

**BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
PURCHASING DIVISION
400 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ROOM 148
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4665**



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. P-072

COMPOST BIN AND RAIN BARREL TRUCKLOAD SALE

Due Date: 10/28/11, Time: 2:00 PM

Pre-Bid Conference: 10/03/11, Time: 11:00 AM

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Amendments to solicitations often occur prior to bid opening and sometimes within as little as 48 hours prior to bid opening. It is the potential vendor's responsibility to frequently visit the Purchasing web site (www.baltimorecountymd.gov/purchasing) to obtain amendments once they have downloaded a solicitation.

BIDDER CHECK LIST

- Have you signed your bid?
- Have you signed the Procurement Affidavit?
- Have you filled out all applicable forms?
- Have you returned the original? (and required duplicate copies when required?)
- Have you signed and returned amendments?
- Have you included the bid bond, if required?
- Have you completed, signed and included all required MBE/WBE forms and documents? (if applicable)
- Have you included and verified the complete electronic version (CD) of your bid?

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General Instructions for Solicitations

1. Instructions, Forms and Specifications

1.1 All bids/proposals are to be submitted on and in accordance with the forms provided by the Purchasing Division. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope or carton as appropriate. All bids must be clearly identified on the front of the envelope or top of the carton with the SOLICITATION NUMBER and the DUE DATE and TIME. Bid times are either Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Time, whichever prevails. Late bids will not be considered.

1.2 Responses to Requests for Bids and Requests for Proposals shall be accompanied by an executed Procurement Affidavit, as provided by the Purchasing Division. This does not apply to Requests for Quotations.

1.3 Amendments to solicitations often occur prior to bid opening and sometimes within hours prior to bid opening. All bidders are responsible for frequently visiting the Purchasing web site to obtain amendments once they have downloaded a solicitation.

1.4 Additional information or clarification of any of the instructions or information contained herein may be obtained from the Purchasing Division. The County assumes no responsibility for oral instructions or suggestions. All official correspondence in regard to this solicitation must be directed to, and will be issued by, the Purchasing Division.

1.5 Bidders finding any discrepancy in or omission from the specifications, in doubt as to meaning, or asserting that the specifications are discriminatory, shall notify the Purchasing Division in writing at once, but in no case later than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled opening of bids. Exceptions stated do not obligate the County to change the specifications. The Purchasing Division will notify all bidders in writing, by amendment duly issued, of any substantive revisions to specifications or instructions.

1.6 Unless a written exception detailing non-conformance to specifications is noted on the bid, any part number, product number, catalog number, etc., noted on the bid will be considered in full compliance with the specifications.

1.7 Submission of a bid in response to this solicitation evidences the bidder's acceptance of these General Instructions and the terms and conditions of the solicitation. Submission of a bid evidences bidder's representation and warranty that the person submitting

the bid response is authorized to act for and bind the contractor.

1.8 All original and duplicate bids/proposals and other attachments, related documents and correspondence, including all follow-up documents and correspondence, shall be typed or written in English. All prices/percentages and/or other monetary figures shall be in United States dollars.

1.9 Requests for Bids and Requests for Proposals should be accompanied by an electronic version (Compact Disc) of the bid proposal in PDF format. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to verify that the electronic version is complete. The electronic version of the non-successful proposal response will be the only version retained by Baltimore County. The Compact Disc must be labeled with the bid number, the bid title, and the bidder's name submitting the response. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope or carton as appropriate. This does not apply to Requests for Quotation.

1.10 Issuing Officer: The sole point of contact for the County for purposes of this solicitation is the Buyer, listed on the cover page; questions regarding any aspect of the competitive process must be directed to the Buyer, in writing.

2. Award of Solicitations

2.1 Any award pursuant to Requests for Quotation and Requests for Bid is made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder following the public opening of bids under Section 10-2-406 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended.

2.2 Awards on Requests for Quotations and Requests for Bid will be made within sixty (60) days after bid opening unless otherwise indicated in this solicitation. No bidder will be allowed to withdraw a bid during that period.

2.3 The successful bidder may be required to give security or bond, as stated in the bid document, for performance of the contract.

2.4 When there is a conflict between the unit price or percentage and the extension, the unit price or percentage will prevail as the amount of the bid.

2.5 Cash discounts will be considered in determining awards. However, cash discount offers must allow not less than 30 days to be considered in bid evaluation. A bid offering a cash discount in a period of less than 30 days will be evaluated as a bid without a discount offer; however, should that bidder obtain award by consideration of the gross price, the

County shall make every effort to obtain the discount. The County will not accept any payment terms with a period of less than 30 days.

2.6 Invoices against resulting order(s) must be submitted, in duplicate, to the Office of Budget and Finance, Disbursements Section, 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148, Towson, Maryland 21204-4665. Invoices must show the vendor's Federal Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number, as appropriate, and order number and line number(s) that correspond with resulting order(s).

2.7 The County will not pay interest charges or other penalties for invoice payments.

2.8 Prices quoted shall be exclusive of all non-applicable Federal and Maryland State taxes. Tax exemption certificate will be furnished if required.

2.9 The County reserves the right to consider making payments via electronic funds transfers (EFT) on contracts for which this payment vehicle may be appropriate.

3. Reservations

3.1 The County reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all bids received, and to make a whole award, multiple awards, a partial award, or no award, to best serve the public interest.

3.2 The County may waive formalities in bids as the interests of the County may require.

3.3 The County reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities by approximately twenty (20) percent to be purchased at the prices bid.

3.4 The County reserves the right to award solicitations or place orders on a lump sum or individual item basis, or in such combination as to best serve the public interest.

3.5 The County may waive minor differences, irregularities, and technicalities in the specifications, provided they neither violate the specifications intent, materially affect the operation for which the items or services are being purchased, nor increase estimated maintenance and repair costs to the County.

3.6 At any time during normal business hours and as often as the County may deem necessary, the Contractor shall make available to and permit inspection and photocopying, by the County, its employees or agents, of all records, information and documentation of the Contractor related to the subject matter of this contract,

including, but not limited to, all contracts, invoices, payroll, and financial audits.

3.7 Notwithstanding any other terms or provisions of the contract, in the event the County is temporarily or permanently prevented, restricted or delayed in the performance of any or all of the duties and obligations imposed upon or assumed by it thereunder, by act of the General Assembly of Maryland or the Baltimore County Council, by a court of competent jurisdiction or by administrative delay not due to the fault of the County (and its members and agents) shall not be liable directly or indirectly for any claims caused to or suffered by the Contractor or any other person in connection with or as a result of such prevention, restriction or delay.

3.8 The County further reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of bidders to furnish the required services, and bidders shall furnish all such information for this purpose as the County may request. The County also reserves the right to reject the proposal of any bidder who is not currently in a position to perform the contract, or who has previously failed to perform similar contracts properly, or in a manner acceptable to the County, all of which shall be in the County's sole discretion.

4. Delivery

4.1 Bidders shall guarantee delivery of materials in accordance with the delivery schedule stated in specifications. All items shall be delivered F.O.B. Destination/Inside Delivery, unless otherwise indicated, with delivery costs and charges included in the bid price.

4.2 The County reserves the right to charge the Contractor or vendor for each day the materials, supplies, or services are not delivered in accordance with the delivery schedule. The sum established by the specifications may be invoked at the discretion of the Purchasing Agent, said sum to be considered not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages, and deducted from final payment, or otherwise, charged to the Contractor or vendor. This remedy is not exclusive but shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies available to the County. These liquidated damages shall be in addition to any and all actual damages incurred directly or indirectly by the County, its agents, assigns, and contractors.

4.3 All bidders and vendors are to ensure that packaging materials used for this requirement are not made of non-recyclable Styrofoam (Polystyrene). Additionally, any materials used in packing to

cushion, protect and ship are to be made of recycled, recyclable or biodegradable materials.

5. Competition

5.1 The name of any manufacturer, trade name, or vendor catalog number mentioned in the specifications is for the purpose of designating a standard of quality and type, and for no other purpose unless otherwise stated in the solicitation.

5.2 A bidder may offer a price on only one unit per line item. Even though two or more units may meet the specification, bidders must determine for themselves which to offer. Submission by a bidder of prices for more than one unit shall be sufficient cause for rejection of the bid for that specific item.

5.3 Bids which show omission, irregularity, alteration of forms or additions not called for, as well as conditional or unconditional unresponsive bids, or bids obviously unbalanced, may be rejected.

5.4 All bids must be accompanied by such descriptive literature as may be called for by the specifications or proposal.

5.5 If products to be provided to the County contain any substances that could be hazardous or injurious to a person's health, a material safety data sheet (MSDS) must be provided to the Purchasing Division. This applies also to any product used by a Contractor when providing a service to the County.

5.6 Specifications are based on County needs and uses, estimated costs of operations and maintenance, and other significant and/or limiting factors to meet County requirements, and to ensure consistency with County policies. Minimum specifications, and maximum specifications where included, are not established arbitrarily to limit competition or to exclude otherwise competitive bidders.

5.7 Unless multiple or alternate bids are requested in the solicitation, these bids may not be accepted. However, if a bidder clearly indicates a base bid, it shall be considered for award as though it were the only bid submitted by the bidder.

