

STATE OF ILLINOIS

SOLICITATION DOCUMENT

Early Childhood Data Systems –Planning Project HCD-64855

The Office of Early Childhood Development is requesting Offers (bids / proposals) from responsible Vendors to meet the State's needs. Below is a brief description of our needs with detailed requirements in subsequent sections of this solicitation. If you are interested and able to meet these requirements, please submit an Offer.

We are issuing this solicitation in the following form and you must take that into account when reading and responding:

X Request for Proposals (Professional and Artistic Services and BEP)

Brief Description: The intent of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit proposals in order to identify a vendor or vendors to conduct an analysis of the current data systems that collect information on early childhood programs, practitioners, and participants. Based on that analysis, a Vendor will prepare documents and initial plans for the implementation of a unified early childhood data system that connects current systems and provides new data on Illinois' birth-to-five programs.

The solicitation package consists of two parts:

Part A INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING AND EVALUATING BIDS AND PROPOSALS: Part A consists of the following sections:

- SECTION 1 INSTRUCTIONS, DATES, RESERVATIONS AND OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION
- SECTION 2 HOW WE WILL EVALUATE OFFERS
- SECTION 3 SPECIFICATIONS / QUALIFICATIONS / STATEMENT OF WORK

These sections provide information necessary for submitting an Offer (a bid or proposal), set forth the basic legal and policy requirements associated with this solicitation and tell how we will evaluate Offers.

Part B OFFER RESPONSE FORMS: Part B consists of the following sections:

- SECTION 4 OFFER TO STATE OF ILLINOIS
- SECTION 5 RESPONSIBILITY FORMS
- SECTION 6 RESPONSIVENESS
- SECTION 7 PRICE
- SECTION 8 CONTRACT

Your response to Part B will constitute your Offer to the State and will provide us with information about you, what you will provide, your ability to perform and your price. We will evaluate this information as well as compliance with the Instructions.

In this document the State of Illinois will be referred to as "State", "Agency", "we" or "us". The person submitting an Offer will be referred to as "Vendor", "Contractor" or "You". "We" is used appropriate to the context.

Please read the entire solicitation package and submit your Offer for evaluation in accordance with all instructions.

Public Act 95-971 contains registration requirements regarding bids and proposals submitted by vendors. You must read and comply with the requirements. See www.purchase.state.il.us for additional information.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY In compliance with the State and Federal Constitutions, the Illinois Human Rights Act, the U.S. Civil Rights Act, and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the State of Illinois does not discriminate in employment, contracts, or any other activity.

SECTION 1 - INSTRUCTIONS, DATES, RESERVATIONS AND OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 PROJECT CONTACT: If you have a question or suspect an error, you must immediately notify the Project Contact identified in this section. Do not discuss the solicitation or your Offer, directly or indirectly, with any State officer or employee other than the State Project Contact. Only written answers to questions shall be binding on the State.

Curt Massie
IDHS-Procurement Office
Centrum North
401 N. 4th Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Phone: (217) 557-9041
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TDD: (866) 786-3936

Curt.Massie@illinois.gov

1.2 VENDOR TELECONFERENCE: ☒ Yes ☐ No
Date and Time: Tuesday, 10/25/2011 1:00PM

Mandatory Attendance: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Call In Number: (877) 873-8018
Pass code: 3790934

We will provide written responses to questions and only those written responses shall be binding. You are to email the Project Contact (Section 1.1 above), immediately after the Teleconference and indicate the person(s) that attended on behalf of your organization and any questions that were asked by said person(s)

1.3 OFFER DUE DATE, TIME AND SUBMISSION LOCATION: Due Date: [11/10/2011] Time: [2:00PM]

DELIVER OFFERS TO:
IDHS-Procurement Office
Centrum North
Attn: Curt Massie
401 N. 4th Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62702

LABEL OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE / CONTAINER:
State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care-
Illinois Early Childhood Facilities Project #55701
[11/10/2011 2:00PM]
[Vendor Name & Address]

We will open Offers at the Due Date, Time and Delivery Location. Prior to the due date, you may mail or hand-deliver Offers, modifications, and withdrawals. We do not allow e-mail, fax, or other electronic submissions. We must physically receive submissions as specified; it is not sufficient to show you mailed or commenced delivery before the due date and time. We will not consider Offers, modifications or withdrawals submitted after the due date and time. All times are State of Illinois local times. Please note that the U.S. Postal Service will not deliver to this specific address.

1.4 NUMBER OF COPIES: You must submit a signed original and 8 copies of the Offer in a sealed container. In addition, you must submit 8 copies on CDs, DVDs, or Flash Drives in the following format Microsoft Word or PDF. You must submit separate CDs, DVDs, or Flash Drives for technical and separate CDs, DVDs, or Flash Drives for price with the price hard copies and CD CDs, DVDs, or Flash Drives sealed in the separate pricing envelope. If you are requesting confidential treatment, you must make that request in the form and manner specified elsewhere in this solicitation. A request for confidential treatment will not supersede the Department's legal obligations under Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140). You must also submit one (1) original and one (2) copies of your BEP Utilization Plan in a separate sealed envelope within your Offer container.

In accordance with Public Act 95-971, if you are required to submit the State Board of Elections Registration Certificate and fail to do so, your bid / proposal will be disqualified.

1.5 OFFER FIRM TIME: Your Offer must remain firm for 120 days from opening.

1.6 SECURITY: Bid Bond \$ N/A Performance Bond \$ N/A You must submit the Bid Bond with the Offer and the Performance Bond within 10 days after award. The bond must be from a surety licensed to do business in Illinois. An irrevocable letter of credit is an acceptable substitute. The form of security must be acceptable to us.

1.7 PROTESTS. Aggrieved party must submit protest to the protest review office identified below. Do not submit it to any other person or address. Protests shall contain a statement of reason for the protest (44 IL Adm. Code 1.5550 (b)(2)(C)), and CPO must physically receive the protest by noon of the seventh calendar day after you knew or should have known of the facts giving rise to the protest.

Chief Procurement Officer
Attn: Protest Review Office
401 S. Spring Street
Suite 514 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Phone: (217) 558-2127
Facsimile: (217) 558-2164
Illinois Relay: (800) 526-0844

1.8 SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If "Yes" is marked, you must be certified by the Small Business Set-Aside Program at the time Offers are due in order for us to evaluate your Offer. For complete requirements and to certify your business in the Small Business Set-Aside Program, visit http://www.sell2.illinois.gov/bep/Set_Aside.htm.

1.9 MINORITY, FEMALE AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY SUBCONTRACTING: ☒ Yes ☐ No. If "Yes" is marked, this solicitation contains a goal to include businesses owned and controlled by minorities, females and persons with disabilities in the State's procurement and contracting processes. In addition to the number of copies requested above, **you must submit an original and 2 copies of the Utilization Plan and Letter of Intent, sealed separately within the offer container.** Failure to submit a Utilization Plan as instructed later in this solicitation will render the offer non-responsive. All questions regarding the subcontracting goal must be directed to Susan Hartman at Susan.Hartman@illinois.gov or (312) 814-2200. prior to submission of bids or proposals. Vendors who submit bids or proposals for State contracts shall not be given a period after the bid or proposal is submitted to cure deficiencies in the Utilization Plan and the Letter of intent, unless mandated by federal law or regulation (30 ILCS 575(4)(c)). Firms included on Utilization Plans as meeting BEP requirements as prime or sub-contractors must be certified by CMS as BEP vendors prior to contract award. Go to http://www.sell2.illinois.gov/bep/Business_Enterprise.htm for complete requirements for BEP certification.

1.10 PUBLIC CONTRACTS NUMBER: (775 ILCS 5/2-105) If you do not have a Department of Human Rights' (DHR) Public Contracts Number or have not submitted a completed application to DHR for one before opening we may not be able to consider your Offer. Please contact DHR at 312-814-2431 or visit <http://www.state.il.us/dhr/index.htm> for forms and details.

1.11 ILLINOIS PROCUREMENT BULLETIN (Bulletin): We publish procurement information (including updates) in the electronic Bulletin (<http://www.purchase.state.il.us>). Procurement information may not be available in any other form or location. You are responsible for monitoring the Bulletin; we cannot be held responsible if you fail to receive the optional e-mail notices.

1.12 AWARD: We will post a notice to the Bulletin identifying the apparent awardee. The notice extends the Offer Firm Time until we sign a contract or determine not to sign a contract. We may accept or reject your Offer as submitted, or may require contract negotiations. If negotiations do not result in an acceptable agreement, we may reject your Offer and begin negotiations with another Vendor. Protested awards are not final and are subject to resolution of the protest.

1.13 PUBLIC RECORDS AND REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT: Offers become the property of the State and these and late submissions will not be returned. Your Offer will be open to the public under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140) and other applicable laws and rules, unless you request in your Offer that we treat certain information as exempt. A request for confidential treatment will not supersede the State's legal obligations under Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140). We will not honor requests to exempt entire Offers. You must show the specific grounds in FOIA or other law or rule that support exempt treatment. Regardless, we will disclose the successful Vendor's name, the substance of the Offer, and the price. If you request exempt treatment, you must submit an additional copy of the Offer with exempt information deleted. This copy must tell the general nature of the material removed and shall retain as much of the Offer as possible. You will be responsible for any costs or damages associated with our defending your request for exempt treatment. You agree the State may copy the Offer to facilitate evaluation, or to respond to requests for public records. You warrant that such copying will not violate the rights of any third party.

1.14 RESERVATIONS: You must read and understand the solicitation and tailor your Offer and activities to ensure compliance. We reserve the right to amend the solicitation; reject any or all Offers; to award by item, group of items, or grand total; and to waive minor defects. We may request a clarification; inspect your premises; interview staff; request a presentation; or otherwise verify the contents of the Offer, including information about subcontractors and suppliers. We may request Best & Final Offers when appropriate. We will make all decisions on compliance, evaluation, terms and conditions, and shall make decisions solely in the best interests of the State. This competitive process requires that you provide additional information and otherwise cooperate with us. If you do not comply with requests for information and cooperate, we may reject your Offer. You have no right to an award by submitting an Offer, nor do you have the right to a contract based on our posting your name in a Bulletin notice. We are not responsible for and will not pay any costs associated with the preparation and submission of your Offer. If you are the awardee, you shall not commence, and will not be paid for any billable work prior to the date all parties execute the contract, unless approved in writing in advance by the State Purchasing Officer or the Chief Procurement Officer (or the CPO's designee).

1.15 GOVERNING LAW AND FORUM: Illinois law and rule govern this solicitation and any resulting contract. You must bring any action relating to this solicitation or any resulting contract in the appropriate court in Illinois. We do not allow binding arbitration. This document contains statutory references designated with "ILCS". You may view the full text at <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp>. The Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) and the Standard Procurement Rules (44 Ill. Adm. Code 1) are applicable to this solicitation and may be viewed by users registered for the Illinois Procurement Bulletin at <http://www.purchase.state.il.us>.

1.16 EMPLOYMENT TAX CREDIT: Vendors who hire qualified veterans and certain ex-offenders may be eligible for tax credits. Please contact the Illinois Dept. of Revenue (312-814-3215) for information about tax credits. If you receive this tax credit you must report to the Dept. of Central Management Services the number of individuals hired for whom you received tax credits. You must submit this information by August 31 of each year covering the previous 12 months (July–June) (PA 94-1067; 30 ILCS 500/45-67 and 45-70).

1.17 DEFINITIONS: Whenever used in this RFP, Contract, or amendment, including schedules and exhibits to this RFP or Contract, the following terms will have the meanings defined below. Any objections or questions regarding the definitions should be raised with the Agency/Buyer during the RFP process.

1.17.1 Affiliates: any person, firm, corporation (including, without limitation, service corporation and professional corporation), partnership (including, without limitation, general partnership, limited partnership and limited liability partnership), limited liability company, joint venture, business trust, association or other entity that now or in the future directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with Vendor.

1.17.2 Agency/Buyer: the agency, board, department or commission of State government responsible for entering into the Contract, monitoring performance, receiving the benefits derived from the Contract and making payments under the Contract.

1.17.3 Change of Control: any transaction or combination of transactions as a result of which (a) ownership of a vendor changes, (b) the sale or transfer of fifty percent (50%) or more of the beneficial ownership occurs or, (c) the divestiture, in whole or in part, of the business unit or division of a party that is obligated to produce the products and services occurs.

1.17.4 CMS: the State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services and any successor organizations.

1.17.5 Code: The Illinois Procurement Code, 30 ILCS 500/1-5 et seq. Unofficial versions of the Code and Standard Procurement Rules (44 Ill. Adm. Code 1), which are applicable to this procurement, may be viewed at <http://www.purchase.state.il.us/>.

1.17.6 Contract: the "Contract for Services" included with the State's Request for Proposals.

1.17.7 Confidential Information: any material, data, or information disclosed by either Party to the other that, pursuant to agreement of the parties or the State's grant of a proper request for confidentiality, is not generally known by or disclosed to the public or to Third Parties including, without limitation: (a) all materials, know-how, processes, trade secrets, manuals, confidential reports, services rendered by State, financial, technical and operational information, and other matters relating to the operation of a Party's business; (b) all information and materials relating to Third Party vendors of State that have provided any part of State's information or communications infrastructure to State; (c) software; and (d) any other information that the Parties agree should be kept confidential. See also subsection 7.2.7 of Section 7 of this RFP, "Public Records and Requests for Confidential Treatment."

1.17.8 Filing: where applicable, an instrument or document submitted to a regulatory body for review and approval to allow the Vendor(s) to make the Services contained therein available for consumption.

1.17.9 ILCS: Illinois Compiled Statutes. An unofficial version of the ILCS can be viewed at <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp>.

1.17.10 Offer: the Offer consists of the Technical Proposal, Price Proposal, and all required forms and certifications—completed, signed, and returned by the Vendor.

1.17.11 Offer Firm Time: offers shall remain firm and unaltered after opening for the number of days shown. An Offer may be accepted, subject to successful contract negotiations, at any time during the Offer Firm Time.

1.17.12 Order: any written request from CMS or an Agency/Buyer for services and/or products and/or equipment pursuant to this Contract.

1.17.13 Parties: the State of Illinois and the Vendor.

1.17.14 Performance Guarantee: the Vendor's commitment to place some or all of its fee at risk contingent upon the Agency/Buyer's satisfaction with the work to be performed.

1.17.15 Professional & Artistic Services: those services provided under contract to a State Agency by a person or business, acting as an independent contractor, qualified by education, experience and technical ability including, without limitation, installation, implementation, integration, custom programming, conversion, training, consulting and any other similar services that may be provided by Vendor(s) independently or in conjunction with a Third Party hereunder.

- 1.17.16 RFP/RFP P&A:** the State's Request for Proposals (Professional & Artistic Services, if applicable).
- 1.17.17 Responses:** when used in association with the term "RFP" refer to the Vendor's(s') replies, clarifications, revisions, and additions to the State's Request for Proposals.
- 1.17.18 Security:** the Vendor may be required to provide offer security (e.g., bond, cashier's check, money order or irrevocable letter of credit) with the Offer and performance security within ten (10) days of acceptance of the Offer unless a different time is specified herein. Security shall be in the form of a bond unless otherwise agreed. In the event a bond is used, a surety licensed to do business in Illinois must issue the bond on a form acceptable to the Agency/Buyer. The security shall be forfeited if the selected Vendor withdraws its Offer before the expiration of the Offer Firm Time or after the Agency/Buyer issues a Notice of Intent to Award, does not honor the terms in its Offer, or does not negotiate contract terms in good faith. Security submitted by Vendors will be returned when the Offers expire, are rejected, or the Agency/Buyer enters into a contract with the successful Vendor, whichever is earliest.
- 1.17.19 State:** the State of Illinois, as represented through any agency, department, board, or commission.
- 1.17.20 State Facility:** any facility, site or location owned, managed, controlled or operated by the State.
- 1.17.21 State Liaison:** when applicable, the CMS employee who shall act as a centralized liaison between Vendor(s) and Agency/Buyer with respect to all matters relating to the administration of this Contract.
- 1.17.22 Third Party:** any entity other than the Agency/Buyer, Vendor(s), or any of their respective Affiliates.

