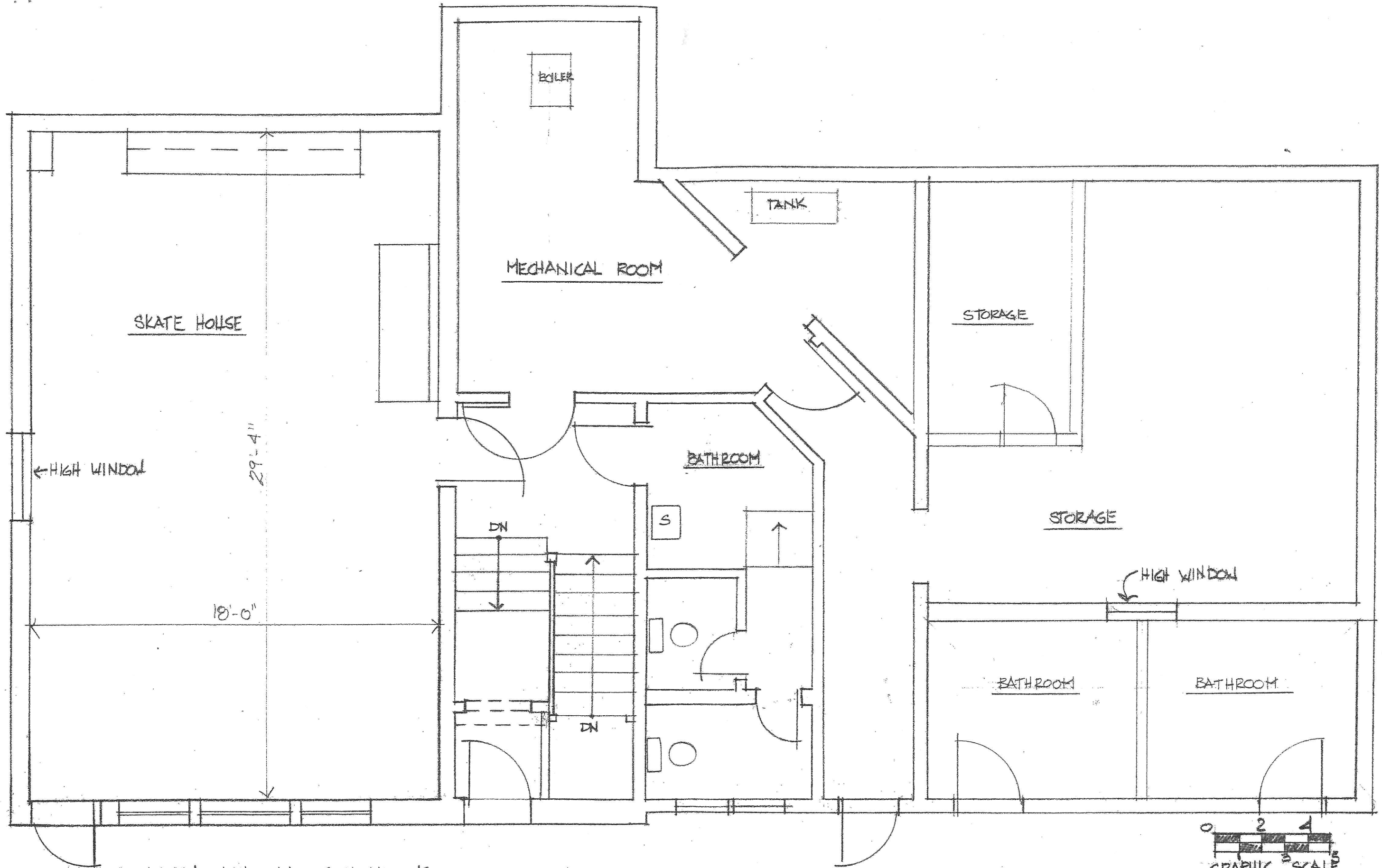
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Community Center



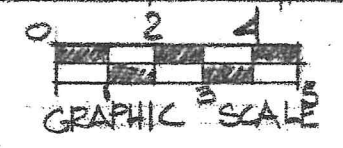
FIRST FLOOR PLAN — EXISTING CONDITIONS
TOWN OF KEENE COMMUNITY CENTER

1/4" = 1'-0"



BASEMENT PLAN - EXISTING CONDITIONS
TOWN OF KEEKE COMMUNITY CENTER

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



APPENDIX C: REFERENCES

CERTIFICATION OF EXPERIENCE

I, _____ HEREBY CERTIFY THAT (COMPANY _____
_____ HAS PERFORMED THE FOLLOWING WORK WITHING THE LAST
THREE YEARS UNLESS SPECIFIED DIFFERENTLY IN THE SPECIFICATION:

NAMES OF BUSINESS: _____ CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT OF CONTRACT: _____ TELEPHONE NO.: _____

TYPE OF WORK: _____ FAX NO.: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAMES OF BUSINESS: _____ CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT OF CONTRACT: _____ TELEPHONE NO.: _____

TYPE OF WORK: _____ FAX NO.: _____

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ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT OF CONTRACT: _____ TELEPHONE NO.: _____

TYPE OF WORK: _____ FAX NO.: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

APPENDIX D: CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

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_____ (“Respondent”)

Conflict of Interest Statement

The owner(s), corporate members or employees of [Respondent], shall derive any personal profit or gain, directly or indirectly, by reason of his or her participation with the [the Town of Lewis]. Each individual shall disclose to the [the Town of Lewis] any personal interest or direct relationship which he or she may have and shall refrain from participation in any decision making in related manners.

Any owner, corporate member or employee of [Respondent] who is an officer, board member, a committee member or staff member of a related organization shall identify his or her affiliation with such agency or agencies; further, in connection with any policy committee or board action specifically associated with [the Town of Lewis], he/she shall not participate in the decision affecting that entity and the decision must be made and/or ratified by the full board. At this time, I am a Board member, a committee member, or an employee of the following organizations/companies:

Now this is to certify that I, except as described below, am not now nor at any time during the past year have been:
1) A participant, directly or indirectly, in any arrangement, agreement, investment, or other activity with any vendor, supplier, or other party; doing business with the [the Town of Lewis] which has resulted or could result in person benefit to me.

2) A recipient, directly or indirectly, of any salary payments or loans or gifts of any kind or any free service or discounts or other fees from or on behalf of any person or organization engaged in any transaction with the [the Town].

Any exceptions to 1 or 2 above are stated below with a full description of the transactions and of the interest, whether direct or indirect, which I have (or have had during the past year) in the persons or organizations having transactions with the [the Town of Lewis].

Respondent: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

APPENDIX E: CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, _____
(Officer other than officer executing proposal documents)

certify that I am the _____ of the _____
(Title) (Name of Contractor)

_____ a corporation, duly organized and in good standing under the

(Law under which organized, e.g., the New York Business Corporation Law)

named in the foregoing agreement; that _____
(Person executing proposal documents)

who signed said agreement on behalf of the Contractor was, at the time of execution,
_____ of the Contractor; that said agreement was duly signed for
(Title of such person)

and in behalf of said Contractor by authority of its Board of Directors, thereunto duly authorized, and that
such authority is in full force and effect at the date hereof.

Signature Corporate Seal

STATE OF NEW YORK) SS.:
COUNTY OF ESSEX)

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally came _____
_____ to me known, and known to me to be the _____
(Title) of _____ the corporation described in
and which executed the above certificate, who being by me duly sworn did depose and say that he, the said _____
_____ resides at _____, and that he is _____
_____ of said corporation and knows the corporate seal of the said corporation; that the
seal affixed to the above certificate is such corporate seal and that it was so affixed by order of the Board of
Directors of said corporation, and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

Notary Public County

APPENDIX F: VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

**NEW YORK STATE
VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY**

You have selected the For-Profit Non-Construction questionnaire which may be printed and completed in this format or, for your convenience, may be completed online using the New York State VendRep System.

COMPLETION & CERTIFICATION

The person(s) completing the questionnaire must be knowledgeable about the vendor's business and operations. An owner or officer must certify the questionnaire and the signature must be notarized.

NEW YORK STATE VENDOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VENDOR ID)

The Vendor ID is a ten-digit identifier issued by New York State when the vendor is registered on the Statewide Vendor File. This number must now be included on the questionnaire. If the business entity has not obtained a Vendor ID, contact the IT Service Desk at ITServiceDesk@osc.state.ny.us or call 866-370-4672.

DEFINITIONS

All underlined terms are defined in the "New York State Vendor Responsibility Definitions List," found at www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/documents/questionnaire/definitions.pdf. These terms may not have their ordinary, common or traditional meanings. Each vendor is strongly encouraged to read the respective definitions for any and all underlined terms. By submitting this questionnaire, the vendor agrees to be bound by the terms as defined in the "New York State Vendor Responsibility Definitions List" existing at the time of certification.

RESPONSES

Every question must be answered. Each response must provide all relevant information which can be obtained within the limits of the law. However, information regarding a determination or finding made in error which was subsequently corrected is not required. Individuals and Sole Proprietors may use a Social Security Number but are encouraged to obtain and use a federal Employer Identification Number (EIN).