6. Terminations

6.1 Termination for Convenience: The County may terminate a contract, in whole or in part, without cause, by providing written notice thereof to the Contractor. In the event of termination, without cause, the County shall advise the Contractor in writing of the termination date and of work to be performed during the final days prior to

contract termination. The Contractor shall be paid for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor up to the date of termination set forth in the written notice of termination. The Contractor will not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits, which have not been earned up to the date of termination. Payments to be provided on a lump sum basis shall be prorated by the County based on the services rendered or goods delivered up to the date of termination set forth in the written notice.

6.2 Termination for Default

6.2.1 In addition to other available rights and remedies, the County shall have the right upon the happening of any default, without providing notice to the Contractor: 1) To terminate a contract immediately, in whole or in part; 2) To suspend the contractor's authority to receive any undisbursed funds; and/or 3) To proceed at any time or from time to time to protect and enforce all rights and remedies available to the County, by suit or any other appropriate proceedings, whether for specific performance or any covenant, term or condition set forth in the contract, or for damages or other relief, or proceed to take any action authorized or permitted under applicable law or regulations.

6.2.2 Upon termination of a contract for default, the County may elect to pay the Contractor for services provided or goods delivered up to the date of termination, less the amount of damages caused by the default, all as determined by the County in its sole discretion. If the damages exceed the undisbursed sums available for compensation, the County shall not be obligated to make any further disbursements hereunder.

6.3 Funding Out: If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support contract continuation in any fiscal year, the County shall have the right to terminate the contract without prior notice to the Contractor and without any obligation or penalty.

7. Hold Harmless – Indemnification

7.1 The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its employees, agents and officials from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or demands including attorney's fees and court costs which may be incurred or made against the County, its employees, agents or officials resulting from any act or omission committed in the performance of the duties imposed by and performed under the terms of the contract. The Contractor shall not be responsible

for acts of gross negligence or willful misconduct committed by the County.

7.2 The Contractor shall also defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its employees, agents and officials from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or demands including attorney's fees and court costs which may be made against the County, its employees, agents or officials by any third party arising from the alleged violation of any third party's trade secrets, proprietary information, trademark, copyright, patent rights, or intellectual property rights in connection with the contract.

7.3 Unless notified in writing by the County to the contrary, the Contractor shall provide defense for the County, its employees, agents and officials in accordance with this Article and in doing so the Contractor shall allow the County to participate in said defense of the County, its employees, agents and officials, to the extent and as may be required by the County and the Contractor shall cooperate with the County in all aspects in connection therewith. All filings, actions, settlements, and pleadings shall be provided to the County for comment and review prior to filing or entering thereof. No filing, action, settlement or pleading shall be filed or entered without the prior consent and approval of the County.

8. Minority/Women's Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) and Small Business Notice: Baltimore County is seeking Minority, Woman and Small Businesses to bid on current solicitations as a prime or sub contractor. In accordance with the Executive Order dated June 4, 2009, "an overall goal of 15% of the cumulative total of all discretionary dollars spent in a fiscal year of County procurements is to be awarded to and/or performed by MBE and WBE firms." MBE/WBE's and Small Businesses are encouraged to respond to this solicitation.

9. Authority

9.1 In case of disputes as to whether an item or service quoted or delivered meets specifications, the decision of the Purchasing Agent or authorized representative shall be final and binding on both parties. The Purchasing Agent may request the recommendation in writing of the head of the using agency, the Standards and Specifications Committee, or other objective sources.

9.2 Bidders desiring to appeal a decision of the Purchasing Division must deliver written protests to the Purchasing Division within 10 days of notification of award. The Purchasing Agent or designee will review the protested decision, examine any additional information provided by the bidder and respond in writing within 10 working days of receipt of written protests.

9.3 Instructions, Specifications, and Proposals are issued, and all bids, quotations, orders, and purchases are made pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Baltimore County Charter, and Article 10, Title 2 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, and regulations and policies established or prescribed by the Purchasing Division.

10. HIPAA: The Contractor shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and shall execute a Business Associate Agreement as may be required by the County.

11. Reports: When required, reports prepared for Baltimore County should be printed on recycled and recyclable paper printed on both sides per Section 10-2-312 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended.

12. Terms of Contract

12.1 Any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation shall be by and between the successful bidder and the County, and shall contain and incorporate, but may not be limited to, all terms and conditions of the solicitation, any amendments or changes thereto. Submission of a bid in response to this solicitation evidences the Contractor's acceptance of the terms and conditions therein.

12.2 The provisions of the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation shall be governed by the laws and regulations of Maryland and Baltimore County.

13. Severability: If any provisions in the contract are declared by a court or other lawful authority to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason the remaining provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.

14. Counterparts: The contract may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

15. Survival: The provisions of paragraphs 1.7 (Representations and Warranties), 4.2 (Damages), 7 (Indemnification), and 10 (HIPAA) shall survive delivery of commodities and/or performance of services.

16. No Waiver, Etc.: No failure or delay by the County to insist upon the strict performance of any term, condition or covenant of the contract, or to exercise any right, power, or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof, shall constitute a waiver of any such term, condition, or covenant or of any such breach, or preclude the County from exercising any such right, power, or remedy at any later time or times.

17. Maryland Registration / Qualification Requirements:

17.1 Baltimore County requires vendors to register or qualify to do business with Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Corporations and Associations Article: §2-102 Formation generally, §7-202 Registration to do interstate and foreign* business, and/or §7-203 Qualification to do intrastate.

17.2 For information on registering or qualifying a corporation, LLC, LLP or LP call SDAT at 410-767-1340. Sole Proprietors and General Partnerships should call 410-767-4991 or you may download the SDAT forms at <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/sdatforms.html> - entity

17.3 The successful bidder will be required to submit a Good Standing Certificate (also known as "Certificate of Status") issued by SDAT within 10 days of being notified of potential award.

(*Note: "a corporation, association, or joint-stock company organized under the laws of the United States, another state of the United States, a territory, possession, or district of the United States, or a foreign country," § 1-101 Annotated Code of Maryland Corporations and Associations.

18. Eligibility of Candidates for Employment:

18.1 The E-Verify program is an internet-based employment verification system that allows employers to verify employee status against Federal Social Security and immigration databases.

18.2 Baltimore County encourages employers to utilize the E-verify program, or an equivalent system, as a means to help employers determine the eligibility of new hires.

19. Requests for Proposals: In addition to aforementioned instructions, the following apply to Requests for Proposals (RFP).

19.1 All RFP proposals submitted shall be valid for 180 days following the closing date noted, unless otherwise

specified in the bid documents. This period may be extended by mutual written agreement between offerors and the County. Proposals may not be withdrawn during this period.

19.2 Modifications: The County may, at any time by written order, make changes within the general scope of a contract including, but not limited to, changes (1) in any designs or specifications; (2) in the method, quantity, or manner of performance of the work; (3) in any County-furnished facilities, equipment, materials, services, or property; or (4) directing acceleration in the performance of the work. No change, modification or revision shall be binding upon the County, unless made in writing by its authorized representatives.

19.3 Subcontracting and Assignment: All subcontracting arrangements require prior approval of the County. The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, delegate, subcontract, or otherwise dispose of any award of any or all of its rights, title, or interest therein, without the prior written consent of the County, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

19.4 *Additional Reservations for RFP's*

19.4.1 This RFP creates no obligation on the part of the County to compensate offerors for proposal preparation expenses. The County reserves the right to award a contract based upon proposals received without further negotiation and may do so; offerors should not rely upon the opportunity to alter their proposals during discussions.

19.4.2 The County reserves the right to waive minor irregularities, to negotiate in any manner necessary to best serve the public interest, and to make a whole award, multiple awards, a partial award, or no award. The County reserves the right to cancel this RFP, in whole or in part, any time before the closing date.

19.5 Confidentiality: Offerors must specifically identify any portions of their proposals deemed to contain confidential information, proprietary information or trade secrets. Those portions must be readily separable from the balance of the proposal. Such designations will not be conclusive, and offerors may be required to justify why such material should not, upon written request, be disclosed by the County under the Public Information Act, State Government Article, Title 10, Sub-Title 6, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended. The County may disclose such information if required by law, court order or subpoena.

**BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
PROCUREMENT AFFIDAVIT**

A. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I am the [title] _____ and I am duly authorized to represent and bind [business] _____ (the "Business") and that I possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit on behalf of myself and the Business for which I am acting.

B. AFFIRMATION REGARDING BRIBERY CONVICTIONS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the Business, nor any of its officers, directors, partners, members, affiliates, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies (as is defined in Section 16-101(f) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), has been convicted of, or has had probation before judgment imposed pursuant to Article 27, Section 6-225 of the Criminal Procedure Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or has pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of, bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of Maryland law, or of the law of any other state or federal law, except as follows [indicate the reasons why the affirmation cannot be given and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of person(s) involved, and their current positions and responsibilities with the Business]:

C. AFFIRMATION REGARDING OTHER CONVICTIONS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the Business, nor any of its officers, directors, partners, members, affiliates, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has:

- (1) Been convicted under state or federal statute of a criminal offense incident to obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract, fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records, or receiving stolen property;
- (2) Been convicted of any criminal violation of a state or federal antitrust statute;
- (3) Been convicted under the provisions of Title 18 of the United States Code for violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, 18 U.S.C. §1961, et seq., or the Mail Fraud Act, 18 U.S.C. §1341, et seq., for acts arising out of the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;
- (4) Been convicted of a violation of the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, Section 14-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (5) Been convicted of conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in subsection (1), (2), (3), or (4) above;
- (6) Been found civilly liable under a state or federal antitrust statute for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;
- (7) Admitted in writing or under oath, during the course of an official investigation or other proceedings, acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described above, except as follows [indicate reasons why the affirmations cannot be given, and list any conviction, plea, or imposition

of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the Business, and the status of any debarment]:

D. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

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

E. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OF RELATED ENTITIES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

(1) The Business was not established and it does not operate in a manner designed to evade the application of or defeat the purpose of debarment pursuant to Sections 16-101, et seq., of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

(2) The Business is not a successor, assignee, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business, except as follows: [you must indicate the reasons why the affirmations cannot be given without qualification]:

F. SUB-CONTRACT AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

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

G. AFFIRMATION REGARDING COLLUSION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the Business, nor any of its officers, directors, partners, members, affiliates, nor any of its employees, have in any way:

(1) Agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the compilation of the accompanying bid or offer that is being submitted;

(2) In any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement of any kind to fix the bid price or price proposal of the bidder or offeror or of any competitor, or otherwise take any action to impact, restrain, or inhibit free competitive bidding in connection with the contract for which the accompanying bid or offer is submitted;

(3) Colluded with anyone to obtain information concerning the bid that would give the Business an unfair advantage over others.

H. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The Contractor affirms that it is aware of, and will comply with, the provisions of Sections 14-101 through 14-108 of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which require that every person who makes, during any 12-month period, one or more contracts, with one or more Maryland governmental entities involving cumulative consideration, or at least \$100,000.00, shall file with the State Board of Elections certain specified information to include disclosure of attributable political contributions in excess of \$500 during defined reporting periods.

I. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION AND TAX PAYMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

(1) The Business is a (*Insert State Name*) (*Example: Maryland, Ohio, Iowa*) (*Select One: Corporation, Partnership, Limited Liability Company, Limited Liability Partnership, Sole Proprietor*) (_____), that it **is** registered in accordance with the Corporations and Associations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, that it **is** in good standing in the State of Maryland, and that it **has** filed all of its annual reports, together with filing fees, with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and that the name and address of its resident agent filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is:

Name: _____

Address: _____

(If none, so state).

(2) Except as validly contested, the Business has paid, or has arranged for payment of, all taxes due the State of Maryland and Baltimore County, and has filed all required returns and reports with the Comptroller of the Treasury, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and the Employment Security Administration, as applicable, and will have paid all withholding taxes due the State of Maryland prior to final settlement.

J. CONTINGENT FEES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

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

K. NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

During the performance of any contract awarded pursuant to the solicitation of which this affidavit is a part:

(1) The Business will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, or disability unrelated in nature and extent so as to reasonably preclude the performance of the employment, or because of the individual's refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a genetic test. The Business will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, or disability unrelated in nature and extent so as to reasonably preclude the performance of the employment, or because of the individual's refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a

genetic test. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, promotion, upgrading, demotion or transfer, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Business agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the owner setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The Business will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Business, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, or disability unrelated in nature and extent so as to reasonably preclude the performance of the employment, or because of the individual's refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a genetic test.

(3) The Business shall send to each labor union or representative of workers with which the Business has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the owner, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of these commitments, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(4) The Business shall furnish, if requested by the County, a compliance report concerning our employment practices and policies in order for the County to ascertain compliance with the special provisions of this affidavit concerning nondiscrimination in employment.

(5) In the event of the Business's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clause of this affidavit, the contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, and the Business may be declared ineligible for further County work.

(6) The Business shall include the special provisions outlined herein pertaining to nondiscrimination in employment in every subcontract, so that such nondiscrimination in employment provisions shall be binding on each subcontractor or vendor.

L. FOREIGN CONTRACTS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The Contractor affirms that it is aware of, and will comply with, the provisions of Sections 10-2-110 Article 10. Finance, Title 2 – Purchasing, Baltimore County Code 2003, as amended, which requires that prior to the award of a contract for services under the provisions of this title, and during the entire term of a contract award, the bidder or vendor shall disclose to the County whether any services covered by the bid or contract, including any subcontracted services, will be performed outside the United States. The disclosure shall be made to the Office of Budget and Finance, Purchasing Division.

M. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT this Affidavit is to be furnished to the County and may be distributed to units of (1) Baltimore County; (2) the State of Maryland; (3) other counties or political subdivisions of the State of Maryland; (4) other states; and (5) the federal government. I further acknowledge that this Affidavit is subject to applicable laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, both criminal and civil, and that nothing in this Affidavit or any contract resulting from the submission of this bid or proposal shall be construed to supersede, amend, modify or waive, on behalf of Baltimore County, or the State of Maryland or any unit of the State of Maryland having jurisdiction, the exercise of any right or remedy at Law or in equity with respect to any misrepresentation made or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the Business with respect to (a) this Affidavit, (b) the contract, and (3) other Affidavits comprising part of the contract.

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

Date: _____

By: _____

Name:
Title:
(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

MINORITY PARTICIPATION AFFIDAVIT

A. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I am the [title]_____ and the duly authorized representative of [business]_____ (the "Business") and that I possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit on behalf of myself and the Business for which I am acting.

B. AFFIRMATION REGARDING MINORITY PARTICIPATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware that, pursuant to the June 4, 2009 Executive Order of Baltimore County, Maryland, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(A) "Minority Business Enterprise" or "MBE" means a business enterprise that is owned, operated and controlled by one or more minority group members (African American, Hispanic American, Asian American, or Native American) who have at least 51% ownership and in which the minority group members have operational and managerial control, interest in capital and earnings commensurate with their percentage of ownership.

(B) "Women's Business Enterprise" or "WBE" means a business enterprise that is owned, operated and controlled by one or more women who have at least 51% ownership and in which the women have operational and managerial control, interest in capital and earnings commensurate with their percentage of ownership.

___ The Business is a certified MBE with
[___] Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT)
[___] City of Baltimore
[___] Other Program: _____

___ The Business is a certified WBE with
[___] Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT)
[___] City of Baltimore
[___] Other Program: _____

___ The Business is not a certified MBE or WBE, however:
[___] The ownership of the Business consists of ___% minorities and ___% women (for a total of ___%), each of which has operational and managerial control, interest in capital and earnings commensurate with their percentage of ownership.
[___] The Business anticipates utilizing MBE or WBE subcontractors for ___% of the work on the contract.
[___] The Business is not a certified MBE or WBE nor is it 51% owned, operated and controlled by one or more minority group members or a woman.
[___] Due to the specific nature of work, this contract does not lend itself to subcontracting opportunities. Therefore, _____ is requesting a full waiver of the MBE/WBE requirement.

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

Date: _____ By: _____
Name:
Title:
(Authorized Representative and Affiant)

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and Certification
(Substitute for IRS Form W-9)
COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF FORM

Baltimore County, Maryland
 Office of Budget and Finance
 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148
 Towson, Maryland 21204

Certification of TIN and business name are required for all successful bidders prior to issuing a contract or purchase order. Completion of SIDE 1 of this form is necessary to meet IRS regulations. All MBE/WBE vendors should also complete SIDE 2 . For questions, call 410-887-3587.

SIDE 1

List your **legal business name** below, **as shown on your income tax return**. **Sole proprietors** should list their individual name as noted on your social security card. You may enter a business name on line 2. Other entities must list your business name as shown on Federal tax documents. 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 the business name line (2). For **limited liability companies (LLC)** that are owned by an individual, the owner's name must be listed in the Name line (1) and the business name can be listed on the business name line (2). For **limited liability companies** that are corporations, partnerships, etc., enter the business name on Name line (1).

1. Name (as shown on your income tax return)

2. Business name, if different from above

Address

City	State	ZIP Code
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Remittance Address, if different from above

City	State	ZIP Code
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Contact Person	Title
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Phone Number () - Ext:	Fax Number () -
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E-mail address

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)													
Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). Note, this is the TIN shown on your federal tax documents.	Social Security Number <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td>--</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </table>				--								
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IF YOU ARE EXEMPT FROM BACK-UP WITHHOLDING

IF YOU ARE TAX-EXEMPT, EXPLAIN:

Filing Status (Ownership) (LLC is not acceptable)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (explain)	

CERTIFICATION:

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 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
- 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
- I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Signature of U.S. Person	Date
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SIDE 2

MBE / WBE Certification	
<p>Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)</p> <p>Certification #: _____</p> <p>Certification Date: ____ / ____ / ____</p> <p>Pending: _____</p>	<p>City of Baltimore</p> <p>Certification #: _____</p> <p>Certification Date: ____ / ____ / ____</p> <p>Pending: _____</p>

Business Ownership (Check Only One)					
	G	Government Entity		O	Other: _____
	H	Disabled		P	Non Profit
	MA	Minority-owned, Not small business		W	Woman-owned, Small business
	M	Minority-owned, Small business		WA	Woman-owned, Not small business
	NS	Non-minority-owned, small business		X	Woman-owned, Minority, Small business
	NL	Non-minority-owned, Large business		XA	Woman-owned, Minority, Not small business

Type of Business/Organization			
	Association		Attorney
	Government Entity		Educational Institution
	Medical Service Provider		Non-profit Organization
	Other: (explain)		Financial Institution

Ethnicity of Ownership (Check Only One)					
	A	Asian American		I	American Indian/Alaskan Native
	B	African American		N	Non-minority
	H	Hispanic American		O	Other Ethnic Group: _____

Incorporation
<p>Incorporation State: _____ OR Date Business Started ____ / ____ / ____</p>

Signature		
<p>I certify that the information shown on this registration is true and correct. I will advise the Purchasing Division immediately, in writing, of any change affecting this data.</p>		
<p>Signature: _____</p>	<p>Title: _____</p>	<p>Date: _____</p>



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INSURANCE PROVISIONS

1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Coverages Required:

Unless otherwise required by the specifications or the contract, the Contractor/Vendor shall purchase and maintain the insurance coverages listed herein.