1.18 ACCEPTANCE: the point in time when the product or equipment has been fully installed and operates in compliance with the Agency/Buyer's order and the Contract, or the State otherwise indicates acceptance in writing.

SECTION 2 - HOW WE WILL EVALUATE OFFERS

2.1 OFFER RESPONSE FORMS: We will evaluate the information you provide in the Offer Response Forms. You will find these forms in later sections of this solicitation.

2.2 EVALUATION CATEGORIES: We evaluate four categories of information: Administrative Compliance, Responsibility, Responsiveness, and Price. We will consider the information you supply or don't supply, and the quality of that information when evaluating your Offer. If we find a failure or deficiency, we may have to reject the Offer or reflect that in the evaluation.

2.2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE: We will determine whether your Offer complied with the Instructions for submitting Offers. Except for late submissions, we may require that a Vendor correct deficiencies as a condition of further evaluation.

2.2.2 RESPONSIBILITY: We will determine whether you are a "Responsible" Vendor; a Vendor with whom we can or should do business.

- i. A "Responsible" vendor must exist as a legal entity and must be authorized to do business in Illinois at the time a bid or proposal is submitted for a State contract. Evidence of good standing can include Certificate of Good Standing, copy of assumed name certificate from home county, etc.
- ii. Public Law 96-0795 provides that a "prohibited bidder" includes a person assisting the State of Illinois or a State agency in determining whether there is a need for contract unless such information was part of a response to a publicly issued request for information (RFI). Additionally, one assisting the State by reviewing, drafting or preparing a request for proposals or request for information or provided similar assistance is deemed a prohibited bidder. See certifications section of the Contract for the required certifications prior to entering into a contract with the State of Illinois.
- iii. Other factors that we may evaluate to determine Responsibility include, but are not limited to: certifications, conflict of interest, financial disclosures, taxpayer identification number, past performance, references (including those found outside the Offer,) compliance with applicable laws, financial stability and the perceived ability to perform completely as specified. Every bid submitted to and contract executed by the State and every subcontract subject to Section 20-120 of the Procurement Code shall contain a certification by the bidder, contractor, or subcontractor, respectively, that the bidder, contractor, or subcontractor is not barred from being awarded a contract or subcontract under this Section and acknowledges that the chief procurement officer shall declare the related contract void if any of the certifications are false.

You must at all times have financial resources sufficient, in the opinion of the State, to ensure performance of the contract and must provide proof upon request. The State may terminate the Contract, consistent with the termination for cause provision of this Contract, if the Vendor lacks the financial resources to perform under the Contract. We may require that a Vendor correct any deficiencies as a condition of further evaluation.

2.2.3 RESPONSIVENESS: We will determine whether the Offer meets the stated requirements. Minor differences or deviations that have negligible impact on the price or suitability of the supply or service to meet the State's needs

may be accepted or corrections allowed. If no administratively compliant and responsible Vendor meets a particular requirement, we may waive that requirement. When the specification calls for "Brand Name or Equal," the brand name product is acceptable. Other products will be considered with proof the other product meets stated specifications and is equivalent to the brand product in terms of quality, performance and desired characteristics.

2.3 AWARD: We will award to the Responsible Vendor whose Offer passes Administrative review, is Responsive and is considered the best of those submitted (without consideration of price) and with whom we are able to negotiate a fair and reasonable price.

We will determine how well Offers meet the Responsiveness requirements. We will rank Offers, without consideration of Price, from best to least qualified using a point ranking system (unless otherwise specified) as an aid in conducting the evaluation. Vendors who receive fewer than the minimum required points will not be considered for award.

We will attempt to negotiate a fair and reasonable Price with the Vendor with the best Offer. If we can not negotiate a fair and reasonable price, we reserve the right to award and negotiate with the next highest ranked Vendor. We will determine whether the price is fair and reasonable by considering the Offer, including the Vendor's qualifications, the Vendor's reputation, all prices submitted, other known prices, the project budget and other relevant factors.

The point evaluation system is described below:

2.3.1 The chart below shows the elements of Responsiveness that we will evaluate, their relative weights in point format and any minimum point requirements. The total number of points for Responsiveness is: 850.

RESPONSIVE ELEMENTS	MINIMUM REQUIRED POINTS	WEIGHT
Administrative Compliance		Procurement Office will evaluate for administrative compliance
Education and Technical Expertise	200	250
Analytical Skills	80	100
Project Management	140	180
Communication	60	80
Background and Experience	120	140
References	40	50
Vendor Interview/On-Site Visit	40	50

SECTION 3 - SPECIFICATIONS / QUALIFICATIONS / STATEMENT OF WORK

3.1 AGENCY'S NEED FOR SUPPLIES / SERVICES

The Office of Early Childhood Development (Office) in the Governor's Office has received federal funding through the State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care grant to advance the Early Learning Council's (Council's) priorities, one of which is responding to new federal and state mandates to design a unified, statewide early childhood data collection system. This early childhood data system will provide access to data and information related to education, health and human services data systems, giving a comprehensive picture of publicly-funded early childhood programs and services for young children and families in Illinois. The unified system will connect and improve data related to children, early childhood programs, and providers from individual records housed within multiple public and private agencies, and provide a unified data set with differing levels of access to end users for research, policy, and practice purposes. Levels of user access to system information would be based on appropriate use and relevant privacy and confidentiality laws. In addition, the data system will meet the State System Oversight requirements as established by the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge and comply with the requirements of federal, state, and local privacy laws. A unified data system will allow the state and other end users to monitor trends over time and make informed policy decisions to enhance access to and the quality of programs serving children, ages birth to five, and their families. Below are data projects in various processes of being developed. These projects will all have an effect on the coordinated early childhood data system and need to be considered, coordinated with and integrated into the data system.

Illinois Healthcare and Human Services Delivery Framework

The unified coordinated early childhood data system will be connected to and avoid duplication with the work currently being done in Illinois to create a longitudinal education data system for children birth to age 20 and the Illinois Healthcare and Human Services Delivery Framework. With the Framework Project, Illinois intends to take a consolidated, enterprise approach with healthcare and human services programs, which the State expects will facilitate easier access to services by providing more integrated delivery across agencies and business processes, while reducing the overall cost of operations, and of the information services to support those operations. Please see Illinois Healthcare and Human Services Framework RFP - 45640, available on the Illinois Procurement Bulletin website, for more information regarding the Framework project.

P-20 Longitudinal Education Data System

The P-20 Longitudinal Education Data System Act (ILDS Act)(105 ILCS 13/5 et seq.) provides a legislative mandate for establishment of an early childhood data system, and the Council is represented on the advisory committee mandated under this statute.

ISBE, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) are currently undertaking a number of related projects to implement the P-20 Longitudinal Education Data System Act (see, generally, <http://www.isbe.net/ILDS/default.htm>). ISBE is currently in the process of implementing the Illinois Longitudinal Data System Data Warehouse, based on common education data standards known as the State Core Model. The data warehouse implementation is targeted for Summer, 2012.

Illinois Common Identifier Project

A project that connects to both the Framework Project and the State's longitudinal education data system is the Illinois Common Identifier Project. Through the Illinois Common Identifier Project, Illinois education, workforce development and human services agencies will work together to develop a common identifier system to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of matching individual records among partner agencies participating in a distributed state longitudinal data system (SLDS) for Illinois. In this distributed SLDS, agency partners will take responsibility for building and maintaining their own longitudinal data systems and enter into agreements with one or more agency partners to exchange data as needed. The common identifier system will ensure a consistent quality, reliability, and security to individual record matching among all agency partners. This system also will improve overall privacy/security by using a common state identifier and removing confidential personal information (e.g., name, social security number, birth date) from both agency and multiagency longitudinal databases.

This project will establish this common identifier system through a three step process:

1. Common Approach for Matching Records. State agencies will develop a common approach for matching individual records that utilizes a common set of core personal identifiers and a common set of rules for conducting matches and rating confidence in these matches. The project will begin with the following core personal identifiers:
 - Social Security Number
 - Last Name
 - First Name
 - Middle Initial
 - Birthdate (day, month, year)
 - Gender

Although these core identifiers are not currently maintained by all agencies, they represent a starting point because they are maintained by the majority of agencies.

In addition, agencies will indicate for each personal identifier:

- Mandatory—whether it is a mandatory reporting requirement
- Validated—whether it is validated through a recognized validation approach

2. Common Approach with Additional Core Identifiers. State agency partners will then identify and use additional core identifiers including:
 - Race/Ethnicity
 - Address/Location

- Agency Program ID
- Name History

In addition, agency partners will work together to improve the common rules for matching and rating confidence

3. Common Identifier System and Reference Table. State agency partners will then develop and implement a plan for a centralized common identifier system using a shared reference table containing core identifiers compiled from all agency partners.

This project will begin in July 2011 and be completed within four months.

The Data Work Group of the Illinois Early Learning Council has developed a draft set of key policy questions to inform the technical design work. While that list of key questions may evolve, the most recent draft is provided for reference.

3.2 SUPPLIES AND/OR SERVICES REQUIRED

The services required will be for **one data consultant entity** to perform all of the services described below.

Services Required

A. Overall Systems Analyses and Recommendations

The consultant will, at a minimum, perform the following services:

- Conduct interviews with subject matter experts and assess the content and accessibility of early childhood data maintained within the related systems of the following core agencies: Department of Human Services, Department of Public Health, Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Health and Family Services, Illinois State Board of Education, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Department of Family Support Services, Head Start/Early Head Start, Child Care Resource and Referrals, the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRA), and the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map. Early childhood data includes data on children and families receiving government and partially government funded birth to age 5 services, data on the early childhood workforce, and data on programs offering early childhood services.
- With input from the Office and the Data Work Group of the Early Learning Council (DWG), will be expected to create a prioritized plan to interview other users as resources allow.

Based on the information collected, the consultant will then:

- Create process flow diagrams for all government and partially government funded current data systems and provide report to OECD and DWG.
- Define and model interfaces with the ILDS and Framework Project.
- Provide gap analysis on early childhood programs not currently included in the IDLS or Framework Project.
- Provide recommendations for interagency agreements, policy changes, business and staffing changes, and/or system extensions or consolidations to allow for data sharing in the second year of the grant.
- Analyze the applicability of health care and Medicaid-related privacy restrictions that must be addressed as part of the interagency agreements and data sharing arrangements. (Education privacy restrictions, including FERPA, will be addressed separately from the consultant's services.)
- Identify a core set of data elements that should be captured on child-level program participation across systems, with consideration given to the draft set of key policy questions developed by the Data Work Group of the Illinois Early Learning Council and the State's plan for the Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge.
- Make adjustments as necessary to comply with criteria identified by the Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge, and strategies included within the State's grant application for the Early Learning Challenge.

B. DHS Early Childhood Systems Integrations and Enhancements

The Department of Human Services uses the Recipient Identification Number (RIN) as its primary unique identifier within its early childhood systems. However, a RIN is not assigned to all of the individual child records maintained by DHS in its

various systems. The consultant will analyze current DHS early childhood systems and develop recommendations to extend the RIN to all individual child records maintained within these systems. The consultant will also the need for other DHS system enhancements and integration projects that may improve the matching and rating confidence for DHS data used in the Illinois Common Identifier Project.

C. Common Early Childhood Data Standards

As part of the establishment of the Illinois Longitudinal Data System Data Warehouse, Illinois has emerged as a national leader in the development of common education data standards. Illinois believes that common early childhood data standards should be used across all state agencies, with extensions and adaptations as necessary for individual agency needs.

The consultant will:

- Analyze the education data model adopted by ISBE for the Illinois Longitudinal Data System Data Warehouse;
- Recommend extensions or adaptations of this data model as necessary so that it can serve as common early childhood data standards across all early childhood systems that are a part of a unified early childhood data system.

D. Head Start/Early Head Start Data Collection Systems

Head Start and Early Head Start grant recipients have established a data collection system through the Illinois Head Start Association. The consultant will analyze and recommend strategies for inclusion of Head Start/Early Head Start in the unified early childhood data system.

E. RFI and RFP(s) for Unified Data System

Upon completion of the services and tasks identified in "A" through "D" above, the consultant will:

- Work with staff in the Office and members of the DWG to create one or more Requests for Information (RFIs) to design or otherwise establish a unified early childhood data system and an initial pilot study of that system.
- Based on the responses from the RFI, the consultant will then work with the Office and agencies that are a part of the state's early childhood system to develop one or more Request for Proposals (RFP) to secure the services necessary for the unified data system.
- NOTE: it will be the State's decision whether to pursue the RFI process or move directly to an RFP process.

3.3 MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES

The vendor will work by the hour with assignment of requests submitted and approved by the OECD in coordination with DWG. The vendor will report to the project manager of the Office of Early Childhood Development.

Applicants must address the project objectives and milestones as outlined below. Please indicate any other activities that would be necessary in order to achieve the desired deliverables.

Project Goals:

The two-year goal is to design, procure, and initiate the development of an early childhood data system that would provide access to end users of a unified, statewide early childhood data collection system. This RFP is for the first year of this project. In this phase, the Vendor will work with members of the Early Learning Council and the Office of Early Childhood Development to complete an analysis of the current data collection systems in early childhood, create a "map" or data flows for these systems, identify gaps that the coordinated early learning data system can fill, including linking the ILDS and Framework project and research other states' early childhood data systems. The Vendor may, at the State's request, create an RFI for a statewide unified data system design that will inform the creation of an RFP for services, and create the RFP for the next phase of the project. See the Milestones and Timelines section below for more detailed information.

The work of this project in both phases will ultimately yield a data system that will provide:

- A unified data system for all early childhood programs birth to five that are receiving state or federal funding;
- A unique statewide child identifier;
- A unique state teacher/worker identifier;

- A unique program identifier;
- Child and family demographic information;
- Educator information including but not limited to data on educational attainment, licenses, degrees and professional development undertaken;
- Program structure information such as staff retention, work environment, child suspension and the expulsion rates, and quality improvement efforts;
- Child attendance information;
- Uniform data collection and easy entry essential data elements by participating state agencies and programs;
- Facilitates the exchange of data among participating state agencies by using standard data structures, data formats and data definitions;
- Generates information that is timely, relevant, accessible and easy for early learning programs and educators to use for continuous improvement and decision making; and
- The system must be secure, accurate and well-designed to support the work of managers and end-users
- Creates and presents general system design on how to fill the gaps between IDLS and Framework and link the two data systems to create a coordinated data system to the OECD and DWG.

Milestones and Timelines

Milestone	Timeline
Develop and conduct interviews with key state and local agencies around their current systems and vision (example use of data, limitations of data collection processes, system design information, etc).	Quarter 1
Create process flow diagram and narrative functional analysis on all government and partially government funded data systems and provide a report to OECD and DWG.	Quarter 1
Review relevant systems used by other states, in particular Pennsylvania's Enterprise to Link Information for Children Across Networks (PELICAN) and report best practices to the OECD and DWG.	Quarter 1
Provide analysis and recommendations for common early childhood data standards	Quarter 2
Provide analysis and recommendations for the extension of the Recipient Identification Number (RIN) to all DHS Early Childhood Systems and other DHS system integrations and enhancements.	Quarter 2
Create gap analysis report on early childhood data that is collected in the IDLS and Framework system.	Quarter 2
Provide gap analysis to OECD, DWG, ISBE and DHS.	Quarter 2
Create and present general system design on how to fill the gaps between IDLS and Framework and link the two data systems to create a coordinated data system to the OECD and DWG.	Quarter 3
Provide analysis and recommendations for inclusion of Head Start/Early Head Start data in State data collection processes and systems.	Quarter 3
Develop comprehensive technical architecture of systems and data. The structure must include all of the essential data elements and oversight requirements listed in the Early learning Challenge application. It should also describe access levels for users.	Quarter 3
Identify position risks and issues that may arise during system development (example legal, administrative, technical, political).	Quarter 3
Provide recommendations for necessary interagency agreement, policy, business and staffing changes necessary to implement data sharing.	Quarter 3
In consultation with the Office and DWG, create an RFI for data system design that will inform the creation of an RFP for services. (Optional deliverable)	Quarter 4
In consultation with the Office and DWG, and based on the RFI, create the RFP to solicit IT solutions for development of the unified early childhood data system. (Optional deliverable)	Quarter 4

3.4 REPORTING, STATUS AND MONITORING

3.4.1 At the State's option the Parties will work together to monitor performance during the contract and any warranty term. This may include use of a performance scorecard with conditions, milestones, requirements, or timetables that must be met before additional steps may be taken, or payment is due. The scorecard may also record matters related to price, service, quality and other factors deemed important.