REPORTING ENTITY

Each vendor must indicate if the questionnaire is filed on behalf of the entire Legal Business Entity or an Organizational Unit within or operating under the authority of the Legal Business Entity and having the same EIN. Generally, the Organizational Unit option may be appropriate for a vendor that meets the definition of "Reporting Entity" but due to the size and complexity of the Legal Business Entity, is best able to provide the required information for the Organizational Unit, while providing more limited information for other parts of the Legal Business Entity and Associated Entities.

ASSOCIATED ENTITY

An Associated Entity is one that owns or controls the Reporting Entity or any entity owned or controlled by the Reporting Entity. However, the term Associated Entity does not include "sibling organizations" (i.e., entities owned or controlled by a parent company that owns or controls the Reporting Entity), unless such sibling entity has a direct relationship with or impact on the Reporting Entity.

STRUCTURE OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire is organized into eleven sections. Section I is to be completed for the Legal Business Entity. Section II requires the vendor to specify the Reporting Entity for the questionnaire. Section III refers to the individuals of the Reporting Entity, while Sections IV-VIII require information about the Reporting Entity. Section IX pertains to any Associated Entities, with one question about their Officials/Owners. Section X relates to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). Section XI requires an authorized contact for the questionnaire information.

**NEW YORK STATE
VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY**

I. LEGAL BUSINESS ENTITY INFORMATION			
<u>Legal Business Entity Name*</u>		<u>EIN</u>	
Address of the <u>Principal Place of Business</u> (street, city, state, zip code)		<u>New York State Vendor Identification Number</u>	
		Telephone ext.	Fax
Email		Website	
Additional <u>Legal Business Entity</u> Identities: If applicable, list any other <u>DBA</u> , <u>Trade Name</u> , <u>Former Name</u> , Other Identity, or <u>EIN</u> used in the last five (5) years and the status (active or inactive).			
Type	Name	EIN	Status
1.0 <u>Legal Business Entity</u> Type – Check appropriate box and provide additional information:			
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Corporation</u> (including <u>PC</u>)		Date of Incorporation	
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Limited Liability Company</u> (<u>LLC</u> or <u>PLLC</u>)		Date of Organization	
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Partnership</u> (including <u>LLP</u> , <u>LP</u> or <u>General</u>)		Date of Registration or Establishment	
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Sole Proprietor</u>		How many years in business?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		Date Established	
If Other, explain:			
1.1 Was the <u>Legal Business Entity</u> formed or incorporated in New York State?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If 'No,' indicate jurisdiction where <u>Legal Business Entity</u> was formed or incorporated and attach a <u>Certificate of Good Standing</u> from the applicable jurisdiction or provide an explanation if a <u>Certificate of Good Standing</u> is not available.			
<input type="checkbox"/> United States State _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Country _____			
Explain, if not available:			
1.2 Is the <u>Legal Business Entity</u> publicly traded?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes," provide <u>CIK Code</u> or Ticker Symbol			
1.3 Does the <u>Legal Business Entity</u> have a <u>DUNS</u> Number?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes," Enter <u>DUNS</u> Number			

*All underlined terms are defined in the "New York State Vendor Responsibility Definitions List," which can be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/documents/questionnaire/definitions.pdf.

**NEW YORK STATE
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I. LEGAL BUSINESS ENTITY INFORMATION		
1.4 If the <u>Legal Business Entity's Principal Place of Business</u> is not in New York State, does the <u>Legal Business Entity</u> maintain an office in New York State? (Select "N/A," if <u>Principal Place of Business</u> is in New York State.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
If "Yes," provide the address and telephone number for one office located in New York State.		
1.5 Is the <u>Legal Business Entity</u> a New York State certified <u>Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE)</u> , <u>Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE)</u> , <u>New York State Small Business (SB)</u> or a federally certified <u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)</u> ? If "Yes," check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> New York State certified <u>Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> New York State certified <u>Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>New York State Small Business (SB)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Federally certified <u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
1.6 Identify <u>Officials</u> and <u>Principal Owners</u> , if applicable. For each person, include name, title and percentage of ownership. Attach additional pages if necessary. If applicable, reference to relevant SEC filing(s) containing the required information is optional.		
Name	Title	Percentage Ownership <i>(Enter 0% if not applicable)</i>