Insurance Companies must be acceptable to Baltimore County and have an A.M. Best Rating of A-, Class X or better.

1.2 Verification of Insurance:

Before starting work on the contract or prior to the execution of the Contract on those bid, the Contractor/Vendor shall provide Baltimore County, Maryland with a Verification of Insurance Coverage form provided by the County, or an exact replica thereof, evidencing the required coverages.

1.3 Baltimore County as Additional Insured:

The coverage required, excluding Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability and Medical Malpractice Liability/Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions Liability, must include Baltimore County, Maryland and its agents, employees, officers, directors, and appointed and elected officials as an additional insured.

1.4 Contractor's/Vendor's Responsibility:

The providing of any insurance herein does not relieve the Contractor/Vendor of any of the responsibilities or obligations the Contractor/Vendor has assumed in the contract or for which the Contractor/Vendor may be liable by law or otherwise.

1.5 Failure to Provide Insurance:

Failure to provide and continue in force the required insurance shall be deemed a material breach of the contract.

2. INSURANCE COVERAGES

2.1 General Liability Insurance

2.1.1 Minimum Limits of Coverage:

Personal Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Combined Single Limit - \$500,000 each occurrence

2.1.2 Such insurance shall protect the Contractor/Vendor from claims which may arise out of, or result from, the Contractor's/Vendor's operations under the contract, whether such operations be by the

Contractor/Vendor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor/Vendor or Subcontractor, or anyone for whose acts any of the above may be liable.

2.1.3 Minimum Coverages to be Included:

- (a) Independent Contractor's coverage;
- (b) Completed Operations and Products Liability coverage; and
- (c) Contractual Liability coverage.

2.1.4 Damages not to be Excluded:

Such insurance shall contain no exclusions applying to operations by the Contractor/Vendor or any Subcontractor in the performance of the Contract including but not limited to: (a) Collapse of, or structural injury to, any building or structure; (b) Damage to underground property; or (c) Damage arising out of blasting or explosion.

2.2 Automobile Liability Insurance

2.2.1 Minimum Limits of Coverage:

Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability
Combined Single Limit - \$500,000
any one accident

2.2.2 Minimum Coverages to be Included:

Such insurance shall provide coverage for all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles.

2.3 Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance

Such insurance must contain statutory coverage, including:

Employers' Liability insurance with limits of at least:

Bodily Injury by Accident - \$500,000 each accident
Bodily Injury by Disease - \$500,000 policy limit
Bodily Injury by Disease - \$500,000 each employee

2.4 Other

Such other insurance in form and amount as may be customary for the type of business being undertaken by the Contractor/Vendor.



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
VERIFICATION OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY A LEGALLY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF INSURANCE COMPANY OR INSURANCE AGENCY.

TO: BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
PURCHASING DIVISION
400 Washington Avenue, Room 148
Towson, Maryland 21204

Solicitation/Contract/Purchase Order No.

Name of Contractor/Vendor

THIS IS TO VERIFY THAT:

- (1) The undersigned has received and reviewed the INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS of the above-numbered Solicitation/Contract/ Purchase Order No.; and
(2) As of the date signed, the following insurance has been issued, is in force, and provides the coverage's, and does not contain the exclusions, as required under the Solicitation/Contract/Purchase Order; and

Table with 4 columns: Type of Insurance, Insurance Company, Policy Numbers, Amt. Of Coverage. Rows include General Liability, Automobile Liability, Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability, and Other.

- (3) General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance coverage shall name Baltimore County, Maryland and its agents, employees, officers, directors, and appointed and elected officials as an additional insured.
(4) The Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability insurance coverage shall name Baltimore County, Maryland and its agents, employees, officers, directors, and appointed and elected officials as a certificate holder.

THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES that should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. All notice requirements shall identify the Contractor/Vendor and the number of the Solicitation/Contract/Purchase Order No.

Name of Insurance Company or Agency

Signature of Authorized Representative of Insurance Company or Agency

Address

Type/Print Name

City, State, Zip Code

Date

Area Code/Telephone No.

This document was adopted to eliminate the uncertainty regarding different forms of such documents and to reduce clerical errors. Insurer shall provide ACORD Certificate of Insurance also reflecting policy duration and amount of coverage, however, submission of an ACORD form does not satisfy the requirements of this procurement.

BID REPLY LABEL

*CUT ON THE DOTTED LINE AND SECURE
TO THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR RESPONSE
ENVELOPE OR CARTON.*

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL	
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NO. P-072 10/28/11, 2:00 PM COMPOST BIN AND RAIN BARREL TRUCKLOAD SALE	
TO:	BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND PURCHASING DIVISION 400 WASHINGTON AVE, ROOM 148 TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4665

PLEASE USE THE LABEL BELOW TO CLEARLY MARK THE OUTSIDE OF THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL WITHIN YOUR ENVELOPE OR CARTON.

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

**BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. P-072
COMPOST BIN AND RAIN BARREL TRUCKLOAD SALE**

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. BACKGROUND.

- 1.1 The Bureau of Solid Waste Management (BSWM) in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (EPS) hosted Baltimore County's first truckload compost bin/rain barrel sale in the of spring 2010. Additionally, a very successful sale was held in April 2011. Prior to the combined sales, BSWM hosted thirteen (13) very successful compost bin truckload sales.
- 1.2 The compost bin sales are conducted as a way to encourage Baltimore County residents to compost their yard materials at home thus reducing or eliminating the need for the County to collect and process this material, resulting in savings to the County.
- 1.3 The rain barrel sale was hosted as a way to encourage Baltimore County residents to reuse rainwater around their lawns and gardens. This reduces pollution associated with storm water runoff.
- 1.4 The Spring 2011 event resulted in sales of more than 800 bins and more than 1,300 barrels.
- 1.5 One-day events will take place in Baltimore County each spring at a date, time and place to be determined.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES.

- 2.1 The County is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to conduct the sale of compost bins and rain barrels at a date and location to be determined. **The cost of the bins/barrels proposed shall include sales tax.**
- 2.2 Contractor will provide a site manager, security personnel and all required on-site hardware (e.g. tent, table/chairs, signage, pylons, ropes) for the event. For security reasons, all contractor personnel will be required to identify themselves with their company name, e.g. t-shirts, badges, hats, etc.
- 2.3 Contractor shall accept the following forms of payment:
 - 2.3.1 cash
 - 2.3.2 checks
 - 2.3.3 credit cards
- 2.4. Proposal cost of the bins and barrels shall include sales tax.
- 2.5 Contractor shall be responsible for collection of all monies resulting from sales.

3. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS. - Proposals shall:

- 3.1 Include a letter stating an understanding of the work to be performed and goal of the County and a statement as to why the Offeror is qualified to perform the services.

- 3.2 Overview Narrative of Event Day Operations. Include explanation of the process by which the truckload sale date, time & location will be determined. Be as specific as possible.
- 3.3 Inform the County of the number of individuals the County must recruit to staff the event, including job duties and level of compensation. Compensation for all staff shall be Offeror's responsibility.
- 3.4 Document experience in providing similar sales/activities.
- 3.5 Include the number of compost bins that will be made available for sale and the price (sales tax to be included in the price – see item 2.4 above).
- 3.6 Include the number of rain barrels that will be made available for sale and the price (sales tax to be included in the price – see item 2.4 above).
- 3.7 Include graphic representation/photo of proposed compost bins and rain barrels.
 - 3.7.1 Descriptive literature for each item must be included in the proposal.
 - 3.7.2 Assembly instructions for each item must be included in the proposal.
 - 3.7.3 Warranty information for each item must be included.
- 3.8 Include the type and cost of advertising, marketing and public relations effort the Offerer will provide for each one-day event.
- 3.9 Specify warranty claims process.
- 3.10 Include any costs the Offeror expects the County to incur for each one-day event.

4. **TERM OF AGREEMENT.**

- 4.1 The initial term of this contract shall be one (1) year. Baltimore County reserves the right to renew this contract for four (4) years under the same terms and conditions. Baltimore County will automatically renew this contract on each option year unless notice is given to the vendor/contractor that the contract is not renewed.
- 4.2 If price adjustments are requested pursuant to the terms of the contract, the vendor/contractor must notify the Baltimore County Purchasing Division ninety (90) days prior to the current terms expiration date.
- 4.3 The vendor/contractor must maintain the insurance coverage required by the County while this contract is in force, and shall provide documentation of such insurance in a form satisfactory to the County when required.

5. **PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE.** A pre-proposal conference is scheduled for **Monday, October 3, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., in the Purchasing Division, 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148, Towson, Maryland 21204.**

6. **QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES; ADDENDA.**

- 6.1 Questions will be entertained at the conference. If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, addenda will be posted on the web site at www.baltimorecountymd.gov.
- 6.2 Offerors must acknowledge, in writing, receipt of all addenda in the text of their proposals. All official correspondence in regard to the specifications should be directed to and will be issued by the Purchasing Division. Offerors are cautioned that the County assumes no responsibility for oral explanations or interpretations of solicitation documents.