3.4.2 Vendor shall cooperate with the State in this monitoring activity, which may require that Vendor report progress and problems (with proposed resolutions), provide records of its performance, allow random inspections of its facilities, participate in scheduled meetings and provide management reports as requested by the State.

3.5 VENDOR AND STAFF REQUIREMENTS

3.5.1 Education, Training and Technical Expertise for lead vendor

Masters Degree in computer science or equivalent business experience.

Technical Expertise

- Knowledge of and experience in data management, data conversion and data warehouse implementation.
- Technological expertise, experience and competence with designing complex systems, system interfaces and databases
- Experience in integrating pre-existing databases
- Experience in producing landscape analysis and data flow reports.

3.5.2 Analytical Skills

- Competence in navigating FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) and HIPAA (Health Information Portability and Accountability Act) as they apply to data transfer and dissemination.
- Experience in the creation of Business Requirements Documents – BRD.

3.5.3 Project Management

- At least 2 years project management experience with large, complex data projects, including system design and implementation projects.
- A minimum of 2 years experience managing technical project teams.
- Three years experience working with other organizations and government agencies in order to establish procedures to share data.
- Ability to develop and maintain detailed project schedules on an accepted timeline.
- Experience in writing RFIs and RFPs.
- PMP certification or demonstration of equivalent project management knowledge.

3.5.4 Communication

- Ability to clearly communicate project needs and status to technical and non-technical audiences.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

3.5.5 Background and Experience

- Experience with early childhood, education or health systems.

3.5.6 Subcontractor Disclosure. Will you be using any subcontractors? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, you must identify in Section 7.7 the names and addresses of all subcontractors you will be using in the performance of this Contract, together with the anticipated amount of money that each subcontractor is expected to receive pursuant to this Contract. Subcontractors" are those specifically hired to provide to the Vendor or another subcontractor some or all of the goods, services, property, remuneration, or other forms of consideration that are the subject of this Contract, including sub-lessees from a lessee of a State agency. We may request updated information at any time.

3.5.7 References: You must provide references from established private firms or government agencies, (four preferred; two of each type preferred) other than the procuring agency, that can attest to your experience and ability to perform the contract subject of this solicitation. You must provide the name, contact information and a description of the supplies or services provided. You must attach your references with the responsibility forms.

3.6 WHERE SERVICES ARE TO BE PERFORMED

3.6.1 Vendor will work from vendor's own office. The State will work with the Vendor to secure meeting locations for requirement gathering sessions. Any work performed on State premises shall be done during the hours designated by the State and performed in a manner that does not interfere with the State and its personnel, with work hours of 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday

3.6.2 Work Location Disclosure: Vendor shall disclose in Section 7.8 the location where the services required shall be performed. If at multiple locations, the known or anticipated value of the services performed at each location shall be identified. This information and economic impact on Illinois and its residents may be considered in the evaluation. If any work identified for performance in the United States is moved to another country, such action may be deemed a breach of the contract.

3.7 OTHER SPECIFICATIONS

3.7.1 As required by Illinois Public Act 95-307, all information technology, including electronic information, software, systems, and equipment, developed or provided under this contract must comply with the applicable requirements of the Illinois Information Technology Accessibility Act Standards as posted at <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/iitaa>.

3.8 TERM OF CONTRACT

The term of this contract will begin upon contract execution by the State, and end 4/30/2013

3.9 RENEWAL

The resulting Contract may not be renewed.

End of Instructions

SECTION 4 - OFFER TO STATE OF ILLINOIS

Project Title / Reference # Early Childhood Data Systems –Planning Project
HCD-64855

The undersigned authorized representative of the identified Vendor does hereby submit this Offer to perform in full compliance with the subject solicitation. By completing and signing this Form, we are making an Offer to the State of Illinois that the State may accept. We are also certifying to compliance with the various requirements of the solicitation and the documents contained in the solicitation.

Offeror hereby certifies that no person or entity representing their offer has retained a person or entity to attempt to influence the outcome of a procurement decision made under the Illinois Procurement Code for compensation contingent in whole or in part upon the decision or procurement. Any person who violates this subsection is guilty a business offense and shall be fined.

We have marked each blank below as appropriate and have used N/A when a section is not applicable to this solicitation. We understand that failure to meet all requirements is cause for disqualification.

We have:

☐ Reviewed the Offer Form, including all referenced documents as well as the solicitation Instructions, filled in all relevant blanks, provided any requested information, and

☐ Signed on the space(s) provided.

Acknowledgment of Amendments

☐ We acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments to the solicitation and have taken those into account in making this Offer.

Offer Response Forms: Accompanying and as part of this Offer you will find:

For all Offers

- ☐ Bid Security, if required
- ☐ Designated number of copies
- ☐ Electronic copies, if required. For RFP's include separate disks for technical and pricing, with pricing disk sealed in pricing envelope.
- ☐ Completed Responsibility Forms packet
 - Business and Directory Information
 - Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest
 - Completed and Signed Taxpayer Identification Number form
- ☐ Completed Minority, Female and Person with Disability Status and Subcontracting form, if required
- ☐ References, if required
- ☐ Political Contributions

We have made the certification required by Public Act 95-971 and attached the State Board of Elections certificate of registration, if required.

For RFPs

☐ Response to Statement of Work/Specifications/Qualifications and Price sections completed and submitted in separate sealed envelopes in the Offer package.

Exceptions: In preparing the Offer we have taken (check one)

- ☐ No Exceptions
- ☐ Exceptions to the State's language or requirements in the following sections of the Offer:
 - ☐ Contract
 - ☐ Responsibility forms
- ☐ Details of the exceptions are shown (check one)
 - ☐ in the text of each section of the Offer
 - ☐ on a separate labeled attachment

Domestic Products (check one)

- ☐ We are not making a claim for preference under the Procurement of Domestic Products Act (30 ILCS 517).
- ☐ We are making a claim for preference under the Procurement of Domestic Products Act (30 ILCS 517).
- After reading the Act we certify we are eligible and that the following product or products bid or proposed in response to this solicitation meet the requirements of the Act. Check and complete as applicable:
- ☐ All products
- ☐ The following individual products (show line item if applicable)

Request for Confidential Treatment (check one)

☐ We are not requesting confidential treatment for this Offer.

☐ We are seeking confidential treatment for portions of this Offer. We have supplied, as an attachment to this Offer, a listing of the provisions identified by section number for which we seek confidential treatment along with the statutory basis under Illinois law for exempting that information from public disclosure. We are including a detailed justification to support the statutory basis under Illinois law for exempting that information from public disclosure. **We have supplied an additional copy of the Offer with confidential information deleted.** In the event the designation of confidentiality of this information is challenged, the undersigned hereby agrees to provide legal counsel or other necessary assistance to defend the designation of confidentiality and agrees to hold the State harmless for any costs or damages arising out of the State agreeing to withhold the materials based on Vendor's request.

Protests and Negotiations

If we are selected for award, we understand that does not entitle us to a contract. We further understand the award is conditioned on favorable resolution of any protests and to successful negotiation of terms and conditions including, but not limited to price and any exceptions requested.

Vendor Contact Person: The contact person for purposes of responding to any questions the State may have is:

Printed Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

(Vendor name and DBA)

(Signature of party authorized to bind the named Vendor)

Printed Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

SECTION 5 - RESPONSIBILITY FORMS

We have identified various information we need in order to determine if you are eligible to contract with the State and can be considered a "Responsible" Vendor.

You will need to:

Review each of the Responsibility forms, fill in all relevant blanks and provide any requested information.

Business and Directory Information

Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest

Minority, Female, Person with Disability Status and Subcontracting

Political Contributions

Complete and sign the:

Taxpayer Identification Form

Attach references, if required

You must include all of this as part of your Offer or risk disqualification.

Business and Directory Information

- (a) Name of Business (Official Name and D/B/A)
- (b) Business Headquarters (include Address, Telephone and Facsimile)
- (c) If a Division or Subsidiary of another organization provide the name and address of the parent
- (d) Billing Address
- (e) Name of Chief Executive Officer
- (f) Customer Contact (include Name, Title, Address, Telephone, Toll-Free Number, Facsimile and E-mail)
- (g) Company Web Site
- (h) Type of Organization (i.e., Sole Proprietor, Corporation, Partnership, etc. -- should be the same as on the Taxpayer ID form below)
- (i) Length of Time in Business
- (j) Annual Sales (for most recently completed Fiscal Year)
- (k) Number of Full-Time Employees (average from most recent Fiscal Year)
- (l) Type of and description of business
- (m) State of incorporation, state of formation or state of organization
- (n) Identify and specify the location(s) and telephone numbers of the major offices and other facilities that relate to the Vendor's performance under the terms of this solicitation.
- (o) Department of Human Rights (DHR) Public Contract Number
If Vendor has employed fifteen (15) or more full-time employees at any time during the 365-day period immediately preceding the publication of this solicitation in the Illinois Procurement Bulletin (or issuance date if not published), then Vendor must have a current Public Contract Number or have proof of having submitted a completed application for one prior to the Solicitation opening date. (44 Ill. Adm. Code 750.210(a)) For application information call the DHR Public Contracts unit at (312) 814-2431.

Show # _____ or attach proof of application.

DISCLOSURES AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Instructions: Vendor shall disclose financial interests, potential conflicts of interest and contract information identified in Sections 1, 2 and 3 below as a condition of receiving an award or contract (30 ILCS 500/50-13 and 50-35). Failure to fully disclose shall render the contract, bid, proposal, subcontract, or relationship voidable by the chief procurement officer if s/he deems it in the best interest of the State of Illinois and may be cause for barring from future contracts, bids, proposals, subcontracts, or relationships with the State.

- There are six sections to this form and each must be completed to meet full disclosure requirements.
- Note: The requested disclosures are a continuing obligation and must be promptly supplemented for accuracy throughout the process and throughout the term of the resultant contract if the bid/offer is awarded. As required by 30 ILCS 500/50-2, for multi-year contracts Vendors must submit these disclosures on an annual basis.

A publicly traded entity may submit its 10K disclosure in satisfaction of the disclosure requirements set forth in Section 1 below. HOWEVER, if a Vendor submits a 10K, they still must complete Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and submit the disclosure form.

If the Vendor is a wholly owned subsidiary of a parent organization, separate disclosures must be made by the Vendor and the parent. For purposes of this form, a parent organization is any entity that owns 100% of the Vendor.

This disclosure information is submitted on behalf of (show official name of Vendor, and if applicable, D/B/A and parent):

Name of Vendor: _____

D/B/A (if used): _____

Name of any Parent Organization: _____

Section 1: Section 50-35 Disclosure of Financial Interest in the Vendor. *(All Vendors must complete this section)*

Vendors must complete subsection (a), (b) or (c) below. Please read the following subsections and complete the information requested.

- a. If Vendor is a Publicly traded corporation subject to SEC reporting requirements
- i. Vendor shall submit their 10K disclosure (include proxy if referenced in 10k) in satisfaction of the financial and conflict of interest disclosure requirements set forth in subsections 50-35 (a) and (b) of the Procurement Code. The SEC 20f or 40f, supplemented with the names of those owning in excess of 5% and up to the ownership percentages disclosed in those submissions, may be accepted as being substantially equivalent to 10K.

Check here if submitting a 10k ☐, 20f ☐, or 40f ☐.

OR

- b. If Vendor is a privately held corporation with more than 400 shareholders
- i. These Vendors may submit the information identified in 17 CFR 229.401 and list the names of any person or entity holding any ownership share in excess of 5% in satisfaction of the financial and conflict of interest disclosure requirements set forth in subsections 50-35 a and b of the Illinois Procurement Code.

OR

c. If Vendor is an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership or any other not qualified to use subsections (A) or (B), complete (i) and (ii) below as appropriate.

i. For **each individual** having any of the following financial interests in the Vendor (or its parent), please mark each that apply and show the applicable name and address. Use a separate form for each individual.

1. Do you have an ownership share of greater than 5% of the offering entity or parent entity?
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Do you have an ownership share of less than 5%, but which has a value greater than \$106,447.20?
☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Do you receive more than \$106,447.20 of the offering entity's or parent entity's distributive income? (Note: Distributive income is, for these purposes, any type of distribution of profits. An annual salary is not distributive income.)
☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Do you receive greater than 5% of the offering entity's or parent entity's total distributive income, but which is less than \$106,447.20?
☐ Yes ☐ No
5. If you responded yes to any of questions 1 – 4 above, please provide either the percentage or dollar amount of your ownership or distributive share of income: _____. For partnerships with more than 50 partners, the percentage share of ownership of each individual identified above may be shown in the following ranges (dollar value fields must also be completed when applicable):
0.5% or less _____ >0.5 to 1.0% _____ >1.0 to 2.0% _____ >2.0 to 3.0 % _____ > 3.0 to 4.0% _____ %
>4.0 to 5.0% _____ and in additional 1% increments as appropriate _____ %
6. If you responded yes to any of the questions 1-4 above, please check the appropriate type of ownership/distributable income share:

Sole Proprietorship ☐ Stock ☐ Partnership ☐ Other (explain) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

ii. In relation to individuals identified above, indicate whether any of the following potential conflict of interest relationships apply. If "Yes," please describe each situation (label with appropriate letter) using the space at the end of this Section (attach additional pages as necessary). If no individual has been identified above, mark not applicable (N/A) here _____.

(a) State employment, currently or in the previous 3 years, including contractual employment of services directly with the individuals identified in Section 1 in their individual capacity unrelated to the Vendor's contract. Yes ☐ No ☐

(b) State employment of spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter, including contractual employment for services in the previous 2 years. Yes ☐ No ☐

(c) Elective status; the holding of elective office of the State of Illinois, the government of the United States, any unit of local government authorized by the Constitution of the State of Illinois or the statutes of the State of Illinois currently or in the previous 3 years. Yes ☐ No ☐

(d) Relationship to anyone holding elective office currently or in the previous 2 years; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter. Yes ☐ No ☐

(e) Appointive office; the holding of any appointive government office of the State of Illinois, the United States of America, or any unit of local government authorized by the Constitution of the State of Illinois or the statutes of the State of Illinois, which office entitles the holder to compensation in excess of expenses incurred in the discharge of that office currently or in the previous 3 years. Yes ☐ No ☐

(f) Relationship to anyone holding appointive office currently or in the previous 2 years; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter. Yes ☐ No ☐

(g) Employment, currently or in the previous 3 years, as or by any registered lobbyist of the State government. Yes ☐ No ☐

(h) Relationship to anyone who is or was a registered lobbyist in the previous 2 years; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter. Yes ☐ No ☐

(i) Compensated employment, currently or in the previous 3 years, by any registered election or re-election committee registered with the Secretary of State or any county clerk in the State of Illinois, or any political action committee registered with either the Secretary of State or the Federal Board of Elections. Yes ☐ No ☐

(j) Relationship to anyone; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter; who is or was a compensated employee in the last 2 years of any registered election or reelection committee registered with the Secretary of State or any county clerk in the State of Illinois, or any political action committee registered with either the Secretary of State or the Federal Board of Elections. Yes ☐ No ☐

Section 2: Section 50-13 Conflicts of Interest *(All Vendors must complete this section)*

(a) Prohibition. It is unlawful for any person holding an elective office in this State, holding a seat in the General Assembly, or appointed to or employed in any of the offices or agencies of State government and who receives compensation for such employment in excess of 60% of the salary of the Governor of the State of Illinois [\$106,447.20], or who is an officer or employee of the Capital Development Board or the Illinois Toll Highway Authority, or who is the spouse or minor child of any such person to have or acquire any contract, or any direct pecuniary interest in any contract therein, whether for stationery, printing, paper, or any services, materials, or supplies, that will be wholly or partially satisfied by the payment of funds appropriated by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois or in any contract of the Capital Development Board or the Illinois Toll Highway Authority.