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II. REPORTING ENTITY INFORMATION	
<p>2.0 The <u>Reporting Entity</u> for this questionnaire is:</p> <p>Note: Select only one.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Legal Business Entity</u></p> <p><i>Note: If selecting this option, "Reporting Entity" refers to the entire Legal Business Entity for the remainder of the questionnaire. (SKIP THE REMAINDER OF SECTION II AND PROCEED WITH SECTION III.)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Organizational Unit within and operating under the authority of the Legal Business Entity</u></p> <p>SEE DEFINITIONS OF "<u>REPORTING ENTITY</u>" AND "<u>ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT</u>" FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SELECTION.</p> <p><i>Note: If selecting this option, "Reporting Entity" refers to the Organizational Unit within the Legal Business Entity for the remainder of the questionnaire. (COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF SECTION II AND ALL REMAINING SECTIONS OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.)</i></p>	
IDENTIFYING INFORMATION	
a) <u>Reporting Entity</u> Name	
Address of the <u>Primary Place of Business</u> (street, city, state, zip code)	Telephone ext.
b) Describe the relationship of the <u>Reporting Entity</u> to the <u>Legal Business Entity</u>	
c) Attach an <u>organizational chart</u>	
d) Does the Reporting Entity have a <u>DUNS</u> Number?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes," enter <u>DUNS</u> Number	
e) Identify the designated manager(s) responsible for the business of the <u>Reporting Entity</u> . <i>For each person, include name and title. Attach additional pages if necessary.</i>	
Name	Title

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECTIONS III THROUGH VII

For each "Yes," provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the government entity involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). For each "Other," provide an explanation which provides the basis for not definitively responding "Yes" or "No." Provide the explanation at the end of the section or attach additional sheets with numbered responses, including the Reporting Entity name at the top of any attached pages.

III. LEADERSHIP INTEGRITY	
<i>Within the past five (5) years, has any current or former reporting entity official or any individual currently or formerly having the authority to sign, execute or approve bids, proposals, contracts or supporting documentation on behalf of the reporting entity with any government entity been:</i>	
3.0 <u>Sanctioned</u> relative to any business or professional permit and/or license?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other
3.1 <u>Suspended, debarred, or disqualified</u> from any government contracting process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other
3.2 The subject of an <u>investigation</u> , whether open or closed, by any <u>government entity</u> for a civil or criminal violation for any business-related conduct?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other
3.3 Charged with a misdemeanor or felony, indicted, granted immunity, convicted of a crime or subject to a <u>judgment</u> for: a) Any business-related activity; or b) Any crime, whether or not business-related, the underlying conduct of which was related to truthfulness?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other
For each "Yes" or "Other" explain:	

IV. INTEGRITY – CONTRACT BIDDING	
<i>Within the past five (5) years, has the reporting entity:</i>	
4.0 Been <u>suspended</u> or <u>debarred</u> from any <u>government contracting process</u> or been <u>disqualified</u> on any government procurement, permit, license, concession, franchise or lease, including, but not limited to, <u>debarment</u> for a violation of New York State Workers' Compensation or Prevailing Wage laws or New York State Procurement Lobbying Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.1 Been subject to a denial or revocation of a government prequalification?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.2 Been denied a contract award or had a bid rejected based upon a <u>non-responsibility finding</u> by a <u>government entity</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.3 Had a low bid rejected on a <u>government contract</u> for failure to <u>make good faith efforts</u> on any <u>Minority-Owned Business Enterprise, Women-Owned Business Enterprise or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal or statutory affirmative action requirements</u> on a previously held contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.4 Agreed to a voluntary exclusion from bidding/contracting with a <u>government entity</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.5 Initiated a request to withdraw a bid submitted to a <u>government entity</u> in lieu of responding to an information request or subsequent to a formal request to appear before the <u>government entity</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each "Yes," explain:	

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V. INTEGRITY – CONTRACT AWARD	
<i>Within the past five (5) years, has the reporting entity:</i>	
5.0 Been <u>suspended</u> , cancelled or <u>terminated for cause</u> on any <u>government contract</u> including, but not limited to, a <u>non-responsibility finding</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.1 Been subject to an <u>administrative proceeding</u> or civil action seeking specific performance or restitution in connection with any <u>government contract</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.2 Entered into a formal monitoring agreement as a condition of a contract award from a <u>government entity</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each “Yes,” explain:	

VI. CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES	
<i>Within the past five (5) years, has the reporting entity:</i>	
6.0 Had a revocation, <u>suspension</u> or <u>disbarment</u> of any business or professional permit and/or license?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6.1 Had a denial, decertification, revocation or forfeiture of New York State certification of <u>Minority-Owned Business Enterprise</u> , <u>Women-Owned Business Enterprise</u> or federal certification of <u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise</u> status for other than a change of ownership?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each “Yes,” explain:	

VII. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS	
<i>Within the past five (5) years, has the reporting entity:</i>	
7.0 Been the subject of an <u>investigation</u> , whether open or closed, by any <u>government entity</u> for a civil or criminal violation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.1 Been the subject of an indictment, grant of immunity, <u>judgment</u> or conviction (including entering into a plea bargain) for conduct constituting a crime?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.2 Received any OSHA citation and Notification of Penalty containing a violation classified as <u>serious or willful</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.3 Had a <u>government entity</u> find a willful prevailing wage or supplemental payment violation or any other willful violation of New York State Labor Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.4 Entered into a consent order with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, or received an enforcement determination by any <u>government entity</u> involving a violation of federal, state or local environmental laws?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.5 Other than previously disclosed: a) Been subject to fines or penalties imposed by <u>government entities</u> which in the aggregate total \$25,000 or more; or b) Been convicted of a criminal offense pursuant to any administrative and/or regulatory action taken by any <u>government entity</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each “Yes,” explain:	