- 6.3 All questions should be directed, in writing, to Christine Carpenter, the Buyer, at ccarpenter@baltimorecountymd.gov
- 6.3 **The deadline for written questions pertaining to this solicitation is seven (7) working days prior to the due date of proposals.**
7. **EVALUATION OF OFFERS.** Award will be made to the responsible Offeror whose proposal best meets the needs of the County as set forth herein.
- 7.1 Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria, listed in order of importance.
- 7.1.1 Experience in providing compost bins and rain barrels in similar truckload venues.
- 7.1.2 Quality of compost bins and rain barrels proposed for the truckload sale.
- 7.1.3 Price of compost bins and rain barrels proposed for sale.
- 7.1.4 Any costs the Offeror expects the County to incur.
- 7.1.5 Degree of completeness of response to the RFP and degree to which the Offeror followed instructions for proposal information, documentation and submittal.
- 7.1.6 Fiscal and administrative structure as demonstration of ability to provide all of the appropriate services along with resources.
- 7.1.7 Additional assistance to the County for advertising and promotion of the event.
- 7.1.8 References (three (3)).
- 7.2 After consideration of the factors set forth in this RFP, the committee will recommend award to the Offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to the County.
- 7.3 This RFP will result in the submission of “proposals” (not “bids”), and the Evaluation and award process will be based on proposal responses. Therefore, the County may enter into negotiations with Offerors and invite “best and final offers” as deemed to be in the best interest of the County. Negotiations may be in the form of face-to-face, telephone, facsimile or written communications, or any combination thereof, at the County’s sole discretion.
- 7.4 Offerors are strongly advised not to prepare their proposal submissions based on any assumption or understanding that negotiations will take place. Offerors are advised to respond to this RFP fully and with forthrightness at the time of proposal submission.
- 7.5 Nonacceptance of an individual offer may mean that one or more other proposals were more advantageous, or that all were rejected.
8. **ORAL PRESENTATION.** Offerors may be required to clarify their proposals by making individual presentations to the evaluation committee.
9. **VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS.**
- 9.1 At the option of the County, Offerors may be required to furnish evidence of sufficient financial responsibility to fulfill this contract, and that they have, or can obtain the necessary equipment, manpower, and storage facility to ensure delivery within the parameters of this contract.

- 9.2 Experience. Offerors shall have conducted a minimum of three (3) similar sales/activities.
- 9.3 References. Offerors shall provide at least three (3) references (names of contact persons and phone numbers) for which similar services were provided.
- 9.4 Prior to awarding of this contract, the County reserves the right to inspect the facilities of any responsive Offeror. The reputation of Offerors regarding adequacy of their resources and facilities, and past records of their skillful performance of work of the type and magnitude required herein shall be considered when making the award.

10. **SAMPLES.**

- 10.1 Offerors may be required to furnish samples for evaluation prior to award. Samples furnished must conform exactly to the specifications herein unless otherwise specified by the buyer. Samples furnished with deviations must be clearly marked. When required, samples shall be furnished within seven (7) calendar days upon request. Samples not provided in accordance with the specifications or within the time specified may result in rejection of the proposal.
- 10.2 Samples will not be returned unless the vendor indicates the requirement to do so at the time the sample is furnished, and then only at the vendor's expense. Failure to arrange for pick up of released samples within thirty (30) calendar days will result in forfeiture of the samples.

11. **SUBMITTAL PROCESS AND REQUIRED COPIES.** Each Offeror shall submit **one (1) original, clearly marked as such, and five (5) copies** of the complete proposal. In addition, an electronic version (CD) of the Technical Proposal in .pdf format must be enclosed with the original Technical Proposal.

- 11.1 The cost of preparing proposals is the responsibility of Offerors. The County will not photocopy your proposal documents for the purpose of complying with this provision requiring a pre-determined number of duplicate copies. Failure to provide the required number of complete duplicate copies may result in rejection of your proposal.
- 11.2 Proposals must be securely sealed and addressed to the Baltimore County Purchasing Division, 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148, Towson, Maryland 21204 using the label provided in the solicitation package. Copies of the label must be made for multiple packages.
- 11.3 Proposals may be either mailed or hand-delivered. If the proposal is sent by mail or commercial express service, the Offeror shall be responsible for actual delivery of the proposal to the proper County office before the deadline. All timely proposals become the property of the County.
- 11.4 Late proposals will not be considered. Proposals received after the deadline will be returned unopened.
- 11.5 Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the offer, and all required information. They should be printed on recycled paper; staples, clips or rubber bands are preferred to ring binders, and unnecessarily elaborate brochures or other expensive visual presentations are neither necessary nor desired. Each page of the proposal should be consecutively numbered.
- 11.6 Each proposal shall be accompanied by an executed procurement affidavit which is provided by the Purchasing Division in the solicitation package.

12. **FUNDING OUT.** If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support contract continuation in any fiscal year, the County shall have the right to terminate the contract without any obligation or penalty.

13. **INSURANCE.**

- 13.1 The successful Offeror will be required to execute an Evidence of Insurance form furnished by the County in accordance with the attached requirements. The successful Offeror will have fifteen (15) calendar days to comply with this requirement, excluding County holidays and non-work days, if applicable.
- 13.2 The successful Offeror must maintain the insurance coverages required by the County while this agreement is in force, and shall provide documentation of such insurance in a form satisfactory to the County when required.

14. **MULTI-AGENCY PROCUREMENT.** Baltimore County reserves the right to extend the terms and conditions of this contract to any and all other County agencies requiring these commodities and/or services. A sub-order release will be issued against the original purchase order, confirming the contracted pricing and giving quantity and delivery requirements.

15. **COOPERATIVE PURCHASE.**

- 15.1 The County reserves the right to extend all of the terms, conditions, specifications, and unit or other prices of any contract resulting from this bid to any and all public bodies, subdivisions, school districts, community colleges, colleges, and universities including non-public schools. This is conditioned upon mutual agreement of all parties pursuant to special requirements which may be appended thereto. The supplier/contractor agrees to notify the issuing body of those entities that wish to use any contract resulting from this bid and will also provide usage information, which may be requested.
- 15.2 The County assumes no authority, liability or obligation, on behalf of any other public or non-public entity that may use any contract resulting from this proposal. All purchases and payment transactions will be made directly between the contractor and the requesting entity. Any exceptions to this requirement must be specifically noted in the bid/proposal response.

16. **"SAMPLE" FORM CONTRACT.**

- 16.1 The County's form contract is attached as part of this solicitation. By the act of submitting a proposal, the Offeror expressly acknowledges that he/she/it/ accept the terms and conditions as stated in the form contract unless exceptions are submitted in writing with the proposal.
- 16.2 The Offerors' acceptance of, or deviation from, the form contract terms and conditions are considered during the evaluation and subsequent award.
- 16.3 If the Offeror submits an exception, which alters the County's risk, liability, exposure in, or the intent of this procurement, the County reserves the right in its' sole and absolute discretion to deem the Offeror non-responsive.

17. **STATE OF MARYLAND GOOD STANDING.**

- 17.1 Baltimore County requires vendors to register or qualify to do business with Maryland's Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland. See section 17 of the General Instructions for Solicitations for more information and for the website.
- 17.1.1 This will be required of the successful Offeror. It is not necessary to register in order to submit a proposal.

18. **ELECTRONIC VERSION SUBMITTAL.**

18.1 In accordance with the General Instructions for Solicitations, #1.9, Instructions, Forms and Specifications, responses to Requests for Bids and Requests for Proposals shall be accompanied by an electronic version (CD) of the proposal in PDF format. The CD must be labeled with the proposal number, the proposal title, and the Offerors' name submitting the response. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope or carton as appropriate. This does not apply to Requests for Quotations

**BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. P-072
COMPOST BIN AND RAIN BARREL TRUCKLOAD SALE**

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Minimum Requirements – Compost Bin

- 1.1 Minimum capacity of nine (9) cubic feet.
- 1.2 Five (5) year minimum warranty
- 1.3 Made with a minimum of 25% recycled plastics.
- 1.4 Must include an instruction manual.

2. Minimum Requirements – Rain Barrel

- 2.1 Minimum capacity of fifty-five (55) gallons.
- 2.2 Five (5) year minimum warranty
- 2.3 Must include overflow hose (minimum diameter of 1¼”).
- 2.4 Must include spigot.
- 2.5 Must be an option to install spigot near the bottom of the barrel.
- 2.6 Mosquito-proof mesh required.
- 2.7 Lid must be child-proof.
- 2.8 Must include instruction manual.
- 2.9 Rain barrel must fit in mid-size sedan.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. P-072
COMPOST BIN AND RAIN BARREL TRUCKLOAD SALE
Due Date: 10/28/11, Time: 2:00 P.M.

PROPOSAL SIGNATURE COVER PAGE

SUBMISSION OF A BID/PROPOSAL IN RESPONSE TO THIS SOLICITATION EVIDENCES THE BIDDER'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREIN. THIS PAGE MUST BE PROPERLY SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL IN THE FIRM WHO REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS ACCEPTANCE OF ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE REQUEST FOR BID/ REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. THE PERSON SIGNING THE BID/PROPOSAL MUST INITIAL ANY ALTERATIONS IN FIGURES ON THIS FORM IN INK.

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code)

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

TAX ID NUMBER (FIN/SS#) _____ EMAIL: _____

Is your company a **certified** Minority Business Enterprise? Bidders must complete the applicable Minority Participation Affidavit attached.