(b) Interests. It is unlawful for any firm, partnership, association, or corporation, in which any person listed in subsection (a) is entitled to receive (i) more than 7 1/2% of the total distributable income or (ii) an amount in excess of the salary of the Governor (\$177,412.00), to have or acquire any such contract or direct pecuniary interest therein.

(c) Combined interests. It is unlawful for any firm, partnership, association, or corporation, in which any person listed in subsection (a) together with his or her spouse or minor children is entitled to receive (i) more than 15%, in the aggregate, of the total distributable income or (ii) an amount in excess of 2 times the salary of the Governor [\$354,824.00], to have or acquire any such contract or direct pecuniary interest therein.

Check One: ☐ No Conflicts Of Interest
☐ Potential Conflict of Interest (If checked, name each conflicted individual, the nature of the conflict, and the name of the State agency that is associated directly or indirectly with the conflicted individual.)

Section 3: Debarment/Legal Proceeding Disclosure *(All Vendors must complete this section).*

Each of the persons identified in Sections 1, 2 and 3 must each identify any of the following that occurred within the previous 10 years:

Debarment from contracting with any governmental entity	Yes ☐	No ☐
Professional licensure discipline	Yes ☐	No ☐
Bankruptcies	Yes ☐	No ☐
Adverse civil judgments and administrative findings	Yes ☐	No ☐
Criminal felony convictions	Yes ☐	No ☐

If any of the above is checked yes, please identify with descriptive information the nature of the debarment and legal proceeding. The State reserves the right to request more information, should the information need further clarification.

Section 4: Disclosure of Business Operations with Iran *(All Vendors must complete this section).*

In accordance with 30 ILCS 500/50-36, each bid, offer, or proposal submitted for a State contract, other than a small purchase defined in Section 20-20 [of the Illinois Procurement Code], shall include a disclosure of whether or not the bidder, offeror, or proposing entity, or any of its corporate parents or subsidiaries, within the 24 months before submission of the bid, offer, or proposal had business operations that involved contracts with or provision of supplies or services to the Government of Iran, companies in which the Government of Iran has any direct or indirect equity share, consortiums or projects commissioned by the Government of Iran and:

- i. more than 10% of the company's revenues produced in or assets located in Iran involve oil-related activities or mineral-extraction activities; less than 75% of the company's revenues produced in or assets located in Iran involve contracts with or provision of oil-related or mineral – extraction products or services to the Government of Iran or a project or consortium created exclusively by that Government; and the company has failed to take substantial action;
or
- ii. the company has, on or after August 5, 1996, made an investment of \$20 million or more, or any combination of investments of at least \$10 million each that in the aggregate equals or exceeds \$20 million in any 12- month period that directly or significantly contributes to the enhancement of Iran's ability to develop petroleum resources of Iran.

A bid, offer, or proposal that does not include this disclosure shall not be considered responsive. We may consider this disclosure when evaluating the bid, offer, or proposal or awarding the contract.

You must check one of the following items and if item 2 is checked you must also make the necessary disclosure:

☐ There are no business operations that must be disclosed to comply with the above cited law.

☐ The following business operations are disclosed to comply with the above cited law:

Section 5: Current and Pending Contracts *(All Vendors must complete this section).*

Does the Vendor have any contracts pending contracts, bids, proposals or other ongoing procurement relationships with units of State of Illinois government? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please identify each contract, pending contract, bid, proposal and other ongoing procurement relationship it has with units of State of Illinois government by showing agency name and other descriptive information such as bid number, project title, purchase order number or contract reference number.

Section 6: Representative Lobbyist/Other Agent *(All Vendors must complete this section).*

Is the Vendor represented by or employing a lobbyist required to register under the Lobbyist Registration Act or other agent who is not identified under Sections 1 and 2 and who has communicated, is communicating, or may communicate with any State officer or employee concerning the bid, offer or contract? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please identify each agent / lobbyist, including name and address.

Costs/Fees/Compensation/Reimbursements related to assistance to obtain contract (describe):

Vendor certifies that none of these costs will be billed to the State in the event of contract award. Vendor must file this information with the Secretary of State.

This Disclosure is signed and made under penalty of perjury pursuant to Sections 500/50-13 and 500/50-35(a) of the Illinois Procurement Code.

This Disclosure information is submitted on behalf of: _____
(Vendor/Subcontractor Name)

Name of Authorized Representative: _____

Title of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

Date: _____

Minority, Female, Persons with Disability Status and Subcontracting

The Business Enterprise Program Act for Minorities, Females and Persons with Disabilities (BEP) (30 ILCS 575) establishes a goal for contracting with businesses that have been certified as owned and controlled by persons who are minority, female or who have disabilities.

Contract Goal to be achieved by the Vendor: This contract includes a specific Business Enterprise Program (BEP) utilization goal of 25% based on the availability of certified vendors to perform the anticipated direct subcontracting opportunities of this contract. In addition to the other award criteria established for this contract, the Agency will award this contract to a Vendor that meets the goal or makes good faith efforts to meet the goal. This goal is also applicable to change orders and allowances within the scope of work provided by the certified vendor.

Following are guidelines for the Vendor's response in the Utilization Plan. A format for the utilization plan is included in this section. Vendor should include any additional information that will add clarity to the Vendor's proposed utilization of certified vendors to meet the targeted goal. The Utilization Plan must demonstrate that the Vendor has either met the contract goal or that it has made good faith efforts to do so.

At the time of proposal submission, the Certified Vendor may not yet be certified with CMS Business Enterprise Program; **however, the Certified Vendor must meet the eligibility requirements and be fully certified in the BEP Program before contract award.** Visit http://www.sell2.illinois.gov/bep/Business_Enterprise.htm for complete requirements and to apply for certification in the Business Enterprise Program. Vendors who submit bids or proposals for State contracts shall not be given a period after the bid or proposal is submitted to cure deficiencies in the Utilization Plan and the Letter of intent, unless mandated by federal law or regulation (30 ILCS 575(4)(c)).

If applicable, the Plan should include an executed Joint Venture agreement specifying the terms and conditions of the relationship between the partners and their relationship and responsibilities to the contract. The joint venture agreement must clearly evidence that the certified vendor will be responsible for a clearly defined portion of the work and that its responsibilities, risks, profits and contributions of capital and personnel are proportionate to its ownership percentage. It must include specific details related to the parties' contributions of capital, personnel and equipment and share of the costs of insurance and other items; the scopes to be performed by the certified vendor's own forces and under its supervision; and the commitment of management, supervisory personnel and operative personnel employed by the certified vendor to be dedicated to the performance of the contract. Each joint venture partner must execute the proposal to the Agency.

An agreement between a Vendor and a certified vendor in which the certified vendor promises not to provide subcontracting quotations to other vendors is prohibited. The Agency may request additional information to demonstrate compliance. The Vendor agrees to cooperate promptly with the Agency in submitting to interviews, allowing entry to places of business, providing further documentation, or soliciting the cooperation of a proposed certified vendor. Failure to cooperate may render the proposal non-responsive. **The contract will not be finally awarded until the Vendor's Utilization Plan is approved.**

Certified Vendor Locator References: Vendors may consult CMS' BEP Certified Vendor Directory at www.sell2.illinois.gov/bep/Small_and_Diverse_Businesses.htm, as well as the directories of other certifying agencies but subcontracting vendors must be certified by CMS as BEP vendors before the time of contract award.

Vendor Assurance: The Vendor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sexual orientation or sex in the performance of this contract. Failure by the Vendor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as the Agency deems appropriate. This assurance must be included in each subcontract that the Vendor signs with a subcontractor or supplier.

Calculating Certified Vendor Participation: The Utilization Plan documents work anticipated to be performed by all certified vendors and paid for upon satisfactory completion. Only the value of payments made for the work actually performed by certified BEP vendors is counted toward the contract goal. Counting guidelines are summarized below:

- 1) The value of the work actually performed by the certified vendor's forces shall be counted towards the goal. The entire amount of that portion of the contract that is performed by the certified vendor's forces, including supplies purchased or equipment leased by the BEP vendor shall be counted, except supplies purchased and equipment rented from the Vendor.
- 2) A joint venture shall count the portion of the total dollar value of the contract equal to the distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract that the certified vendor performs with its forces toward the goal. A joint venture shall also count the dollar value of work subcontracted to other certified vendors. Work performed by the forces of a non-certified joint venture partner shall not be counted toward the goal.

- 3) When a certified vendor subcontracts part of the work of its contract to another firm, the value of the subcontracted work shall be counted toward the contract goal only if the certified vendor's subcontractor is a certified vendor. Work that a certified vendor subcontracts to a non-certified vendor will not count towards the goal.
- 4) A Vendor shall count towards the goal 100% of its expenditures for materials and supplies required under the contract and obtained from a certified vendor manufacturer, regular dealer or supplier.
- 5) A Vendor shall count towards the goal the following expenditures to certified vendors that are not manufacturers, regular dealers or suppliers:
- (a) The fees or commissions charged for providing a bona fide service, such as professional, technical, consultant or managerial services and assistance in the procurement of essential personnel, facilities, equipment, materials or supplies required for performance of the contract, provided that the fee or commission is determined by the Agency to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.
 - (b) The fees charged for delivery of materials and supplies required by the contract (but not the cost of the materials and supplies themselves) when the hauler, trucker, or delivery service is not also the manufacturer of or a regular dealer in the materials and supplies, provided that the fee is determined by the Agency to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services. The certified vendor trucking firm must be responsible for the management and supervision of the entire trucking operation for which it is responsible on the contract, and must itself own and operate at least one fully licensed, insured and operational truck used on the contract.
 - (c) The fees or commissions charged for providing any bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of the contract, provided that the fee or commission is determined by the Agency to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.
- 6) A Vendor shall count towards the goal only expenditures to firms that perform a commercially useful function in the work of the contract.
- (a) A firm is considered to perform a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of a distinct element of the work of a contract and carries out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. The certified vendor must also be responsible, with respect to materials or supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the materials or supplies, and installing the materials (where applicable) and paying for the material or supplies. To determine whether a firm is performing a commercially useful function, the Agency shall evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the credit claimed for its performance of the work, industry practices, and other relevant factors.
 - (b) A certified vendor does not perform a commercially useful function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction or contract through which funds are passed in order to obtain certified vendor participation. In determining whether a certified vendor is such an extra participant, the Agency shall examine similar transactions, particularly those in which certified vendors do not participate, and industry practices.
- 7) A Vendor shall not count towards the goal expenditures that are not direct, necessary and proximately related to the work of the contract. Only the amount of services or goods that are directly attributable to the performance of the contract shall be counted. Ineligible expenditures include general office overhead or other Vendor support activities.

Good Faith Effort Procedures: If the Vendor cannot meet the goal, the Vendor must document in the Utilization Plan its good faith efforts that could reasonably have been expected to meet the goal. Vendors must submit utilization forms that meet or exceed the published goal or submit utilization forms that describe a percentage participation that is less than the goal and submit documentation regarding good faith efforts at the time of bid/proposal submission. Vendors will not be permitted to correct goal deficiencies post bid/proposal due dates. The Agency will consider the quality, quantity, and intensity of the Vendor's efforts.

1) The following is a list of types of action that the Agency will consider as evidence of the Vendor's good faith efforts to meet the goal. Other factors or efforts brought to the attention of the Agency may be relevant in appropriate cases.

(a) Soliciting through all reasonable and available means (e.g., attendance at pre-bid meetings, advertising and/or written notices) the interest of all certified vendors that have the capability to perform the work of the contract. The Vendor must solicit this interest within sufficient time to allow the certified vendors to respond to the solicitation. The Vendor must determine with certainty if the certified vendors are interested by taking appropriate steps to follow up initial solicitations and encourage them to bid. The Vendor must provide interested certified vendors with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding promptly to the solicitation.

(b) Selecting portions of the work to be performed by certified vendors in order to increase the likelihood that the goal will be achieved. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate certified vendor participation, even when the Vendor might otherwise prefer to perform these work items with its own forces.

(c) Making a portion of the work available to certified vendors and selecting those portions of the work or material needs consistent with their availability, so as to facilitate certified vendor participation.

(d) Negotiating in good faith with interested certified vendors. Evidence of such negotiation includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of certified vendors that were considered; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting and evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for certified vendors to perform the work. A Vendor using good business judgment will consider a number of factors in negotiating with certified vendors and will take a firm's price and capabilities into consideration. The fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using certified vendors is not in itself sufficient reason for a Vendor's failure to meet the goal, as long as such costs are reasonable. Vendors are not required to accept higher quotes from certified vendors if the price difference is excessive or unreasonable.

(e) Thoroughly investigating the capabilities of certified vendors and not rejecting them as unqualified without sound reasons. The certified vendor's memberships in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids in the Vendor's efforts to meet the goal.

(f) Making efforts to assist interested certified vendors in obtaining lines of credit or insurance as required by the Agency, the Vendor or to perform the scope of work.

(g) Making efforts to assist interested certified vendors in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.

(h) Effectively using the services of available minority/women community organizations; minority/women vendors' groups; local, state, and federal minority/women business assistance offices; and other organizations that provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of certified vendors.

2) In evaluating the Vendor's good faith efforts, the good faith efforts of other vendors to meet the goal on this solicitation or similar contracts may be considered.

3) If the Agency determines that the Vendor has made good faith efforts to meet the goal, the Agency will award the contract provided that the Vendor is otherwise eligible for award.

If the Agency determines that good faith efforts have not been made, it will notify the Vendor in writing of that determination.

Contract Compliance: Compliance with this section is an essential part of the contract. The following administrative procedures and remedies govern the Vendor's compliance with the contractual obligations established by the Utilization Plan. After approval of the Plan and award of the contract, the Utilization Plan becomes part of the contract. If the Vendor did not succeed in obtaining enough certified vendor participation to achieve the goal, and the Utilization Plan was approved and contract awarded based upon a determination of good faith, the total dollar value of certified vendor work calculated in the approved Utilization Plan as a percentage of the awarded contract value shall become the contract goal.