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VIII. FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY	
<p>8.0 Within the past five (5) years, has the <u>Reporting Entity</u> received any <u>formal unsatisfactory performance assessment(s)</u> from any <u>government entity</u> on any contract?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>If "Yes," provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the <u>government entity</u> involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.</p>	
<p>8.1 Within the past five (5) years, has the <u>Reporting Entity</u> had any <u>liquidated damages</u> assessed over \$25,000?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>If "Yes," provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, contracting party involved, the amount assessed and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.</p>	
<p>8.2 Within the past five (5) years, have any <u>liens</u> or <u>judgments</u> (not including UCC filings) over \$25,000 been filed against the <u>Reporting Entity</u> which remain undischarged?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>If "Yes," provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the Lien holder or Claimant's name(s), the amount of the <u>lien(s)</u> and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.</p>	
<p>8.3 In the last seven (7) years, has the <u>Reporting Entity</u> initiated or been the subject of any bankruptcy proceedings, whether or not closed, or is any bankruptcy proceeding pending?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>If "Yes," provide the bankruptcy chapter number, the court name and the docket number. Indicate the current status of the proceedings as "Initiated," "Pending" or "Closed." Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.</p>	
<p>8.4 During the past three (3) years, has the <u>Reporting Entity</u> failed to file or pay any tax returns required by <u>federal</u>, state or local tax laws?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>If "Yes," provide the taxing jurisdiction, the type of tax, the liability year(s), the tax liability amount the <u>Reporting Entity</u> failed to file/pay and the current status of the tax liability. Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.</p>	
<p>8.5 During the past three (3) years, has the <u>Reporting Entity</u> failed to file or pay any New York State unemployment insurance returns?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>If "Yes," provide the years the <u>Reporting Entity</u> failed to file/pay the insurance, explain the situation and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.</p>	
<p>8.6 During the past three (3) years, has the <u>Reporting Entity</u> had any <u>government audit(s)</u> completed?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>a) If "Yes," did any audit of the <u>Reporting Entity</u> identify any reported significant deficiencies in internal control, fraud, illegal acts, significant violations of provisions of contract or grant agreements, significant abuse or any <u>material disallowance</u>?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>If "Yes" to 8.6 a), provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the <u>government entity</u> involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.</p>	

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IX. ASSOCIATED ENTITIES <i>This section pertains to any entity(ies) that either controls or is controlled by the reporting entity. (See definition of “associated entity” for additional information to complete this section.)</i>	
9.0 Does the <u>Reporting Entity</u> have any <u>Associated Entities</u> ? Note: All questions in this section must be answered if the <u>Reporting Entity</u> is either: – An <u>Organizational Unit</u> ; or – The entire <u>Legal Business Entity</u> which controls, or is controlled by, any other entity(ies). If “No,” SKIP THE REMAINDER OF SECTION IX AND PROCEED WITH SECTION X.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9.1 Within the past five (5) years, has any <u>Associated Entity Official</u> or <u>Principal Owner</u> been charged with a misdemeanor or felony, indicted, granted immunity, convicted of a crime or subject to a <u>judgment</u> for: a) Any business-related activity; or b) Any crime, whether or not business-related, the underlying conduct of which was related to truthfulness?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), the individual involved, his/her title and role in the <u>Associated Entity</u> , his/her relationship to the <u>Reporting Entity</u> , relevant dates, the <u>government entity</u> involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s).	
9.2 Does any <u>Associated Entity</u> have any currently undischarged <u>federal</u> , New York State, New York City or New York local government <u>liens</u> or <u>judgments</u> (not including UCC filings) over \$50,000?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), identify the <u>Associated Entity</u> ’s name(s), <u>EIN</u> (s), primary business activity, relationship to the <u>Reporting Entity</u> , relevant dates, the Lien holder or Claimant’s name(s), the amount of the <u>lien</u> (s) and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	
9.3 Within the past five (5) years, has any <u>Associated Entity</u> :	
a) Been <u>disqualified</u> , <u>suspended</u> or <u>debarred</u> from any <u>federal</u> , New York State, New York City or other New York local <u>government contracting process</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b) Been denied a contract award or had a bid rejected based upon a <u>non-responsibility finding</u> by any <u>federal</u> , New York State, New York City, or New York local <u>government entity</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c) Been <u>suspended</u> , <u>cancelled</u> or <u>terminated for cause</u> (including for <u>non-responsibility</u>) on any <u>federal</u> , New York State, New York City or New York local <u>government contract</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
d) Been the subject of an <u>investigation</u> , whether open or closed, by any <u>federal</u> , New York State, New York City, or New York local <u>government entity</u> for a civil or criminal violation with a penalty in excess of \$500,000?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
e) Been the subject of an indictment, grant of immunity, <u>judgment</u> , or conviction (including entering into a plea bargain) for conduct constituting a crime?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
f) Been convicted of a criminal offense pursuant to any administrative and/or regulatory action taken by any <u>federal</u> , New York State, New York City, or New York local <u>government entity</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
g) Initiated or been the subject of any bankruptcy proceedings, whether or not closed, or is any bankruptcy proceeding pending?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For each “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), identify the <u>Associated Entity</u> ’s name(s), <u>EIN</u> (s), primary business activity, relationship to the <u>Reporting Entity</u> , relevant dates, the <u>government entity</u> involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.	