Initial to confirm that a complete electronic version of the bid proposal response is included in the bid package. _____

Is your firm in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations relating to the employment of illegal aliens? If YES, check here _____

NOTICE: A notice required to be delivered shall be deemed to have been received when such notice has been sent to the following address and individual:

F.O.B. Destination (unless otherwise stated herein).

Delivery shall be made within _____ calendar days after receipt of order.

Payment Terms: _____ Cash discounts for less than 30 days will not be considered in determining awards. However, should that bidder obtain award by consideration of the gross price, the County should make every effort to obtain the discount. The County will not accept payment terms with a period of less than (30) days.

If your firm is not already receiving email notification of new solicitations and amendments, you may register for email notification on the County's web site at <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/purchasing>.

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PRICE SHEET PAGE 1 OF 1		REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL			
LINE NO.	COMMODITY/SERVICE DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY FROM/TO	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
	COMMODITY CODE: 96286				
1	Compost Bin (price includes sales tax)	1	Each	\$ _____	\$ _____
2	Rain Barrel (price includes sales tax)	1	Each	\$ _____	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

FED ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____

WHERE LANGUAGE IS BRACKETED SELECT ONE OF THE OPTIONS AND DELETE THE OTHER OR INSERT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED. PLEASE CONTACT THE PURCHASING DIVISION AND THE OFFICE OF LAW BEFORE THIS FORM IS MODIFIED

**BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
CONTRACT**

THIS AGREEMENT made this ____ day of _____, ____, (the "Agreement") is by and between Baltimore County, Maryland, a body corporate and politic, (hereinafter "County") and **[NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR]** (hereinafter the "Contractor").

WHEREAS, the said Contractor, hereby covenants and agrees to [perform all services] [deliver all goods], in strict and entire conformity with the Attachment A entitled, "Services and/or Scope of Work to be Performed", "Goods To Be Provided", [and] any Purchase Order subsequently issued and the **[Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposal, Request for Quotation] Bid No. _____, as amended, and the Contractor's response and any amendments or revisions thereto [If material business terms are contained in correspondence or emails subsequent to initial bid response, Purchasing should list such correspondence and emails here] (collectively, the "Bid")**.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants, the parties hereto agree that the County shall pay the Contractor, an amount as set forth herein, for [services and/or scope of work rendered][goods provided] in accordance with this Agreement, the other attachments hereto (ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE DESCRIBED HERE AND PROPERLY LABELED) and if applicable, the Bid and the Purchase Order all of which are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other terms or provisions of this Agreement, in the event the County is temporarily or permanently prevented, restricted or delayed in the performance of any or all of the duties and obligations imposed upon or assumed by it hereunder, by act of the General Assembly of Maryland or the Baltimore County Council, by a court of competent jurisdiction or by administrative delay not due to the fault of the County (and its members and agents), then the County shall not be liable directly or indirectly for any claims caused to or suffered by the Contractor or any other person in connection with or as a result of such prevention, restriction or delay. In addition the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Contractor's Duties.**

The Contractor shall be an independent Contractor and not an employee of the County, and shall be responsible for the reporting and remittance of all state and federal taxes. The Contractor shall [perform the services] [provide the goods] outlined in Attachment A hereto. The Contractor's [services and/or scope of work to be performed] [goods] will be provided with due care and in a [manner satisfactory to the County] and in accordance with all applicable [professional] standards.

2. **Compensation.**

2.1 In consideration of the [services and/or scope of work to be performed][goods] to be provided by the Contractor, the County shall pay the Contractor **[SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:]**[the sum of _____ Dollars (\$_____)]

[an amount equal to 90% of the amount invoiced pursuant to Paragraph 2.2 below. Ten percent (10%) of each disbursement shall be retained by the County and disbursed in a lump sum upon [completion of the services and/or scope of work described herein][delivery of the goods described herein] in a manner satisfactory to the County, in its sole discretion.] [an hourly rate of \$_____ per hour for an approximate total of ____ hours and shall reimburse the Contractor for eligible expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Contractor's responsibilities and obligation under this Agreement. The eligible expenses are set forth in Attachment A [and in no event shall eligible expenses exceed \$_____ during the entire term of this Agreement].] [in accordance with the unit prices set forth in the Bid] [in accordance with the fee schedule attached hereto as Attachment __].

2.2 The Contractor shall submit invoices to the County [SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS: [monthly] [quarterly] [insert the time period for submission of invoices]. The Contractor's invoices shall reflect the:

- Contractor's name
- Address
- Federal tax identification number
- Order number and line number(s) that correspond with resulting orders
- [Goods provided][Services and/or scope of work performed] during the preceding billing period

Original invoices shall be submitted to Office of Budget and Finance, Disbursements, 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148, Towson, Maryland 21204. [DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE] Copies of invoices shall be sent to [Agency Name and Address]. Invoices in the proper form and approved by the County shall be paid by the County within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof. The County reserves the right to approve such invoices, in its sole discretion, and to request such detail and additional information as the County, in its discretion deems appropriate.

[DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE] [Cash Discount Periods will be computed from the date of delivery and acceptance of the goods ordered, or the date of receipt of correct and proper invoices prepared in accordance with terms of Baltimore County's order, whichever date is later.]

2.3 [In no event shall the compensation paid to the Contractor exceed the sum of _____ Dollars (\$_____) [in any contract year] [during the Initial Term of this Agreement, as defined below] [or during any renewal period] [provided, however, that the County may entertain a request for escalation in any year subsequent to the first year in accordance with [SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: [Paragraph ___ of the Invitation to Bid] OR [Paragraph ___ of this Agreement]. [In no event shall the total compensation paid to the Contractor under this Agreement exceed the sum of _____ Dollars (\$_____) during the entire term of this Agreement including renewals thereof.]

3. **Term.**

3.1 This Agreement shall be [retroactively] effective [SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: [as of the date above written] [when it has been properly signed by all parties hereto][when executed by the County] and shall continue through [Insert Date] [(the “Initial Term”)] [, at which time the County may exercise its option to renew set forth in Paragraph 3.2 below], unless sooner terminated pursuant to this Agreement. [The County shall have the option of extending this Agreement at the end of the Initial Term or any renewal term for an additional [SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TIME PERIODS: [30] [60] [90] days], on the same terms and conditions, by providing written notice of its intent to extend to the Contractor. In the event the County elects to extend this Agreement, the Contractor shall continue to submit invoices monthly, for [services and/or scope of work rendered] [goods provided] in the manner prescribed in Paragraph 2 hereof. Any compensation [or reimbursement] paid during the extension period shall, when added to sums already disbursed hereunder, not exceed the maximum amount set forth in Paragraph 2 of this Agreement. In the event any extension changes the terms and conditions set forth herein, including but not limited to, a change in the compensation, approval of the Baltimore County Council may be required.]

3.2 The County reserves the right to renew this Agreement for [insert renewal period] on the same terms and conditions set forth herein. [INSERT ANY CHANGES TO THE TERMS, i.e. COMPENSATION, UPON RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT, OTHERWISE, IT MUST BE RENEWED ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS] The County will automatically renew this Agreement at the end of the Initial Term and each renewal term (except the last) unless it provides written notice of non-renewal to the Contractor prior to the end of the then current term. Unless set forth in a written amendment, the compensation [, reimbursement] and manner of payment set forth in Paragraph 2 shall remain unchanged, including but not limited to, the maximum amount of compensation [and reimbursement] available hereunder. In the event any renewal changes the terms and conditions set forth herein, the approval of the Baltimore County Council may be required.]

4. **Contractor's Representations and Warranties.** The Contractor hereby represents the following:

4.1 [USE FOR CORPORATIONS, LIMITED OR GENERAL PARTNERSHIPS OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES; DELETE IF CONTRACTOR IS AN INDIVIDUAL] The Contractor is a [corporation][limited partnership][general partnership][limited liability company], duly formed and validly existing under the laws of the State of [INSERT STATE OF INCORPORATION] and is qualified to do business and is in good standing in the State of Maryland.

4.2 [USE FOR CORPORATIONS, LIMITED OR GENERAL PARTNERSHIPS OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES; DELETE IF CONTRACTOR IS AN INDIVIDUAL] The Contractor has the power and authority to consummate the obligations and responsibilities contemplated hereby, and has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance required under this Agreement.]

4.3 The Contractor and the person executing this Agreement for the Contractor each warrant that [he][she] is [duly authorized by the Contractor] [is the person set forth in the Procurement Affidavit with the authority] to execute and seal this Agreement on the Contractor's behalf.

4.4 **SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:** A. [The [professional] services and/or scope of work to be provided under this Agreement shall be performed competently and with due care, in accordance with all applicable laws, codes, ordinances, regulations and licensing requirements and free from defects in workmanship and materials, as applicable. The parties understand and agree that this Agreement may be for the provision of a combination of goods and services. In such case, the parties hereby agree that the warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose and use shall apply to the portion of this Agreement that is pertaining to or for goods. The parties understand and agree that County shall rely upon all express warranties contained in this Agreement, including but not limited to the Bid, and any sample or model presented by Contractor and expressly accepted by the County.] OR B. [The goods to be delivered shall comply with the implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for particular purpose and use and warranties of title and against infringement, and all express warranties contained in this Agreement, including but not limited to the Bid.]

4.5 The Contractor has obtained and shall continue to maintain, at its own cost, such licenses and certifications as are necessary to provide the services and/or scope of work and provide the goods, as applicable, required pursuant to this Agreement, and shall present such licenses to the County upon its request for the same.