- 1) The Utilization Plan may not be amended without the Agency's prior written approval.
- 2) The Vendor may not make changes to its contractual BEP certified vendor commitments or substitute BEP certified vendors without the prior written approval of the Agency. Unauthorized changes or substitutions, including performing the work designated for a certified vendor with the Vendor's own forces, shall be a violation of the utilization plan and a breach of the contract, and shall be cause to terminate the contract, and/or seek other contract remedies or sanctions. The facts supporting the request for changes must not have been known nor reasonably should have been known by the parties prior to entering into the subcontract. The Vendor must negotiate with the certified vendor to resolve the problem. Where there has been a mistake or disagreement about the scope of work, the certified vendor can be substituted only where agreement cannot be reached for a reasonable price or schedule for the correct scope of work.
- 3) Substitutions of a certified vendor shall be permitted under the following circumstances:
 - (a) Unavailability after receipt of reasonable notice to proceed;
 - (b) Failure of performance;
 - (c) Financial incapacity;
 - (d) Refusal by the certified vendor to honor the bid or proposal price or scope;
 - (e) Material mistake of fact or law about the elements of the scope of work of a solicitation where a reasonable price cannot be agreed;
 - (f) Failure of the certified vendor to meet insurance, licensing or bonding requirements;
 - (g) The certified vendor's withdrawal of its bid or proposal; or
 - (h) Decertification of the certified vendor.
- 4) If it becomes necessary to substitute a certified vendor or otherwise change the Utilization Plan, the Vendor must notify the Agency in writing of the request to substitute a certified vendor or otherwise change the Utilization Plan. The request must state specific reasons for the substitution or change. The Agency will approve or deny a request for substitution or other change in the Utilization Plan within 5 business days of receipt of the request.
- 5) Where the Vendor has established the basis for the substitution to the Agency's satisfaction, it must make good faith efforts to meet the contract goal by substituting a certified vendor. Documentation of a replacement vendor, or of good faith efforts to replace the certified vendor, must meet the requirements of the initial Utilization Plan. If the goal cannot be reached and good faith efforts have been made, the Vendor may substitute with a non-certified vendor.
- 6) If a Vendor plans to hire a subcontractor for any scope of work that was not previously disclosed in the Utilization Plan, the Vendor must obtain the approval of the Agency to modify the Utilization Plan and must make good faith efforts to ensure that certified vendors have a fair opportunity to bid on the new scope of work.
- 7) A new subcontract must be executed and submitted to the Agency within 5 business days of the Vendor's receipt of the Agency's approval for the substitution or other change.
- 8) The Vendor shall maintain a record of all relevant data with respect to the utilization of certified vendors, including but without limitation, payroll records, invoices, canceled checks and books of account for a period of at least 5 years after the completion of the contract. Full access to these records shall be granted by the Vendor upon 48 hours written demand by the Agency to any duly authorized representative thereof, or to any municipal, state or federal authorities. The Agency shall have the right to obtain from the Vendor any additional data reasonably related or necessary to verify any representations by the Vendor. After the performance of the final item of work or delivery of material by a certified vendor and final payment to the certified vendor by the Vendor, but not later than 30 calendar days after such payment, the Vendor shall submit a statement confirming the final payment and the total payments made to the BEP vendor under the contract.

9) The Agency will periodically review the Vendor's compliance with these provisions and the terms of its contract. Without limitation, the Vendor's failure to comply with these provisions or its contractual commitments as contained in the Utilization Plan, failure to cooperate in providing information regarding its compliance with these provisions or its Utilization Plan, or provision of false or misleading information or statements concerning compliance, certification status or eligibility of certified vendors, good faith efforts or any other material fact or representation shall constitute a material breach of this contract and entitle the Agency to declare a default, terminate the contract, or exercise those remedies provided for in the contract or at law or in equity.

10) The Agency reserves the right to withhold payment to the Vendor to enforce these provisions and the Vendor's contractual commitments. Final payment shall not be made on the contract until the Vendor submits sufficient documentation demonstrating compliance with its Utilization Plan.

UTILIZATION PLAN

The Utilization Plan and Letter of Intent must be sealed separately within the offer container.

_____ (the Vendor) submits the following Utilization Plan as part of our proposal in accordance with the requirements of the Minority, Female, Persons with Disability Status and Subcontracting section of the solicitation for _____. We understand that compliance with this section is an essential part of this contract and that the Utilization Plan will become a part of the contract, if awarded. We understand that we will not be given a period after the bid or proposal is submitted to cure deficiencies in the Utilization Plan and the Letter of intent, unless mandated by federal law or regulation (30 ILCS 575(4)(c)).

_____ (the Vendor) makes the following assurance and agrees to include the assurance in each subcontract with a subcontractor or supplier utilized on this contract: We shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sexual orientation or sex in the performance of this contract. Failure to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as the Agency deems appropriate.

Vendor's person responsible for compliance:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ extension _____

Email: _____

We submit one (1) of the following statements:

- ☐ We are certified (or are eligible and have applied to be certified) with BEP and plan to fully meet the BEP utilization goal through self-performance.
- ☐ We attach Section I to demonstrate our Plan fully meets the BEP utilization goal of 25% through subcontracting.
- ☐ We attach Section I to detail that we do not fully meet the BEP utilization goal. We also attach Section II, Demonstration of Good Faith Efforts.

Section I
Utilization of Certified Vendors

Please submit a separate Section I for each proposed certified vendor.

To achieve the BEP utilization goal through subcontracting, the following is proposed:

1) The proposed certified vendor's company name, address and phone number:

At the time of submission, the above certified vendor is:

- ☐ Certified with the CMS Business Enterprise Program (BEP)
- ☐ Meets the criteria and has submitted an application for certification with BEP
(BEP certification must be completed before contract award)
- ☐ Certified as a disadvantaged, minority, or woman business enterprise with the following governmental agency or private organization:
(BEP certification must be completed before contract award)

2) A detailed description of the commercially useful work to be done by this certified vendor is as follows:

3) The total estimated cost to the state for this contract is \$ _____. The portion of the contract which will be subcontracted to this certified vendor is \$ _____, or _____% of the total cost of the contract.

4) A notarized signed letter of intent between _____ (the Vendor) and _____ (the certified vendor) detailing the work to be performed by the certified vendor and the agreed upon rates or prices, conforming to the Utilization Plan is included.

5) A joint venture agreement is not required, as the arrangement between _____ and _____ is that of contractor/sub-contractor and not a joint venture.
or,

A joint venture agreement between _____ and _____ is included in lieu of the letter of intent.

6) The Vendor has not prohibited or otherwise limited _____ (certified vendor) from providing subcontractor quotes to other potential bidders/vendors.

We understand that the Agency may require additional information to verify our compliance and we agree to cooperate immediately in submitting to interviews, allowing entry to any of our office locations, providing further documentation, or soliciting the cooperation of our proposed certified vendor. We will maintain appropriate records relating to our utilization of the certified vendor including: invoices, cancelled checks, books of account, and time records.

Section II

Demonstration of Good Faith Efforts to Achieve BEP Subcontracting Goal

If the BEP subcontracting goal was not achieved, the Good Faith Efforts checklist (Section II A) and contacts log (Section II B) must be submitted with the solicitation response (or as otherwise specified by CMS). **Failure to do so may render the Vendor's solicitation response non-responsive and cause it to be rejected, or render the Vendor ineligible for contract award, at CMS' sole discretion.** The Vendor will promptly provide evidence in support of its Good Faith Efforts to CMS upon request.

Section II A

Good Faith Efforts Checklist

Insert on each line below the initials of the authorized Vendor representative who is certifying on behalf of the Vendor that the Vendor has completed the activities described below. **If any of the items below were not completed, attach a detailed written explanation why each such item was not completed.** If any other efforts were made to obtain BEP participation in addition to the items listed below, attach a detailed written explanation.

_____ Identified portions of the project work capable of performance by available BEP vendors, including, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate BEP participation even when the Vendor could perform those scopes with its own forces.

_____ Solicited through reasonable and available means (e.g., written notices, advertisements) BEP vendors to perform the types of work that could be subcontracted on this project, within sufficient time to allow them to respond.

_____ Provided timely and adequate information about the plans, specifications and requirements of the contract. Followed up initial solicitations to answer questions and encourage BEP vendors to submit proposals or bids.

_____ Negotiated in good faith with interested BEP vendors that submitted proposals or bids and thoroughly investigated their capabilities.

_____ Made efforts to assist interested BEP vendors in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance as may be required for performance of the contract (if applicable).

_____ Utilized resources available to identify available certified vendors, including but not limited to BEP assistance staff; local, state and federal minority or women business assistance offices; and other organizations that provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of diverse businesses.

Section II B

Good Faith Efforts Contacts Log for Soliciting

BEP Sub-consultant, Subcontractor or Supplier Participation

Use this form to document all contacts and responses (telephone, e-mail, fax, etc.) regarding the solicitation of BEP sub-consultants, subcontractors and suppliers. Duplicate as needed. (It is not necessary to show contacts with certified vendors with which the Vendor reached an agreement to participate on this project, as shown on Section I of this Plan.)

Name of certified vendor firm	Date and method of contact	Scope of work solicited	Reason agreement was not reached

Letter of Intent (LOI)
Between Prime Vendor and Certified Vendor

Instructions: The responsive offeror is required to submit this signed and notarized Letter of Intent from each certified vendor identified on the Utilization Plan. LOIs must be submitted with the proposal and must be notarized by both parties. Submit a separate LOI for each proposed certified vendor. The amount and scope of work indicated on each LOI shall be the actual amount indicated on the Utilization Plan submitted with the proposal and approved by the Agency.

Changes to the Utilization Plan including substitution of certified vendors are permitted only after award of the contract and only with prior written approval of the Agency. A request for changes to the Utilization Plan must be submitted on the *Request for Change of Utilization Plan Form* for all levels of subcontracting. LOIs must be submitted for all additions of certified vendors to the Utilization Plan prior to the start of work.

Project Name _____ Project/Solicitation Number: _____

Name of Prime Vendor: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____

Name of Certified Vendor: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____

Type of agreement: ☐ Services ☐ Supplies ☐ Both Services/Supplies

Type of payment: ☐ Lump Sum _____ ☐ Hourly Rate _____ ☐ Unit Price _____

Period of Performance: _____ Proposed Subcontract Amount \$ _____ or Proposed % of Contract _____

Description of work to be performed by certified vendor:

List the governmental agency or private organization with whom the certified vendor is currently certified as a disadvantaged, minority, or woman business enterprise.

The prime vendor and the certified vendor above hereby agree that upon the execution of a contract for the above-named project between the prime vendor and the State of Illinois, the certified vendor will perform the scope of work for the price as indicated above.

Prime Vendor (Company Name and D/B/A):

Signature

Printed Name

Title: _____ Date: _____

Subscribed and sworn before me this
_____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

Certified Vendor (Company Name and D/B/A):

Signature

Printed Name

Title: _____ Date: _____

Subscribed and sworn before me this
_____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

Political Contributions

Public Act 95-971 addresses political contributions by Vendors, including affiliated persons and entities. The Act contains registration requirements and provides that all bids submitted to the State after January 1, 2009 contain a certificate of registration from the Illinois State Board of Elections or a certification that the bidding entity is not required to register. Further information about the registration requirements can be found on the Board of Elections website, www.elections.il.gov. Failure to submit this information will result in disqualification.

By submission of an Offer, you acknowledge and certify that you have read, understand and will comply with Public Act 95-971, including but not limited to, all provisions relating to reporting and making contributions to state officeholders, declared candidates for State offices and covered political organizations that promote the candidacy of an officeholder or declared candidate for office. Vendor acknowledges that the State may declare any resultant contract void if this certification is false or if the Act is violated.

In compliance with Public Act 95-971 check the following certification that applies to you:

☐ Vendor is not required to register as a business entity with the State Board of Elections.

or

☐ Vendor has registered **and has attached a copy** of the official certificate of registration as issued by the State Board of Elections. As a registered business entity, Vendor acknowledges a continuing duty to update the registration as required by the Act.

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

- If you are an individual, enter your name and SSN as it appears on your Social Security Card.
- If you are a sole proprietor, enter the owner's name on the name line followed by the name of the business and the owner's SSN or EIN.
- If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's name on the name line and the d/b/a on the business name line and enter the owner's SSN or EIN.
- If the LLC is a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's business name and EIN and for corporations, attach IRS acceptance letter (CP261 or CP277).
- For all other entities, enter the name of the entity as used to apply for the entity's EIN and the EIN.

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Taxpayer Identification Number:

Social Security Number _____
or
Employer Identification Number _____

Legal Status (check one):

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Individual | ☐ Governmental |
| ☐ Sole Proprietor | ☐ Nonresident alien |
| ☐ Partnership | ☐ Estate or trust |
| ☐ Legal Services Corporation | ☐ Pharmacy (Non-Corp.) |
| ☐ Tax-exempt | ☐ Pharmacy/Funeral Home/Cemetery (Corp.) |
| ☐ Corporation providing or billing medical and/or health care services | ☐ Limited Liability Company (select applicable tax classification) |
| ☐ Corporation NOT providing or billing medical and/or health care services | ☐ D = disregarded entity |
| | ☐ C = corporation |
| | ☐ P = partnership |

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SECTION 6 - RESPONSIVENESS

For this solicitation, you will need to respond to each of the points identified in Section 3 of the Solicitation. You must follow any format shown or referenced below. If none, you may respond freeform provided you address all the points, numbering each point as found in Section 3 and addressing them in the order they appear.

6.1 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 6.1.1 These instructions prescribe the format and content of the Offer. They are designed to facilitate a fair and uniform review process. Failure to adhere to this format will affect our evaluation and may result in disqualification of the Offer.
- 6.1.2 The response--completed, signed and returned--will constitute the Offer. A signed original and the designated number of copies of each Offer are required. Failure to submit the required number of copies may prevent the Offer from being evaluated within the allotted time.
- 6.1.3 Your Offer must provide all information requested and must address all points. **Suggested exceptions to requirements and contract modifications, while allowed, are discouraged. The Agency/Buyer is under no obligation to accept exceptions or modifications suggested by the Vendor (or any Third Parties/subcontractors), and any exceptions or modifications will affect our evaluation and may result in rejection.** If the Vendor (or any Third Parties/subcontractors) does wish to suggest exceptions or modifications, all such exceptions or modifications must be submitted with the Offer. Offers, including suggested exceptions to requirements and contract modifications, must be submitted in ink, typed, or printed form and signed by an authorized representative. The State may require that offers be submitted in electronic form. All terms to which the Vendor does not suggest an exception or modification will be deemed by the Agency/Buyer as having been accepted by the Vendor. Suggested exceptions or modifications shall be made by the Vendor (or any Third Parties/subcontractors) on the relevant page containing the language to be modified or the requirement to which an exception is proposed. If the suggested changes cannot reasonably be made on the relevant page, the Vendor may include specific, suggested exceptions or modifications referencing specific paragraphs of the RFP or Sample Contract for Services on separate pages, and shall attach those pages to the Offer as addenda.
- 6.1.4 The Offer is divided into two parts: (1) the Technical Proposal and (2) the Price Proposal. The Offer must be submitted in a sealed envelope or container, with the Price Proposal under separate cover in a separate, sealed envelope or container in the Offer container. If multiple envelopes or containers for each Offer are used, the envelopes or containers must be numbered in the following fashion: 1 of 4, 2 of 4, etc. The envelopes or containers must be labeled with the following information: Agency/Buyer's Name and Address, RFP Title and Reference Number, Due Date and Time and Vendor's Name and Address.
- 6.1.5 If the Vendor designates any information in its Offer as confidential, the Vendor must also submit one (1) copy of the Offer from which confidential information has been excised. The confidential material must be excised in such a way as to allow the public to determine the general nature of the material removed and to retain as much of the Offer as possible.
- 6.1.6 Offers must not contain promotional or display materials.
- 6.1.7 Attachments must be referenced in the Offer.

6.2 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL: The following documents and responses will be included in the Technical Proposal and tabbed as such in the order given below:

- 6.2.1 **TRANSMITTAL LETTER:** An individual authorized to legally bind the Vendor must sign the transmittal letter. The person who signs the transmittal letter will be considered the contact person for all matters pertaining to the Offer unless the Vendor designates another person in writing. The letter must include the Vendor's mailing address, e-mail address, fax number and telephone number.

Any request for confidential treatment of information must be included in the transmittal letter in addition to the specific statutory basis supporting the request, an explanation of why disclosure of the information is not in the best interest of the public, and the specific basis under Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/7) for the exemption from disclosure of such information. The transmittal letter must also contain the name, address and telephone number of the individual authorized to respond to the Agency/Buyer about the confidential nature of the information.