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X. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL)

<p>10. Indicate whether any information supplied herein is believed to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). Note: A determination of whether such information is exempt from FOIL will be made at the time of any request for disclosure under FOIL.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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If "Yes," indicate the question number(s) and explain the basis for the claim.

XI. AUTHORIZED CONTACT FOR THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Name	Telephone	Fax
	ext.	
Title	Email	

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Certification

The undersigned: (1) recognizes that this questionnaire is submitted for the express purpose of assisting New York State government entities (including the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC)) in making responsibility determinations regarding award or approval of a contract or subcontract and that such government entities will rely on information disclosed in the questionnaire in making responsibility determinations; (2) acknowledges that the New York State government entities and OSC may, in their discretion, by means which they may choose, verify the truth and accuracy of all statements made herein; and (3) acknowledges that intentional submission of false or misleading information may result in criminal penalties under State and/or Federal Law, as well as a finding of non-responsibility, contract suspension or contract termination.

The undersigned certifies that he/she:

- is knowledgeable about the submitting Business Entity’s business and operations;
- has read and understands all of the questions contained in the questionnaire;
- has not altered the content of the questionnaire in any manner;
- has reviewed and/or supplied full and complete responses to each question;
- to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief, confirms that the Business Entity’s responses are true, accurate and complete, including all attachments, if applicable;
- understands that New York State government entities will rely on the information disclosed in the questionnaire when entering into a contract with the Business Entity; and
- is under an obligation to update the information provided herein to include any material changes to the Business Entity’s responses at the time of bid/proposal submission through the contract award notification, and may be required to update the information at the request of the New York State government entities or OSC prior to the award and/or approval of a contract, or during the term of the contract.

Signature of Owner/Official _____

Printed Name of Signatory _____

Title _____

Name of Business _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__;

_____ Notary Public

APPENDIX G: W-9 FORM

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

Print or type
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification: check only one of the following seven boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number				
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OR

Employer identification number				
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Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at www.irs.gov/fw9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.

- By signing the filled-out form, you:
1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
 2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
 3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
 4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* above.

What is FATCA reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; do not leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note. ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note. You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on this page), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. **Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.
2. **Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.
3. **Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.
4. **Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).
5. **Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ³
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.
² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 2.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

APPENDIX H: NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned bidder or agent, being duly sworn on oath, says that he/she has not, nor has any other member, representative, or agent of the firm, company, corporation or partnership represented by him, entered into any combination, collusion or agreement with any person relative to the price to be bid by anyone at such letting nor to prevent any person from bidding nor to include anyone to refrain from bidding, and that this bid is made without reference to any other bid and without any agreement, understanding or combination with any other person in reference to such bidding.

He/She further says that no person or persons, firms, or corporation has, have or will receive directly or indirectly, any rebate, fee gift, commission or thing of value on account of such sale.

OATH AND AFFIRMATION

I HEREBY AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY THAT THE FACTS AND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FOREGOING BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

Dated this ___ day of _____, _____

(Name of Organization)

(Title of Person Signing)

(Signature)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF _____)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared the above named and swore that the statements contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public Signature

My Commission Expires: _____

APPENDIX I: IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT COMPLIANCE

IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT CERTIFICATION

As a result of the Iran Divestment Act of 2012 (Act), Chapter 1 of the 2012 Laws of New York, a new provision has been added to the State Finance Law (SFL), § 165-a, effective April 12, 2012. Under the Act, the Commissioner of the Office of General Services (OGS) will be developing a list (prohibited entities list) of “persons” who are engaged in “investment activities in Iran” (both are defined terms in the law). Pursuant to SFL § 165-a(3)(b), the initial list is expected to be issued no later than 120 days after the Act’s effective date, at which time it will be posted on the OGS website.