4.6 The Contractor has delivered to the County such written financial statements, schedules or reports in such form and containing such information and accompanied by such documents as requested or required by the County concerning the financial condition of Contractor. Such documentation fairly and accurately represents the financial condition of Contractor as of their date and the results of its operations for the period then ended. There has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the Contractor or the results of its operations since the date of such financial statements, schedules or reports.

4.7 All representations and warranties made in the Procurement Affidavit[, the Bid response], the Contract Affidavit, attached hereto as Attachment C and incorporated herein, and this Agreement remain true and correct in all respects throughout the term of this Agreement.

5. **Termination for Convenience.**

5.1 The County may terminate this Agreement, without cause, by providing written notice thereof to the Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination at the address set forth below, or at such other address as may be later designated by the Contractor in writing. The Contractor acknowledges that the absence of a reciprocal right of termination for convenience does not render this Agreement illusory or unenforceable.

5.2 In the event of termination, without cause, the County shall advise the Contractor in writing of the termination date and of work to be performed during the final days prior to contract termination. The Contractor shall be paid for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor up to the date of termination set forth in the written notice of termination. Payment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 2 of this Agreement.

6. **Insurance.**

The Contractor shall provide evidence of insurance as required by the County pursuant to the insurance requirements attached hereto as Attachment ____ in form and amounts acceptable to the County. The Contractor shall maintain the insurance coverages required by the County while this Agreement is in force, and provide documentation of such insurance in a form satisfactory to the County. Such documentation may, in the discretion of the County, be in the form of binders or declarations from the insurance company. [INCLUDE IF THERE ARE ATTACHED INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the attached insurance requirements and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

7. **Default.** The term "Default" as used in this Agreement shall mean the occurrence or happening, from time to time, of any one or more of the following:

7.1 **Representations and Warranties.** If any representation or warranty, expressed or implied, of the Contractor and pertaining to this Agreement shall prove at any time to be incorrect or misleading in any material respect either on the date when made or throughout the term of this Agreement.

7.2 **Compliance with Covenants and Conditions.** If the Contractor shall fail to comply with the terms of any covenant, condition, agreement or any express or implied warranty contained in this Agreement.

7.3 **Performance of Contractual Obligations.** If the services and/or scope of work hereunder are not performed in good faith and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement [FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS: including but not limited to, time frames specified or the completion schedule which is described in Attachment A.][If the delivery of the goods that are the subject of this Agreement [SELECT ONE: [was not made][is not being made] in good faith and/or in accordance with this Agreement, including but not limited to, the delivery schedule which is attached hereto as Attachment _____].

7.4 **Conditions Precedent to Any Disbursement.** If the Contractor shall be unable to satisfy any condition precedent to its right to receive a disbursement.

7.5 **Bankruptcy.** If the Contractor becomes insolvent or generally does not pay its debts as they become due, or if a petition for relief is filed by the Contractor in a bankruptcy court, or if the Contractor applies for, consents to, or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee, custodian, or receiver for the Contractor or any of its assets and property, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or in the absence of such application, consent, or

acquiescence, a trustee, custodian, or receiver is appointed for the Contractor or for a substantial part of the assets and property of the Contractor and is not discharged within thirty (30) days; or any bankruptcy, reorganization, debt arrangement, or other proceeding or case under any bankruptcy or insolvency or any dissolution or liquidation proceeding is instituted against the Contractor and is consented to or acquiesced to by the Contractor or remains for sixty (60) days undismissed; or the Contractor takes any action to authorize any of the actions described in this subsection.

8. **Remedies for Default.**

8.1 The County shall have the right upon the happening of any Default, without providing notice to the Contractor:

a. In addition to other available rights and remedies, to terminate this Agreement immediately, in whole or in part;

b. To suspend the Contractor's authority to receive any undisbursed funds; and/or

c. To proceed at any time or from time to time to protect and enforce all rights and remedies available to the County, by suit or any other appropriate proceedings, whether for specific performance of any covenant, term or condition set forth in this Agreement, or for damages or other relief, or proceed to take any action authorized or permitted under this Agreement, including but not limited to, calling upon any security, letter of credit, or bond and any other action authorized or permitted by applicable law; regulation, or equity.

8.2 **Upon termination of this Agreement for default, the County may elect to pay the Contractor for [services and/or scope of work provided] [goods delivered] up to the date of termination, less the amount of damages caused by the default, all as determined by the County in its sole discretion.** If the damages exceed the undisbursed sums available for compensation, the County shall not be obligated to make any further disbursements hereunder.

9. **Remedies Cumulative and Concurrent.**

No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the County is intended to be exclusive of any other remedies provided for in this Agreement, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative, and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder, or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute. Every right, power and remedy given to the County shall be concurrent and may be pursued separately, successively or together against the Contractor, and every right, power and remedy given to the County may be exercised from time to time as often as may be deemed expedient by the County.

10. **Confidential Information.**

The Contractor shall not disclose any documentation and information of any kind or nature disclosed to the Contractor in the course of its performance of duties hereunder without the express prior written consent of the County.

11. **Conflict of Interest.**

The Contractor represents and warrants that there exists no actual or potential conflict of interest between its performance under this Agreement and its engagement or involvement in any other personal or professional activities. In the event such conflict or potential conflict arises during the term of this Agreement, or any extension or renewal thereof, the Contractor shall immediately advise the County in writing thereof.

12. **Assignment.**

12.1 Neither the County nor the Contractor shall assign, subcontract or transfer its interest or obligations under this Agreement to any third party, without the written consent of the other. The Contractor further agrees to provide a minimum of ninety (90) days' written notice to the County prior to entering into any bankruptcy, merger or consolidation where the surviving entity will be unwilling or unable to accept the Contractor's obligations hereunder, to enable the County to procure the goods or services elsewhere. In the event the cost of procuring such alternate goods or services increases the cost to the County, and/or delays delivery time of any product, in addition to any other remedies available to the County, the Contractor shall pay to the County, as damages, any additional costs incurred.

12.2 Nothing herein shall be construed to create any personal or individual liability upon any employee, officer or elected official of the County, nor shall this Agreement be construed to create any rights hereunder in any person or entity other than the parties of this Agreement.

13. **Delegation of Duties.**

The Contractor shall not delegate the Contractor's duties under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the County.

14. **Indemnification.**

14.1 The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its employees, agents and officials from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or demands including attorney fees which may be incurred or made against the County, its employees, agents or officials resulting from any act or omission committed in the performance of the duties imposed by and performed under the terms of this Agreement by the Contractor or anyone under agreement with the Contractor to perform duties under this Agreement. The Contractor shall not be responsible for acts of gross negligence or willful misconduct committed by the County.

14.2 The Contractor shall also defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its employees, agents and officials from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or demands including attorney fees which may be made against the County, its employees, agents or officials by any third party arising from the alleged violation of any third party's trade secrets, proprietary information, trademark, copyright, patent rights, or intellectual property rights in connection with the Contractor's work under this Agreement.

14.3 Unless notified by the County in writing to the contrary, Contractor shall provide defense for County, its employees, agents and officials in accordance with this Article 14. Contractor shall allow County to participate in said defense of County, its employees, agents and officials, to the extent and as may be required by the County and the Contractor shall cooperate with County in all aspects in connection therewith.

15. **Integration and Modification.**

This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties relative to the subject matter hereof. No representation, promise or condition, whether oral or written, not incorporated herein shall be binding upon either party to this Agreement. No waiver, modification or amendment of the terms of this Agreement shall be effective unless made in writing and signed by an authorized representative(s) of the party sought to be bound thereby.

16. **Fee Prohibition.**

The Contractor warrants and represents that it has not employed or engaged any person or entity to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid, or agreed to pay any person or entity a fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of this Agreement. If any suit, claim, or demand shall arise concerning such a fee, the Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, from all such claims, suits or demands.

17. **No Partnership.**

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed in any manner to create any relationship between the Contractor and the County other than expressly specified herein and the Contractor and the County shall not be considered partners or co-venturers for any purpose on account of this Agreement.

18. **Governing Law.**

This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and Baltimore County, Maryland.

19. **Recitals and Conflicting Terms.**

[19.1] The Recitals are hereby incorporated into this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges that any Purchase Order issued on or after the effective date of this Agreement is also hereby incorporated and made a part of this Agreement, provided, however that any preprinted terms and conditions of any purchase order or other ordering document issued by the County in connection with this Agreement that are in addition to or inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, shall not be binding on the Contractor and shall not be deemed to modify this Agreement.

[19.2] In the event of a conflict between the Bid (including standard specifications) and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement (without the conflicting terms in the Bid) shall prevail.

[19.3] If a conflict arises between the provisions of this Agreement and any Purchase Order, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

[USE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ONLY] [19.4 In the event of a conflict between this Agreement, the Baltimore County Department of Public Works' Standard Specifications For Construction And Materials, and the Standard Details For Construction, the parties hereto agree that the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.]

20. **Severability.**

If any of the provisions in this Agreement are declared by a court or other lawful authority to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.

21. **Time is of the Essence.**

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO PERFORMANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

22. **Funding.**

The failure of the County to appropriate sufficient funds in any future fiscal year to provide funds for this Agreement shall entitle the County to terminate this Agreement without prior notice to the Contractor.

23. **Counterparts.**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

24. **Ownership of Goods.**

All finished or unfinished work or work product, reports, or goods that are the subject of this Agreement [DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE: including any licenses or consents acquired by the Contractor for performance hereunder,] shall be and shall remain the property of the County.