- 6.2.2 **TABLE OF CONTENTS:** The Vendor must include a table of contents in its Offer. Offers must be page numbered sequentially from front to back.
- 6.2.3 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** The Vendor must prepare an Executive Summary and overview of the services it is offering, including all of the following information:
- 6.2.3.1 Statements that demonstrate that the Vendor understands the services as specified in Section 3 of the RFP, "Specifications / Qualifications / Statement of Work" and agrees with Section 4 of the Contract, Standard Terms and Conditions.
 - 6.2.3.2 An overview of the Vendor's plans for the Specifications / Qualifications / Statement Of Work as described in Section 3 of this RFP.
 - 6.2.3.3 A demonstration of the Vendor's knowledge of Specifications / Qualifications / Statement Of Work as described in Section 3 of this RFP.
- 6.2.4 **TECHNICAL APPROACH (PLAN TO ADDRESS THE SERVICES REQUIRED FROM THE VENDOR):** The Vendor must provide a detailed description of how the Vendor plans to approach each service requirement as expressed by the Agency/Buyer in Section 3 of the RFP, "Specifications / Qualifications / Statement of Work". Offers must be fully responsive to each service requirement. Offers must identify any deviations from the stated requirements or requirements that the Vendor cannot satisfy. Any deviations from the stated requirements or any requirements that the Vendor cannot satisfy will affect the evaluation of the Offer and may disqualify the Vendor.
- 6.2.5 **TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE:** The Vendor must provide the following information regarding its experience:
- 6.2.5.1 Number of years experience with providing types of services specified in Section 3 of this RFP, "Specifications / Qualifications / Statement of Work".
 - 6.2.5.2 Describe the level of technical experience in providing the types of services specified in Section 3 of this RFP, "Specifications / Qualifications / Statement of Work".
 - 6.2.5.3 List all services and other relevant experience similar to those specified in Section 3 of the RFP, "Specifications / Qualifications / Statement of Work" that the Vendor has provided to other businesses or governmental entities.
- 6.2.6 **PERSONNEL:** The Vendor must provide resumes for all key personnel, including the project manager, who will be involved in providing the services contemplated by this RFP. Resumes must include the full name, education background, and years of experience and employment history particularly as it relates to the scope of services specified herein.
- 6.2.7 **FINANCIAL CAPACITY INFORMATION:** Submit end of year financial statements for the last 3 years. Vendor may also be required to provide additional financial information upon request.
- 6.2.8 **CHANGES TO THE RFP:** If the Agency/Buyer issues any changes (including amendments or addenda) to this RFP, these changes must be signed by an individual authorized to legally bind the Vendor and included in the Technical Proposal.

SECTION 7 - PRICE

7.0 PRICE SUBMISSION: The Price Proposal must be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope or container in the Offer container. The Vendor will provide its Price Proposal in accordance with the specifications provided below for the services specified in this document. Required pricing details are shown below:

7.1 METHOD AND RATE OF COMPENSATION: Identify the method of charging (hourly, daily, project, item, or other method) and provide the rate or price for each type of supply or service. Pricing shall be in accordance with the unit of measure specified and only one unit price shall be quoted per item unless specifically provided below. All extensions and totals requested shall be shown. Prices quoted must be net after deducting all trade or quantity discounts and any other available allowances. Prices must be F.O.B. DESTINATION with all transportation and handling included and paid by the Vendor.

- ☒ Hourly _____
☐ Monthly _____
☐ Annually _____
☐ Project _____
☐ Item (show unit of measure and rate) _____

7.2 MAXIMUM COMPENSATION FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES: Show price in checked category only:

- ☐ Firm Price _____
☒ Estimated Price \$525,000: \$400,000 first year; \$125,000 available for remainder of the Term.

7.3 EXPENSES: Unless otherwise specified, this contract does not allow for separate reimbursement of any expense incurred by Vendor, including but not limited to telephone or other communications device, postage, copying, travel, transportation, lodging, food and per diem.

7.4 PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS (including when paid, frequency and retainage): Payment will be made after completion of the Contract unless otherwise specified below.

7.5 DISCOUNTS: N/A % discount for payment within N/A days of delivery. This discount will not be a factor in making the award.

7.6 TAX EXEMPTIONS: State and Federal tax exemption information is available upon request.

7.7 SUBCONTRACTORS: Will you be using any subcontractors? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, you must identify below the names and addresses of all subcontractors you will be entering into a contractual agreement with a total value of \$25,000 or more in the performance of this Contract, together with a description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor and the anticipated amount of money to the extent the information is known that each subcontractor is expected to receive pursuant to the Contract. For purposes of this section, subcontractors are those specifically hired to provide to the Vendor some or all of the goods, services, property, remuneration, or other forms of consideration that are the subject of this Contract, including sub-lessees from a lessee of a State agency. A copy of each subcontract issued pursuant to the Contract shall be provided to the State Purchasing Officer or Chief Procurement Officer within 20 days after the execution of the Contract or after execution of the subcontract, whichever is later. If at any time during the term of the Contract, Vendor adds or changes any subcontractors, Vendor will be required to promptly notify, by written amendment to the Contract, the State Purchasing Officer or the Chief Procurement Officer of the names and addresses and the expected amount of money that each new or replaced subcontractor will receive pursuant to the Contract. Any subcontracts entered into prior to award of the Contract are done at the Vendor's and subcontractor's risk.

Subcontractor Name _____	Amount to be paid _____
Address _____	Description of work _____

Subcontractor Name _____	Amount to be paid _____
Address _____	Description of work _____

All subcontracts must include **the Subcontractor Standard Certifications** and **the Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest**, completed and signed by the subcontractor.

7.8 WORK LOCATION DISCLOSURE: Vendor shall disclose the location where the services required shall be performed. If at multiple locations, the known or anticipated value of the services performed at each location shall be identified. This information and economic impact on Illinois and its residents may be considered in the evaluation. If the selected Vendor receives additional consideration in the evaluation based on work being performed in the United States, the resulting contract shall contain a provision that any shift in such work outside the United States may be considered a breach of contract.

Location where services will be performed _____

Value of services performed at this location _____

Location where services will be performed _____

Value of services performed at this location _____

SECTION 8 - CONTRACT

We expect to contract based on the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached State of Illinois Contract. If you are unable to accept one or more parts of the Contract, identify any exception that you want us to consider. You may show these changes on the Contract form itself by striking over language you find problematic, and underlining alternate language or by listing the sections and showing the alternate language on a separate page. You must provide these exceptions requests and alternate language with your Offer. Please note that most contract provisions are required by law or important policy and we have very limited ability to consider and accept changes you might propose. Any proposed changes may be considered in the evaluation.

CONTRACT

The Parties to this contract are the State of Illinois acting through the undersigned Agency (collectively the State) and the Vendor. This contract, consisting of the signature page and numbered sections listed below and any attachments referenced in this contract constitutes the entire contract between the Parties concerning the subject matter of the contract and supersedes all prior proposals, contracts and understandings between the Parties concerning the subject matter of the contract. This contract can be signed in multiple counterparts and signature may be electronic or digital upon agreement of the Parties.

1. TERM AND TERMINATION
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In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this contract, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth herein and have caused this contract to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on the dates shown below.

VENDOR

(Vendor Name) _____
Signature _____
Printed Name _____
Title _____ Date _____
Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____

STATE OF ILLINOIS

(Procuring Agency Name) _____
Official Signature _____
Printed Name _____
Title _____ Date _____
Designee Signature _____
Printed Name _____
Title _____
Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Official Signature _____
Printed Name _____
Title _____ Date _____
Address _____

Designee Signature _____
Printed Name _____
Title _____ Date _____

STATE USE ONLY

PBC# _____ *Project Title* _____
Contract # _____ *Procurement Method (IFB, RFP, Small, etc):* _____
IPB Ref. # _____ *IPB Publication Date:* _____ *Award Code:* _____
Subcontractor Utilization? ☐ Yes ☐ No *Subcontractor Disclosure?* ☐ Yes ☐ No
Funding Source _____ *Obligation #* _____
CPO 33 – General Counsel Approval:
Signature _____ *Printed Name* _____ *Date* _____

NOT PART OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

1. TERM AND TERMINATION

1.1 TERM OF THIS CONTRACT: This contract has an initial term of *(show beginning and end date or length in months or other measure of time)*. If a start date is not identified, the term shall commence upon the last dated signature of the Parties.

In no event will the total term of the contract, including the initial term, any renewal terms and any extensions, exceed 10 years.

Vendor shall not commence billable work in furtherance of the contract prior to final execution of the contract.

1.2 RENEWAL: Subject to the maximum total term as identified above, the State has the option to renew for the following term(s):

The State reserves the right to renew for a total of one year in one of the following manners:

- a) One renewal covering the entire renewal allowance,
- b) Any combination of full or partial-year renewals up to and including the entire renewal allowance.

Pricing for the renewal term(s), or the formula for determining price is shown in the pricing section of this contract.

Any renewal is subject to the same terms and conditions as the original contract except as stated below in this subsection. The State may renew this contract for any or all of the option periods specified and may exercise any of the renewal options early and may exercise more than one option at a time based on continuing need and favorable market conditions, when in the best interest of the State. The contract may not renew automatically nor may the contract renew solely at the Vendor's option.

1.3 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE: The State may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, immediately upon notice to the Vendor if: (a) the State determines that the actions or inactions of the Vendor, its agents, employees or subcontractors have caused, or reasonably could cause, jeopardy to health, safety, or property, or (b) the Vendor has notified the State that it is unable or unwilling to perform the contract.

If Vendor fails to perform to the State's satisfaction any material requirement of this contract, is in violation of a material provision of this contract, or the State determines that the Vendor lacks the financial resources to perform the contract, the State shall provide written notice to the Vendor to cure the problem identified within the period of time specified in the State's written notice. If not cured by that date the State may either: (a) immediately terminate the contract without additional written notice or (b) enforce the terms and conditions of the contract.

For termination due to any of the causes contained in this Section, the State retains its rights to seek any available legal or equitable remedies and damages.

1.4 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE: The State may, for its convenience and with 30 days prior written notice to Vendor, terminate this contract in whole or in part and without payment of any penalty or incurring any further obligation to the Vendor. The Vendor shall be entitled to compensation upon submission of invoices and proof of claim for supplies and services provided in compliance with this contract up to and including the date of termination.

2. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

2.1 GOAL: To utilize the knowledge and expertise of the Vendor, that is lacking in the Procuring Agency's staff, to obtain supplies and services necessary to help meet the statutory responsibilities of the Procuring Agency.

2.2 SUPPLIES AND/OR SERVICES REQUIRED: Services Required

A. Overall Systems Analyses and Recommendations

The consultant will, at a minimum, perform the following services:

- Conduct interviews with subject matter experts and assess the content and accessibility of early childhood data maintained within the related systems of the following core agencies: Department of Human Services, Department of Public Health, Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Health and Family Services, Illinois State Board of Education, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Department of Family Support Services, Head Start/Early Head Start, Child Care Resource and Referrals, the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRA), and the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map. Early childhood data includes data on children and families receiving

government and partially government funded birth to age 5 services, data on the early childhood workforce, and data on programs offering early childhood services.

- With input from the Office and the Data Work Group of the Early Learning Council (DWG), will be expected to create a prioritized plan to interview other users as resources allow.

Based on the information collected, the consultant will then:

- Create process flow diagrams for all government and partially government funded current data systems and provide report to OECD and DWG.
- Define and model interfaces with the ILDS and Framework Project.
- Provide gap analysis on early childhood programs not currently included in the IDLS or Framework Project.
- Provide recommendations for interagency agreements, policy changes, business and staffing changes, and/or system extensions or consolidations to allow for data sharing in the second year of the grant.
- Analyze the applicability of health care and Medicaid-related privacy restrictions that must be addressed as part of the interagency agreements and data sharing arrangements. (Education privacy restrictions, including FERPA, will be addressed separately from the consultant's services.)
- Identify a core set of data elements that should be captured on child-level program participation across systems, with consideration given to the draft set of key policy questions developed by the Data Work Group of the Illinois Early Learning Council and the State's plan for the Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge.
- Make adjustments as necessary to comply with criteria identified by the Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge, and strategies included within the State's grant application for the Early Learning Challenge.

B. DHS Early Childhood Systems Integrations and Enhancements

The Department of Human Services uses the Recipient Identification Number (RIN) as its primary unique identifier within its early childhood systems. However, a RIN is not assigned to all of the individual child records maintained by DHS in its various systems. The consultant will analyze current DHS early childhood systems and develop recommendations to extend the RIN to all individual child records maintained within these systems. The consultant will also the need for other DHS system enhancements and integration projects that may improve the matching and rating confidence for DHS data used in the Illinois Common Identifier Project.

C. Common Early Childhood Data Standards

As part of the establishment of the Illinois Longitudinal Data System Data Warehouse, Illinois has emerged as a national leader in the development of common education data standards. Illinois believes that common early childhood data standards should be used across all state agencies, with extensions and adaptations as necessary for individual agency needs.

The consultant will:

- Analyze the education data model adopted by ISBE for the Illinois Longitudinal Data System Data Warehouse;
- Recommend extensions or adaptations of this data model as necessary so that it can serve as common early childhood data standards across all early childhood systems that are a part of a unified early childhood data system.

D. Head Start/Early Head Start Data Collection Systems

Head Start and Early Head Start grant recipients have established a data collection system through the Illinois Head Start Association. The consultant will analyze and recommend strategies for inclusion of Head Start/Early Head Start in the unified early childhood data system.

E. RFI and RFP(s) for Unified Data System

Upon completion of the services and tasks identified in "A" through "D" above, the consultant will:

- Work with staff in the Office and members of the DWG to create one or more Requests for Information (RFIs) to design or otherwise establish a unified early childhood data system and an initial pilot study of that system.

- Based on the responses from the RFI, the consultant will then work with the Office and agencies that are a part of the state's early childhood system to develop one or more Request for Proposals (RFP) to secure the services necessary for the unified data system.
- NOTE: it will be the State's decision whether to pursue the RFI process or move directly to an RFP process.

2.3 MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES: Vendor shall not perform services, provide supplies or incur expenses in amount exceeding the amount shown in this Section, unless the State has authorized a higher amount in writing prior to the Vendor performing the services, providing the supplies, or incurring the expenses. The vendor will work by the hour with assignment of requests submitted and approved by the OECD in coordination with DWG. The vendor will report to the project manager of the Office of Early Childhood Development.

Applicants must address the project objectives and milestones as outlined below. Please indicate any other activities that would be necessary in order to achieve the desired deliverables.

Project Goals:

The two-year goal is to design, procure, and initiate the development of an early childhood data system that would provide access to end users of a unified, statewide early childhood data collection system. This RFP is for the first year of this project. In this phase, the Vendor will work with members of the Early Learning Council and the Office of Early Childhood Development to complete an analysis of the current data collection systems in early childhood, create a "map" or data flows for these systems, identify gaps that the coordinated early learning data system can fill, including linking the ILDS and Framework project and research other states' early childhood data systems. The Vendor may, at the State's request, create an RFI for a statewide unified data system design that will inform the creation of an RFP for services, and create the RFP for the next phase of the project. See the Milestones and Timelines section below for more detailed information.

The work of this project in both phases will ultimately yield a data system that will provide:

- A unified data system for all early childhood programs birth to five that are receiving state or federal funding;
- A unique statewide child identifier;
- A unique state teacher/worker identifier;
- A unique program identifier;
- Child and family demographic information;
- Educator information including but not limited to data on educational attainment, licenses, degrees and professional development undertaken;
- Program structure information such as staff retention, work environment, child suspension and the expulsion rates, and quality improvement efforts;
- Child attendance information;
- Uniform data collection and easy entry essential data elements by participating state agencies and programs;
- Facilitates the exchange of data among participating state agencies by using standard data structures, data formats and data definitions;
- Generates information that is timely, relevant, accessible and easy for early learning programs and educators to use for continuous improvement and decision making; and
- The system must be secure, accurate and well-designed to support the work of managers and end-users
- Creates and presents general system design on how to fill the gaps between IDLS and Framework and link the two data systems to create a coordinated data system to the OECD and DWG.

