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1. CONTRACT INFORMATION:

Continuing a legacy of outstanding museum architecture, the Smithsonian Institution ("Smithsonian") seeks to commission our nation's most talented designers to design a facility of quality and value for the National Museum of African American History and Culture ("NMAAHC"). This commission will demonstrate the value of a true integrated design that balances aesthetics, cost, constructability, and reliability; while simultaneously creating an environmentally responsible and superior place for staff and visitors.

Consequently, the Smithsonian desires to select an architectural and engineering firm ("A/E") to provide architectural, engineering, planning and design support services for the Smithsonian's new National Museum of African American History and Culture. This procurement is conducted in accordance with the Brooks Architect-Engineer Act, as implemented by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Subpart 36.6, refer to Numbered Note 24 on FedBizOpps.com, and includes a conceptual design competition for selected firms. The North American Industry Classification Code (NAICS) for this procurement is 541310. This announcement is open to all businesses regardless of size. The contract awarded will be firm-fixed-price. Minority, Small business, Small disadvantaged business, Women-owned small business, Hub-zone small business, Veteran owned small business and Service Disabled Veteran owned firms are strongly encouraged to apply.

2. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE:

The National Museum of African American History and Culture Act - Public law 108-184, signed by President Bush on December 16, 2003, established the National Museum of African American History and Culture, as the newest museum within the Smithsonian. NMAAHC is the national museum for the study and exposition of African American history and culture. Its primary purposes are to acquire, maintain and preserve objects which document social, cultural, political, military, technological and scientific developments in the United States; to conduct scholarly research designed to make significant contributions to the body of knowledge in the fields of African American history; to publish findings for both scholarly and general audiences; and to interpret historical developments through public exhibitions and programs.

In January of 2006, the Smithsonian Board of Regents selected a site for the new building from one of four alternatives. The site, located on the National Mall and the Washington Monument grounds, is bounded by Constitution Avenue and Madison Drive, between 14th and 15th Streets, NW. The National Mall and the Washington Monument are both listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Park Service transferred administrative control of this symbolic, historic and prominent federal government owned site to the Smithsonian in June of 2007. Tier I of the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") is underway and scheduled for

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