By submitting a bid in response to this solicitation or by assuming the responsibility of a Contract awarded hereunder, Bidder/Contractor (or any assignee) certifies that once the prohibited entities list is posted on the OGS website, it will not utilize on such Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the prohibited entities list.

Additionally, Bidder/Contractor is advised that once the list is posted on the OGS website, any Contractor seeking to renew or extend a Contract or assume the responsibility of a Contract awarded in response to the solicitation, must certify at the time the Contract is renewed, extended or assigned that it is not included on the prohibited entities list.

During the term of the Contract, should the New York State Education Department (AGENCY) receive information that a person is in violation of the above-referenced certification, AGENCY will offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then AGENCY shall take such action as may be appropriate including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

AGENCY reserves the right to reject any bid or request for assignment for an entity that appears on the prohibited entities list prior to the award of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the prohibited entities list after contract award.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Date: : _____

APPENDIX J: NYS SEXUAL HARSSMENT REQUIREMENTS

Introduction

New York State is a national leader in the fight against sexual harassment and is partnering with employers across the state to further our commitment to ending sexual harassment in the workplace.

This toolkit will provide you step-by-step guidance to implementing the required training and sexual harassment policy, directing you to resources available through New York State and the relevant state agencies.

These resources are all available on the State's Combating Sexual Harassment in the Workplace website: www.ny.gov/programs/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace.

What are the New Requirements?

The 2019 New York State Budget includes the nation's strongest and most comprehensive sexual harassment package, including new resources and requirements for employers. There are two key components under this law:

Policy (see pages 2-4)

Under the new law, every employer in New York State is **required to establish a sexual harassment prevention policy**. The Department of Labor in consultation with the Division of Human Rights has established a model sexual harassment prevention policy for employers to adopt, available at www.ny.gov/programs/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace. Or, employers may adopt a similar policy that meets or exceeds the minimum standards of the model policy (www.ny.gov/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace/employers#model-sexual-harassment-policy).

Training (see pages 5-6)

In addition, every employer in New York State is **required to provide employees with sexual harassment prevention training**. The Department of Labor in consultation with the Division of Human Rights has established this model training for employers to use. Or, employers may use a training program that meets or exceeds the minimum standards of the model training (www.ny.gov/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace/employers#training-requirements).

Policy: Implementation

All employers must adopt and provide a sexual harassment prevention policy to all employees by **October 9, 2018**.

If you want to adopt the State Model Policy:

- The State Model Policy contains fields for you to list your business name and the name/contact information for the individual(s) you have designated to receive sexual harassment complaints. Fill in those fields and apply whatever branding (e.g., logos, etc.) you like. You may choose to modify the policy to reflect the work of your organization and industry specific scenarios or best practices.
- Distribute the policy to all employees in writing or electronically. Employers are also encouraged to have employees acknowledge receipt of the policy, and to post a copy of the policy where employees can easily access it.

If you already have a policy and do NOT want to adopt the State Model Policy:

- Use the checklist on the next page to ensure your policy meets or exceeds the required minimum standards.
- If it already meets those standards, ensure it already has been or will be distributed to employees by October 9, 2018. All future new employees should receive the policy before commencing work.
- Ensure your complaint form and process are up to date and that employees are made aware of it as part of the policy.
- If you do not have a complaint form, a model is available online: www.ny.gov/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace/employers#model-complaint-form
- Review the online FAQs, which outline numerous common questions that may arise: www.ny.gov/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace/combating-sexual-harassment-frequently-asked-questions
- Distribute a copy of your finalized policy to all employees in writing. This may be done electronically, for example, by email. Employers are also encouraged to have employees acknowledge receipt of the policy, and to post a copy of the policy where employees can easily access it.
- You are also encouraged to provide the policy and training to anyone providing services in the workplace.

If you do NOT yet have a policy:

- Download the model policy, available online: www.ny.gov/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace/employers#model-sexual-harassment-policy
- Customize the document by filling in the employer name, person or office designated to receive complaints and appropriate contact information, as highlighted throughout.
- You may choose to modify the policy to reflect the work of your organization and industry specific scenarios or best practices.
- Review the online FAQs, which outline numerous common questions that may arise: www.ny.gov/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace/combating-sexual-harassment-frequently-asked-questions
- Distribute a copy of your finalized policy to all employees in writing. This may be done electronically, for example, by email. Employers are also encouraged to have employees acknowledge receipt of the policy, and to post a copy of the policy where employees can easily access it.
- You are also encouraged to provide the policy and training to anyone providing services in the workplace.

Policy: Minimum Standards Checklist

An employer that does not use the State model policy -- developed by the State Department of Labor and State Division of Human Rights -- must ensure their policy meets or exceeds the following minimum standards.