Milestones and Timelines

Milestone	Timeline
Develop and conduct interviews with key state and local agencies around their current systems and vision (example use of data, limitations of data collection processes, system design information, etc).	Quarter 1
Create process flow diagram and narrative functional analysis on all government and partially government funded data systems and provide a report to OECD and DWG.	Quarter 1
Review relevant systems used by other states, in particular Pennsylvania's Enterprise to Link Information for Children Across Networks (PELICAN) and report best practices to the OECD and DWG.	Quarter 1

Provide analysis and recommendations for common early childhood data standards	Quarter 2
Provide analysis and recommendations for the extension of the Recipient Identification Number (RIN) to all DHS Early Childhood Systems and other DHS system integrations and enhancements.	Quarter 2
Create gap analysis report on early childhood data that is collected in the IDLS and Framework system.	Quarter 2
Provide gap analysis to OECD, DWG, ISBE and DHS.	Quarter 2
Create and present general system design on how to fill the gaps between IDLS and Framework and link the two data systems to create a coordinated data system to the OECD and DWG.	Quarter 3
Provide analysis and recommendations for inclusion of Head Start/Early Head Start data in State data collection processes and systems.	Quarter 3
Develop comprehensive technical architecture of systems and data. The structure must include all of the essential data elements and oversight requirements listed in the Early learning Challenge application. It should also describe access levels for users.	Quarter 3
Identify position risks and issues that may arise during system development (example legal, administrative, technical, political).	Quarter 3
Provide recommendations for necessary interagency agreement, policy, business and staffing changes necessary to implement data sharing.	Quarter 3
In consultation with the Office and DWG, create an RFI for data system design that will inform the creation of an RFP for services. (Optional deliverable)	Quarter 4
In consultation with the Office and DWG, and based on the RFI, create the RFP to solicit IT solutions for development of the unified early childhood data system. (Optional deliverable)	Quarter 4

2.4 VENDOR / STAFF SPECIFICATIONS:

3.5.2 Vendor and Staff Requirements

Education and Training for lead vendor

Masters Degree in computer science or equivalent business experience.

Technical Expertise

- Knowledge of and experience in data management, data conversion and data warehouse implementation.
- Technological expertise, experience and competence with designing complex systems, system interfaces and databases
- Experience in integrating pre-existing databases
- Experience in producing landscape analysis and data flow reports.

Analytical Skills

- Competence in navigating FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) and HIPAA (Health Information Portability and Accountability Act) as they apply to data transfer and dissemination.
- Experience in the creation of Business Requirements Documents – BRD.

Project Management

- At least 2 years project management experience with large, complex data projects, including system design and implementation projects.
- A minimum of 2 years experience managing technical project teams.
- Three years experience working with other organizations and government agencies in order to establish procedures to share data.
- Ability to develop and maintain detailed project schedules on an accepted timeline.
- Experience in writing RFIs and RFPs.
- PMP certification or demonstration of equivalent project management knowledge.

Communication

- Ability to clearly communicate project needs and status to technical and non-technical audiences.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Background, Experience and References

- Experience with early childhood, education or health systems is preferred.
- A minimum of four professional references

2.5 ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING:

2.5.1 This contract may not be assigned, transferred in whole or in part by the Vendor without the prior written consent of the State.

2.5.2 For purposes of this section, subcontractors are those specifically hired to perform all or part of the work covered by the contract.

Will subcontractors be utilized? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2.5.3 Vendor shall describe below the names and addresses of all authorized subcontractors to be utilized by Vendor in the performance of this contract, together with a description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor and the anticipated amount of money that each subcontractor is expected to receive pursuant to this contract. Vendor shall provide a copy of any subcontracts within 20 days of execution of this contract.

Subcontractor Name _____	Amount to be paid _____
Address _____	Description of work _____

Subcontractor Name _____	Amount to be paid _____
Address _____	Description of work _____

2.5.4 The Vendor shall notify the State of any additional or substitute subcontractors hired during the term of this contract. Vendor shall provide to the State a copy of all such subcontracts within 20 days of execution of the subcontract.

2.5.5 All subcontracts must include the same certifications that Vendor must make as a condition of this contract. Vendor shall include in each subcontract the subcontractor certifications as shown on the Standard Subcontractor Certification form available from the State.

2.6 TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY:

2.7 WHERE SERVICES ARE TO BE PERFORMED: Unless otherwise specified in this section all services shall be performed in the United States. If the Vendor manufactures the supplies or performs the services purchased hereunder in another country in violation of this provision, such action may be deemed by the State as a breach of the contract by Vendor. Vendor shall disclose the locations where the services required shall be performed and the known or anticipated value of the services to be performed at each location. If the Vendor received additional consideration in the evaluation based on work being performed in the United States, it shall be a breach of contract if the Vendor shifts any such work outside the United States.

Location where services will be performed _____
Value of services performed at this location _____

Location where services will be performed _____
Value of services performed at this location _____

2.8 SCHEDULE OF WORK: Any work performed on State premises shall be done during the hours designated by the State and performed in a manner that does not interfere with the State and its personnel.

2.9 WARRANTIES FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES:

2.9.1 Vendor warrants that the supplies furnished under this contract will: (a) conform to the standards, specifications, drawing, samples or descriptions furnished by the State or furnished by the Vendor and agreed to by the State, including but not limited to all specifications attached as exhibits hereto; (b) be merchantable, of good quality and workmanship, and free from defects for a period of twelve months or longer if so specified in writing, and fit and sufficient for the intended use; (c) comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the manufacturing, packing, labeling, sale and delivery of the supplies; (d) be of good title and be free and clear of all liens and encumbrances and; (e) not infringe any patent, copyright or other intellectual property rights of any third party. Vendor agrees to reimburse the State for any losses, costs, damages or expenses, including without limitations, reasonable attorney's fees and expenses, arising from failure of the supplies to meet such warranties.

2.9.2 Vendor shall insure that all manufacturers' warranties are transferred to the State and shall provide a copy of the warranty. These warranties shall be in addition to all other warranties, express, implied or statutory, and shall survive the State's payment, acceptance, inspection or failure to inspect the supplies.

2.9.3 Vendor warrants that all services will be performed to meet the requirements of the contract in an efficient and effective manner by trained and competent personnel. Vendor shall monitor performances of each individual and shall reassign immediately any individual who is not performing in accordance with the contract, who is disruptive or not respectful of others in the workplace, or who in any way violates the contract or State policies.

2.10 REPORTING, STATUS AND MONITORING SPECIFICATIONS:

2.10.1 Vendor shall immediately notify the State of any event that may have a material impact on Vendor's ability to perform the contract.

2.10.2 By August 31 of each year, Vendor shall report the number of qualified veterans and certain ex-offenders hired during Vendor's last completed fiscal year. Vendor may be entitled to employment tax credit for hiring individuals in those groups (35 ILCS 5/216, 5/217).

3. PRICING

3.1 METHOD AND RATE OF COMPENSATION: The State will compensate Vendor for the initial term as follows:

- ☒ Hourly _____
☐ Monthly _____
☐ Annually _____
☐ Project _____
☐ Item (show unit of measure and rate) _____

3.2 TYPE OF PRICING: Pricing under this contract is

- ☐ Firm _____
☒ Estimated \$525,000; \$400,000 first year and \$125,000 for renewal, if granted.

3.3 RENEWAL COMPENSATION: If this contract is renewed, the price shall be at the same rate as for the initial term unless a different compensation or formula for determining the renewal compensation is stated in this section.

3.4 EXPENSES: Any expenses that Vendor may charge are shown in this section. The State will not compensate Vendor for expenses related to travel, lodging or meal.

3.5 DISCOUNT: N/A% discount for payment within N/A days of receipt of invoice

3.6 TAX: Vendor shall not bill for any taxes unless accompanied by proof the State is subject to the tax. If necessary, Vendor may request the applicable agency's Illinois tax exemption number and federal tax exemption information.

3.7 INVOICING: Vendor shall invoice at the completion of the contract unless invoicing is tied in this contract to milestones, deliverables, or other invoicing requirements agreed to in this contract.

Send invoices to IDHS, Bureau of Child Care and Development, 400 W. Lawrence, 1st Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62762
Attn: SAC Grant Staff

3.8 PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

3.8.1 By submitting an invoice, Vendor certifies that the supplies or services provided meet all requirements of the contract, and the amount billed and expenses incurred are as allowed in the contract. Invoices for supplies purchased, services performed and expenses incurred through June 30 of any year must be submitted to the State no later than July 31 of that year; otherwise Vendor may have to seek payment through the Illinois Court of Claims (30 ILCS 105/25). All invoices are subject to statutory offset (30 ILCS 210).

3.8.2 Payments, including late payment charges, will be paid in accordance with the State Prompt Payment Act (30 ILCS 540) and rules (74 Ill. Adm. Code 900) when applicable. This shall be Vendor's sole remedy for late payments by the State. Payment terms contained on Vendor's invoices shall have no force and effect.

3.8.3 The State will not pay for supplies provided or services rendered, including related expenses, incurred prior to the execution of this contract by the Parties even if the effective date of the contract is prior to execution.

3.8.4 As a condition of receiving payment Vendor must (i) be in compliance with the contract, (ii) pay its employees prevailing wages when required by law (Examples of prevailing wage categories include public works, printing, janitorial, window washing, building and grounds services, site technician services, natural resource services, security guard and food services. Vendor is responsible for contacting the Illinois Dept. of Labor 217-782-6206; <http://www.state.il.us/agency/idol/index.htm> to ensure understanding of prevailing wage requirements), (iii) pay its suppliers and subcontractors according to the terms of their respective contracts, and (iv) provide lien waivers to the State upon request.

3.8.5 The State requires a fee of \$15 to cover expenses related to the administration of the Minority Contractor Opportunity Initiative. Any vendor awarded a contract under Section 20-10, 20-15, 20-25 or 20-30 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) of \$1,000 or more from this solicitation is required to pay a fee of \$15. The Comptroller shall deduct the fee from the first check issued to the Vendor under the contract and deposit the fee in the Comptroller's Administrative Fund.

4. STANDARD BUSINESS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

4.1 AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATION (30 ILCS 500/20-60): This contract is contingent upon and subject to the availability of funds. The State, at its sole option, may terminate or suspend this contract, in whole or in part, without penalty or further payment being required, if (1) the Illinois General Assembly or the federal funding source fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such obligation, or if funds needed are insufficient for any reason, (2) the Governor decreases the Department's funding by reserving some or all of the Department's appropriation(s) pursuant to power delegated to the Governor by the Illinois General Assembly; or (3) the Department determines, in its sole discretion or as directed by the Office of the Governor, that a reduction is necessary or advisable based upon actual or projected budgetary considerations. Contractor will be notified in writing of the failure of appropriation or of a reduction or decrease.

4.2 AUDIT/RETENTION OF RECORDS (30 ILCS 500/20-65): Vendor and its subcontractors shall maintain books and records relating to the performance of the contract or subcontract and necessary to support amounts charged to the State under the contract or subcontract. Books and records, including information stored in databases or other computer systems, shall be maintained by the Vendor for a period of three years from the later of the date of final payment under the contract or completion of the contract, and by the subcontractor for a period of three years from the later of final payment under the term or completion of the subcontract. If federal funds are used to pay contract costs, the Vendor and its subcontractors must retain its records for five years. Books and records required to be maintained under this section shall be available for review or audit by representatives of: the procuring Agency, the Auditor General, the Executive Inspector General, the Chief Procurement Officer, State of Illinois internal auditors or other governmental entities with monitoring authority, upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours. Vendor and its subcontractors shall cooperate fully with any such audit and with any investigation conducted by any of these entities. Failure to maintain books and records required by this section shall establish a presumption in favor of the State for the recovery of any funds paid by the State under the contract for which adequate books and records are not available to support the purported disbursement. The Vendor or subcontractors shall not impose a charge for audit or examination of the Vendor's books and records.

4.3 TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: Time is of the essence with respect to Vendor's performance of this contract. Vendor shall continue to perform its obligations while any dispute concerning the contract is being resolved unless otherwise directed by the State.

4.4 NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS: Except as specifically waived in writing, failure by a Party to exercise or enforce a right does not waive that Party's right to exercise or enforce that or other rights in the future.

4.5 FORCE MAJEURE: Failure by either Party to perform its duties and obligations will be excused by unforeseeable circumstances beyond its reasonable control and not due to its negligence including acts of nature, acts of terrorism, riots, labor disputes, fire, flood, explosion, and governmental prohibition. The non-declaring Party may cancel the contract without penalty if performance does not resume within 30 days of the declaration.

4.6 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION: Each Party, including its agents and subcontractors, to this contract may have or gain access to confidential data or information owned or maintained by the other Party in the course of carrying out its responsibilities under this contract. Vendor shall presume all information received from the State or to which it gains access pursuant to this contract is confidential. Vendor information, unless clearly marked as confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, shall be considered public. No confidential data collected, maintained, or used in the course of performance of the contract shall be disseminated except as authorized by law and with the written consent of the disclosing Party, either during the period of the contract or thereafter. The receiving Party must return any and all data collected, maintained, created or used in the course of the performance of the contract, in whatever form it is maintained, promptly at the end of the contract, or earlier at the request of the disclosing Party, or notify the disclosing Party in writing of its destruction. The foregoing obligations shall not apply to confidential data or information lawfully in the receiving Party's possession prior to its acquisition from the disclosing Party; received in good faith from a third-party not subject to any confidentiality obligation to the disclosing Party; now is or later becomes publicly known through no breach of confidentiality obligation by the receiving Party; or is independently developed by the receiving Party without the use or benefit of the disclosing Party's confidential information.

4.7 USE AND OWNERSHIP: All work performed or supplies created by Vendor under this contract, whether written documents or data, goods or deliverables of any kind, shall be deemed work-for-hire under copyright law and all intellectual property and other laws, and the State of Illinois is granted sole and exclusive ownership to all such work, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Vendor hereby assigns to the State all right, title, and interest in and to such work including any related intellectual property rights, and/or waives any and all claims that Vendor may have to such work including any so-called "moral rights" in connection with the work. Vendor acknowledges the State may use the work product for any purpose. Confidential data or information contained in such work shall be subject to confidentiality provisions of this contract.

4.8 INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY: The Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Illinois, its agencies, officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all costs, demands, expenses, losses, claims, damages, liabilities, settlements and judgments, including in-house and contracted attorneys' fees and expenses, arising out of: (a) any breach or violation by Vendor of any of its certifications, representations, warranties, covenants or agreements; (b) any actual or alleged death or injury to any person, damage to any property or any other damage or loss claimed to result in whole or in part from Vendor's negligent performance; or (c) any act, activity or omission of Vendor or any of its employees, representatives, subcontractors or agents. Neither Party shall be liable for incidental, special, consequential or punitive damages.

4.9 INSURANCE: Vendor shall, at all times during the term and any renewals, maintain and provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the State as additional insured for all required bonds and insurance. Certificates may not be modified or canceled until at least 30 days notice has been provided to the State. Vendor shall provide: (a) General Commercial Liability-occurrence form in amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence (Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage) and \$2,000,000 Annual Aggregate; (b) Auto Liability, including Hired Auto and Non-owned Auto, (Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage) in amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and (c) Worker's Compensation Insurance in amount required by law. Insurance shall not limit Vendor's obligation to indemnify, defend, or settle any claims.

4.10 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: Vendor shall act as an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of, or joint venturer with the State. All payments by the State shall be made on that basis.

4.11 SOLICITATION AND EMPLOYMENT: Vendor shall not employ any person employed by the State during the term of this contract to perform any work under this contract. Vendor shall give notice immediately to the Agency's director if Vendor solicits or intends to solicit State employees to perform any work under this contract.

4.12 COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW: The Vendor, its employees, agents, and subcontractors shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, orders, federal circulars and all license and permit requirements in the performance of this contract. Vendor shall be in compliance with applicable tax requirements and shall be current in payment of such taxes. Vendor shall obtain at its own expense, all licenses and permissions necessary for the performance of this contract.

4.13 BACKGROUND CHECK: Whenever the State deems it reasonably necessary for security reasons, the State may conduct, at its expense, criminal and driver history background checks of Vendor's and subcontractors officers, employees or agents. Vendor or subcontractor shall reassign immediately any such individual who, in the opinion of the State, does not pass the background checks.

4.14 APPLICABLE LAW: This contract shall be construed in accordance with and is subject to the laws and rules of the State of Illinois. The Department of Human Rights' Equal Opportunity requirements (44 Ill. Adm. Code 750) are incorporated by reference. Any claim against the State arising out of this contract must be filed exclusively with the Illinois Court of Claims (705 ILCS 505/1). The State shall not enter into binding arbitration to resolve any contract dispute. The State of Illinois does not waive sovereign immunity by entering into this contract. The official text of cited statutes is incorporated by reference (An unofficial version can be viewed at <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp>). In compliance with the Illinois and federal Constitutions, the Illinois Human Rights Act, the U. S. Civil Rights Act, and Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act and other applicable laws and rules the State does not unlawfully discriminate in employment, contracts, or any other activity.