25. **Discrimination Prohibited.**

25.1 In the execution of the obligations and responsibilities hereunder, including, but not limited to, hiring or employment made possible by or relating to this Agreement, the Contractor shall not:

a. Fail or refuse to hire, or discharge, any individual, or otherwise to discriminate against any individual with respect to the individual's compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, or disability unrelated in nature and extent so as to reasonably preclude the performance of the employment, or because of the individual's refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a genetic test;

b. Limit, segregate, or classify its employees or applicants for employment in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect the individual's status as an employee, because of the individual's race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, or disability unrelated in

nature and extent so as to reasonably preclude the performance of the employment, or because of the individual's refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a genetic test; or

c. Request or require genetic tests or genetic information as a condition for hiring or determining benefits.

25.2 All solicitations or advertisements for employees shall state that the Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.

26. **Reports / Information/Inspections / and Audits.**

[DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE: 26.1 The Contractor shall furnish the County with the following reports or information [insert reporting requirements]: Reports produced for the County under this Agreement should be on recycled and recyclable paper printed on both sides.

[26.2] At any time during normal business hours and as often as the County may deem necessary, the Contractor shall make available to and permit inspection and copying by the County, its employees or agents, of all records, information and documentation of the Contractor related to the subject matter of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all contracts, invoices, payroll, and financial audits. Contractor shall retain all records, information, and documentation of the Contractor related to this Agreement, including but not limited to, all contracts, invoices, payroll, and financial audits for at least three (3) years after the termination of this Agreement.

[DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE: 26.3 The County may request the Contractor, at the expense of the Contractor, to have performed an independent audit of the Contractor's financial information including, but not limited to, balance sheets, statement of revenue and expenses, and receipts and disbursements. The independent auditor selected shall be subject to the approval of the County.]

27. **Notice.**

Any notice required to be delivered shall be deemed to have been received when the notice has been sent by certified mail, return receipt, overnight carrier, or hand delivered with signed receipt to the following address and individual or at such other address and/or such other individual as a party may identify in writing to the other party:

[Make it a sentence or column, depending on space available]

FOR THE COUNTY: [Contact Name and/or Job Title, address, telephone number and fax number]

[IF DEEMED NECESSARY] [ADDITIONAL CONTACT] FOR THE COUNTY: [Contact Name, County Attorney, address, telephone number and fax number] [DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE]

[IF DEEMED NECESSARY] BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF LAW: [Contact Name, address, telephone number and fax number] [DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE]

[Make it a sentence or column, depending on space available]

FOR THE CONTRACTOR:
/[Contact Name,
address
telephone number and fax number]

[IF DEEMED NECESSARY] **[ADDITIONAL CONTACT]** [DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE]

FOR THE CONTRACTOR:
[Contact Name,
address
telephone number and fax number]

[DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE: 28. **Recycled and Recyclable Products.**

Any goods delivered under this Agreement that require packaging must be packed in recycled and recyclable materials.]

[DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE: 29. **HIPAA. § Compliance With Federal HIPAA And State Confidentiality Law**

A. The Contractor acknowledges its duty to become familiar with and comply, to the extent applicable, with all requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 1320 *et seq.*, as the same may be amended from time to time and implementing regulations including 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, as the same may be amended from time to time, the Contractor also agrees to comply with the Maryland Confidentiality of Medical Records Act (MCMRA), Md. Code Ann. Health-General §§4-301 *et seq.*, as the same may be amended from time to time. This obligation includes:

1. As necessary, adhering to the privacy and security requirements for protected health information and medical records under federal HIPAA and State MCMRA and making the transmission of all electronic information compatible with the federal HIPAA requirements; and
2. Providing good management practices regarding all health information and medical records.

B. [If the County determines that functions to be performed constitute business associate functions as defined in HIPAA, t][T]he Contractor must execute a business associate agreement as required by HIPAA regulations at 45 CFR §164.501, as the same may be amended from time to time. The fully executed business associate agreement must be submitted within 10 working days after notification of selection, or within 10 days after award, whichever is earlier. Upon expiration of the ten-day submission period, if the County determines that the Contractor has not provided the HIPAA agreement

required by this Agreement, the Procurement Officer, upon review of the Baltimore County Office of Law, may determine the Contractor to be in default of this Agreement.

C. Protected Health Information as defined in the HIPAA regulations at 45 CFR 160.103 and 164.501, as, the same may be amended from time to time, means information transmitted as defined in the regulations, that is individually identifiable; that is created or received by a healthcare provider, health plan, public health authority, employer, life insurer, school or university, or healthcare clearinghouse; and that is related to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual, to the provision of healthcare to an individual, or to the past, present, or future payment for the provision of healthcare to an individual. The definition excludes certain education records as well as employment records held by a covered entity in its role as employer.

30. **Political Contribution Disclosure Affirmation.**

The Contractor affirms that it is aware of, and will comply with, the provisions of Sections 14-101 through 14-108 of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as the same may be amended from time to time, which require that every person who makes, during any 12-month period, one or more contracts, with one or more Maryland governmental entities involving cumulative consideration, of at least \$100,000.00, to file with the State Board of Elections certain specified information to include disclosure of attributable political contributions in excess of \$500 during defined reporting periods.

31. **No Waiver, Etc.**

No failure or delay by the County to insist upon the strict performance of any term, condition or covenant of this Agreement, or to exercise any right, power, or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof, shall constitute a waiver of any such term, condition, or covenant or of any such breach, or preclude the County from exercising any such right, power, or remedy at any later time or times.

32. **Survival.**

Those sections in this Agreement which by their nature are intended to survive, including but not limited to Sections 4 (Contractor's Representations and Warranties), 10 (Confidential Information), 14 (Indemnification), 26 (Reports/Information/and Audits), shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

[USE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ONLY]33. **Applicable Laws, Codes, Ordinances, and Regulations.**

The services and/or scope of work to be provided under this Agreement shall be performed competently and with due care, and in accordance with all applicable laws, codes, ordinances, regulations (including but not limited to the Baltimore County Department of Public Works' Standard Specifications For Construction and Materials and the Standard Details For Construction).

[INSERT ANY SPECIAL CLAUSES HERE, SUCH AS WARRANTIES, ETC.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, it is the intent of the parties that Contractor has signed this Agreement under seal and further, that the parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first written above.

WITNESS:

[INSERT LEGAL NAME OF CONTRACTOR]

Federal Identification No. _____

By: _____ (SEAL)

[Insert Name]

[Insert Title]

WITNESS:

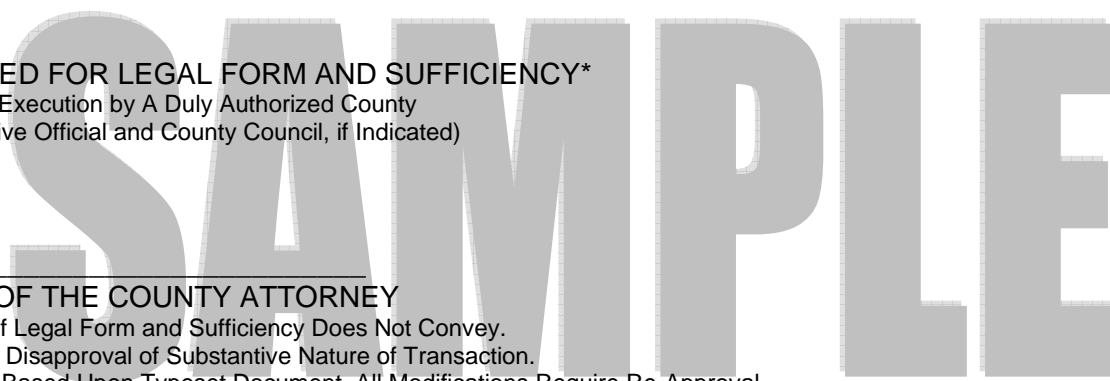
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, a body corporate and politic

By: _____ Date _____

Fred Homan
Administrative Officer

APPROVED FOR LEGAL FORM AND SUFFICIENCY*

(Subject to Execution by A Duly Authorized County Administrative Official and County Council, if Indicated)



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

*Approval of Legal Form and Sufficiency Does Not Convey Approval or Disapproval of Substantive Nature of Transaction. Approval is Based Upon Typeset Document. All Modifications Require Re-Approval.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

[INSERT DEPT. AND DEPT. HEAD]

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____ Date _____
Chairman

ATTACHMENT A

[SERVICES AND/OR SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED] [GOODS TO BE PROVIDED]
[FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS: TIME FRAME OR COMPLETION SCHEDULE
WITH INTERIM BENCHMARKS, AS APPLICABLE]

SAMPLE

THE ABOVE ARE IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER SERVICES AS SET FORTH IN THE
[REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # / INVITATION TO BID #] AND THE BID RESPONSE.

ATTACHMENT B

[INSURANCE INFORMATION]

SAMPLE

ATTACHMENT C
CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT

A. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I am the [title] _____ and the duly authorized representative of [business] _____ (the "Business") and that I possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit on behalf of myself and the business for which I am acting.

B. BID/PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT AFFIRMATIONS VALID

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, each of the affirmations, certifications, or acknowledgments contained in that certain Procurement Affidavit dated _____, and executed by (me) (_____) for the purpose of obtaining the contract to which this Affidavit is attached remains true and correct in all respects as if made as of the date of this Contract Affidavit and as if fully set forth herein.

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

Date: _____

By: _____

Name:
Title:
(Authorized Representative and Affiant)