The policy **must**:

- Prohibit sexual harassment consistent with guidance issued by the Department of Labor in consultation with the Division of Human Rights;
- Provide examples of prohibited conduct;
- Include information concerning the federal and state statutory provisions concerning sexual harassment, remedies available to victims of sexual harassment, and a statement that there may be applicable local laws;
- Include a complaint form;
- Include a procedure for the timely and confidential investigation of complaints that ensures due process for all parties;
- Inform employees of their rights of redress and all available forums for adjudicating sexual harassment complaints administratively and judicially;
- Clearly state that sexual harassment is considered a form of employee misconduct and that sanctions will be enforced against individuals engaging in sexual harassment and against supervisory and managerial personnel who knowingly allow such behavior to continue; and
- Clearly state that retaliation against individuals who complain of sexual harassment or who testify or assist in any investigation or proceeding involving sexual harassment is unlawful.

Training: Instructions for Employers

All employers are required to train current employees by October 9, 2019. New employees should be trained as quickly as possible. In addition, all employees must complete sexual harassment prevention training at least once per year. This may be based on calendar year, anniversary of each employee's start date or any other date the employer chooses.

If you already have a training:

- Use the checklist on the next page to ensure your training meets or exceeds the required minimum standards.
- If your existing training does not, it should be updated to include all the listed elements. You may also provide supplemental training to employers who have already completed the training to ensure they have received training that meets or exceeds the minimum standards.
- Review the online FAQs, which outline numerous common questions that may arise: www.ny.gov/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace/combating-sexual-harassment-frequently-asked-questions

If you do NOT yet have a training:

- Download the model training, available online: www.ny.gov/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace/employers#training-requirements.
 - You may execute this training in a variety of ways, including live in person, via webinar or on an individual basis, with feedback as outlined in the training guidance document.
 - Depending on how you choose to present your training, you may utilize different available resources. For example, if you do a live presentation, you should download the PowerPoint and read the script that appears in the "Notes" of each slide.
 - If you choose to train employees with the video, you may direct them to watch it online or download it and show to a group, after which you would provide them a mechanism for feedback, as outlined in the training guidance document.
- Customize the training document(s) and modify them to reflect the work of your organization, including industry specific scenarios or best practices.
- The training should detail any internal process employees are encouraged to use to complain and include the contact information for the specific name(s) and office(s) with which employees alleging harassment should file their complaints.
- You may wish to include additional interactive activities as part of the training, including an opening activity, role playing or group discussion(s).
- Review the online FAQs, which outline numerous common questions that may arise: www.ny.gov/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace/combating-sexual-harassment-frequently-asked-questions

Training: Minimum Standards Checklist

An employer that does not use this model training -- developed by the State Department of Labor and State Division of Human Rights -- must ensure their training meets or exceeds the following minimum standards.

The training **must**:

- Be interactive (*see the model training guidance document for specific recommendations*);
- Include an explanation of sexual harassment consistent with guidance issued by the Department of Labor in consultation with the Division of Human Rights;
- Include examples of unlawful sexual harassment;
- Include information concerning the federal and state statutory provisions concerning sexual harassment and remedies available to targets of sexual harassment;
- Include information concerning employees' rights of redress and all available forums for adjudicating complaints; and
- Include information addressing conduct by supervisors and additional responsibilities for supervisors.

BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION

Name of Bid: _____

In submitting this Bid, BIDDER represents, as more fully set forth in this Bid, that:

- a) BIDDER acknowledges that they have read, understand, and agree to all aspects of the terms and specifications as presented without reservation or alteration.
- b) When awarded, the bid package becomes the "Contract Document".
- c) That the organization, its principals, and sub-recipients are not currently suspended or debarred from doing business with the Federal Government.
- d) The BIDDER has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees in accordance with New York State Labor Law §201-g.

Date: _____

Vendor: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Subscribed to and sworn to before me

this _____ day of _____, 20__

Notary Public

APPENDIX K: DELIVERABLES TABLE

DELIVERABLES	LUMP SUM PROPOSED:	HOURS OF LABOR:
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:		
Task 1) Project Schedule		
Task 2) Project Management & Coordination Meetings (<i>incl. MILEAGE</i>)		
NEEDS ASSESSMENT:		
Task 3) Provide Needs Assessment for Community Center use.		
PROGRAMMING PLAN:		
Task 4) Provide Programming Plan for building space allocation.		
OPERATIONS PLAN:		
Task 5) Provide Operations Plan for financial operations sutainment.		
ARCHITECTURAL REPORT & SITE PLAN:		
Task 6) Provide Architectural Report and Schematic Plans, Preliminary Site Plan, and Cost Elements. Drawings must be appropriate for marketing purposes.		