4.15 ANTI-TRUST ASSIGNMENT: If Vendor does not pursue any claim or cause of action it has arising under federal or state antitrust laws relating to the subject matter of the contract, then upon request of the Illinois Attorney General, Vendor shall assign to the State rights, title and interest in and to the claim or cause of action.

4.16 CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY: The Agency that signs for the State of Illinois shall be the only State entity responsible for performance and payment under the contract. When the Chief Procurement Officer or authorized designee signs in addition to an Agency, they do so as approving officer and shall have no liability to Vendor. When the Chief Procurement officer or authorized designee signs a master contract on behalf of State agencies, only the Agency that places an order with the Vendor shall have any liability to Vendor for that order.

4.17 NOTICES: Notices and other communications provided for herein shall be given in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, by receipted hand delivery, by courier (UPS, Federal Express or other similar and reliable carrier), by e-mail, or by fax showing the date and time of successful receipt. Notices shall be sent to the individuals who signed the contract using the contact information following the signatures. Each such notice shall be deemed to have been provided at the time it is actually received. By giving notice, either Party may change the contact information.

4.18 MODIFICATIONS AND SURVIVAL: Amendments, modifications and waivers must be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the Parties. Any provision of this contract officially declared void, unenforceable, or against public policy, shall be ignored and the remaining provisions shall be interpreted, as far as possible, to give effect to the Parties' intent. All provisions that by their nature would be expected to survive, shall survive termination. In the event of a conflict between the State's and the Vendor's terms, conditions and attachments, the State's terms, conditions and attachments shall prevail.

4.19 PERFORMANCE RECORD / SUSPENSION: Upon request of the State, Vendor shall meet to discuss performance or provide contract performance updates to help ensure proper performance of the contract. The State may consider Vendor's performance under this contract and compliance with law and rule to determine whether to continue the contract, suspend Vendor from doing future business with the State for a specified period of time, or to determine whether Vendor can be considered responsible on specific future contract opportunities.

4.20 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT: This contract and all related public records maintained by, provided to or required to be provided to the State are subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act notwithstanding any provision to the contrary that may be found in this contract.

5. STANDARD CERTIFICATIONS

Vendor acknowledges and agrees that compliance with this section and each subsection for the term of the contract and any renewals is a material requirement and condition of this contract. By executing this contract Vendor certifies compliance with this section and each subsection and is under a continuing obligation to remain in compliance and report any non-compliance.

This section, and each subsection, applies to subcontractors used on this contract. Vendor shall include these Standard Certifications in any subcontract used in the performance of the contract using the Standard Subcontractor Certification form provided by the State.

If this contract extends over multiple fiscal years including the initial term and all renewals, Vendor and its subcontractors shall confirm compliance with this section in the manner and format determined by the State by the date specified by the State and in no event later than July 1 of each year that this contract remains in effect.

If the Parties determine that any certification in this section is not applicable to this contract it may be stricken without affecting the remaining subsections.

5.1 As part of each certification, Vendor acknowledges and agrees that should Vendor or its subcontractors provide false information, or fail to be or remain in compliance with the Standard Certification requirements, one or more of the following sanctions will apply:

- the contract may be void by operation of law,
- the State may void the contract, and
- the Vendor and its subcontractors may be subject to one or more of the following: suspension, debarment, denial of payment, civil fine, or criminal penalty.

Identifying a sanction or failing to identify a sanction in relation to any of the specific certifications does not waive imposition of other sanctions or preclude application of sanctions not specifically identified.

5.2 Vendor certifies it and its employees will comply with applicable provisions of the U.S. Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) and applicable rules in performance under this contract.

5.3 Vendor certifies it is not in default on an educational loan (5 ILCS 385/3). This applies to individuals, sole proprietorships, partnerships and individuals as members of LLCs.

5.4 Vendor (if an individual, sole proprietor, partner or an individual as member of a LLC) certifies it has not received an (i) an early retirement incentive prior to 1993 under Section 14-108.3 or 16-133.3 of the Illinois Pension Code, 40 ILCS 5/14-108.3 and 40 ILCS 5/16-133.3, or (ii) an early retirement incentive on or after 2002 under Section 14-108.3 or 16-133.3 of the Illinois Pension Code, 40 ILCS 5/14-108.3 and 40 ILCS 5/16-133, (30 ILCS 105/15a).

5.5 Vendor certifies it is a properly formed and existing legal entity (30 ILCS 500/1.15.80, 20-43); and as applicable has obtained an assumed name certificate from the appropriate authority, or has registered to conduct business in Illinois and is in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State.

5.6 To the extent there was a incumbent Vendor providing the services covered by this contract and the employees of that Vendor that provide those services are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, Vendor certifies (i) that it will offer to assume the collective bargaining obligations of the prior employer, including any existing collective bargaining agreement with the bargaining representative of any existing collective bargaining unit or units performing substantially similar work to the services covered by the contract subject to its bid or offer; and (ii) that it shall offer employment to all employees currently employed in any existing bargaining unit performing substantially similar work that will be performed under this contract (30 ILCS 500/25-80). This does not apply to heating, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical service contracts.

5.7 Vendor certifies it has not been convicted of bribing or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois or any other State, nor has Vendor made an admission of guilt of such conduct that is a matter of record (30 ILCS 500/50-5).

5.8 If Vendor has been convicted of a felony, Vendor certifies at least five years have passed after the date of completion of the sentence for such felony, unless no person held responsible by a prosecutor's office for the facts upon which the conviction was based continues to have any involvement with the business (30 ILCS 500/50-10).

5.9 If Vendor, or any officer, director, partner, or other managerial agent of Vendor, has been convicted of a felony under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or a Class 3 or Class 2 felony under the Illinois Securities Law of 1953, Vendor certifies at least five years have passed since the date of the conviction. Vendor further certifies that it is not barred from being awarded a contract and acknowledges that the State shall declare the contract void if this certification is false (30 ILCS 500/50-10.5).

5.10 Vendor certifies it is not barred from having a contract with the State based on violating the prohibition on providing assistance to the state in identifying a need for a contract (except as part of a public request for information process) or by reviewing, drafting or preparing solicitation or similar documents for the State (30 ILCS 500/50-10.5e).

5.11 Vendor certifies that it and its affiliates are not delinquent in the payment of any debt to the State (or if delinquent has entered into a deferred payment plan to pay the debt), and Vendor and its affiliates acknowledge the State may declare the contract void if this certification is false (30 ILCS 500/50-11) or if Vendor or an affiliate later becomes delinquent and has not entered into a deferred payment plan to pay off the debt (30 ILCS 500/50-60).

5.12 Vendor certifies that it and all affiliates shall collect and remit Illinois Use Tax on all sales of tangible personal property into the State of Illinois in accordance with provisions of the Illinois Use Tax Act (30 ILCS 500/50-12) and acknowledges that failure to comply can result in the contract being declared void.

5.13 Vendor certifies that it has not been found by a court or the Pollution Control Board to have committed a willful or knowing violation of the Environmental Protection Act within the last five years, and is therefore not barred from being awarded a contract (30 ILCS 500/50-14).

5.14 Vendor certifies it has not paid any money or valuable thing to induce any person to refrain from bidding on a State contract, nor has Vendor accepted any money or other valuable thing, or acted upon the promise of same, for not bidding on a State contract (30 ILCS 500/50-25).

5.15 Vendor certifies it is not in violation of the "Revolving Door" section of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-30).

5.16 Vendor certifies that it has not retained a person or entity to attempt to influence the outcome of a procurement decision for compensation contingent in whole or in part upon the decision or procurement (30 ILCS 500/50-38).

5.17 Vendor certifies it will report to the Illinois Attorney General and the Chief Procurement Officer any suspected collusion or other anti-competitive practice among any bidders, offerors, contractors, proposers or employees of the State (30 ILCS 500/50-40, 50-45, 50-50).

5.18 In accordance with the Steel Products Procurement Act, Vendor certifies steel products used or supplied in the performance of a contract for public works shall be manufactured or produced in the United States, unless the executive head of the procuring agency grants an exception (30 ILCS 565).

5.19 a) If Vendor employs 25 or more employees and this contract is worth more than \$5000, Vendor certifies it will provide a drug free workplace pursuant to the Drug Free Workplace Act.

b) If Vendor is an individual and this contract is worth more than \$5000, Vendor shall not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance during the performance of the contract (30 ILCS 580).

5.20 Vendor certifies that neither Vendor nor any substantially owned affiliate is participating or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979 or the applicable regulations of the U.S. Department of Commerce. This applies to contracts that exceed \$10,000 (30 ILCS 582).

5.21 Vendor certifies it has not been convicted of the offense of bid rigging or bid rotating or any similar offense of any state or of the United States (720 ILCS 5/33 E-3, E-4).

5.22 Vendor certifies it complies with the Illinois Department of Human Rights Act and rules applicable to public contracts, including equal employment opportunity, refraining from unlawful discrimination, and having written sexual harassment policies (775 ILCS 5/2-105).

5.23 Vendor certifies it does not pay dues to or reimburse or subsidize payments by its employees for any dues or fees to any "discriminatory club" (775 ILCS 25/2).

5.24 Vendor certifies it complies with the State Prohibition of Goods from Forced Labor Act, and certifies that no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State under the contract have been or will be produced in whole or in part by forced labor, or indentured labor under penal sanction (30 ILCS 583).

5.25 Vendor certifies that no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State under the contract have been produced in whole or in part by the labor or any child under the age of 12 (30 ILCS 584).

5.26 Vendor certifies that it is not in violation of Section 50-14.5 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-14.5) that states: "Owners of residential buildings who have committed a willful or knowing violation of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act (410 ILCS 45) are prohibited from doing business with the State until the violation is mitigated".

5.27 Vendor warrants and certifies that it and, to the best of its knowledge, its subcontractors have and will comply with Executive Order No. 1 (2007). The Order generally prohibits Vendors and subcontractors from hiring the then-serving Governor's family members to lobby procurement activities of the State, or any other unit of government in Illinois including local governments if that procurement may result in a contract valued at over \$25,000. This prohibition also applies to hiring for that same purpose any former State employee who had procurement authority at any time during the one-year period preceding the procurement lobbying activity.

5.28 Vendor certifies that information technology, including electronic information, software, systems and equipment, developed or provided under this contract will comply with the applicable requirements of the Illinois Information Technology Accessibility Act Standards as published at www.dhs.state.il.us/iitaa. (30 ILCS 587)

5.29 Vendor certifies that it has read, understands, and is in compliance with the registration requirements of the Elections Code (10 ILCS 5/9-35) and the restrictions on making political contributions and related requirements of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/20-160 and 50-37). Vendor will not make a political contribution that will violate these requirements. These requirements are effective for the duration of the term of office of the incumbent Governor or for a period of 2 years after the end of the contract term, whichever is longer.

In accordance with section 20-160 of the Illinois Procurement Code, Vendor certifies as applicable:

☐ Vendor is not required to register as a business entity with the State Board of Elections.

or

☐ Vendor has registered **and has attached a copy** of the official certificate of registration as issued by the State Board of Elections. As a registered business entity, Vendor acknowledges a continuing duty to update the registration as required by the Act.

6.0 DISCLOSURES AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Instructions: Vendor shall disclose financial interests, potential conflicts of interest and contract information identified in Sections 1, 2 and 3 below as a condition of receiving an award or contract (30 ILCS 500/50-13 and 50-35). Failure to fully disclose shall render the contract, bid, proposal, subcontract, or relationship voidable by the chief procurement officer if s/he deems it in the best interest of the State of Illinois and may be cause for barring from future contracts, bids, proposals, subcontracts, or relationships with the State.

- There are five sections to this form and each must be completed to meet full disclosure requirements.
- Note: The requested disclosures are a continuing obligation and must be promptly supplemented for accuracy throughout the process and throughout the term of the resultant contract if the bid/offer is awarded. As required by 30 ILCS 500/50-2, for multi-year contracts Vendors must submit these disclosures on an annual basis.

A publicly traded entity may submit its 10K disclosure in satisfaction of the disclosure requirements set forth in Section 1 below. HOWEVER, if a Vendor submits a 10K, they still must complete Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and submit the disclosure form.

If the Vendor is a wholly owned subsidiary of a parent organization, separate disclosures must be made by the Vendor and the parent. For purposes of this form, a parent organization is any entity that owns 100% of the Vendor.

This disclosure information is submitted on behalf of (show official name of Vendor, and if applicable, D/B/A and parent):

Name of Vendor: _____

D/B/A (if used): _____

Name of any Parent Organization: _____

Section 1: Section 50-35 Disclosure of Financial Interest in the Vendor. (All Vendors must complete this section)

Vendors must complete subsection (a), (b) or (c) below. Please read the following subsections and complete the information requested.

- a. If Vendor is a Publicly traded corporation subject to SEC reporting requirements
- i. Vendor shall submit their 10K disclosure (include proxy if referenced in 10k) in satisfaction of the financial and conflict of interest disclosure requirements set forth in subsections 50-35 (a) and (b) of the Procurement Code. The SEC 20f or 40f, supplemented with the names of those owning in excess of 5% and up to the ownership percentages disclosed in those submissions, may be accepted as being substantially equivalent to 10K.

Check here if submitting a 10k ☐, 20f ☐, or 40f ☐.

OR

- b. If Vendor is a privately held corporation with more than 400 shareholders
- i. These Vendors may submit the information identified in 17 CFR 229.401 and list the names of any person or entity holding any ownership share in excess of 5% in satisfaction of the financial and conflict of interest disclosure requirements set forth in subsections 50-35 a and b of the Illinois Procurement Code.

OR

c. If Vendor is an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership or any other not qualified to use subsections (A) or (B), complete (i) and (ii) below as appropriate.

i. For **each individual** having any of the following financial interests in the Vendor (or its parent), please mark each that apply and show the applicable name and address. Use a separate form for each individual.

1. Do you have an ownership share of greater than 5% of the offering entity or parent entity?
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Do you have an ownership share of less than 5%, but which has a value greater than \$106,447.20?
☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Do you receive more than \$106,447.20 of the offering entity's or parent entity's distributive income? (Note: Distributive income is, for these purposes, any type of distribution of profits. An annual salary is not distributive income.)
☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Do you receive greater than 5% of the offering entity's or parent entity's total distributive income, but which is less than \$106,447.20?
☐ Yes ☐ No
5. If you responded yes to any of questions 1 – 4 above, please provide either the percentage or dollar amount of your ownership or distributive share of income: _____. For partnerships with more than 50 partners, the percentage share of ownership of each individual identified above may be shown in the following ranges (dollar value fields must also be completed when applicable):
0.5% or less _____ >0.5 to 1.0% _____ >1.0 to 2.0% _____ >2.0 to 3.0 % _____ > 3.0 to 4.0% _____ %
>4.0 to 5.0% _____ and in additional 1% increments as appropriate _____ %
6. If you responded yes to any of the questions 1-4 above, please check the appropriate type of ownership/distributable income share:

Sole Proprietorship ☐ Stock ☐ Partnership ☐ Other (explain) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

ii. In relation to individuals identified above, indicate whether any of the following potential conflict of interest relationships apply. If "Yes," please describe each situation (label with appropriate letter) using the space at the end of this Section (attach additional pages as necessary). If no individual has been identified above, mark not applicable (N/A) here _____.

(a) State employment, currently or in the previous 3 years, including contractual employment of services directly with the individuals identified in Section 1 in their individual capacity unrelated to the Vendor's contract. Yes ☐ No ☐

(b) State employment of spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter, including contractual employment for services in the previous 2 years. Yes ☐ No ☐

(c) Elective status; the holding of elective office of the State of Illinois, the government of the United States, any unit of local government authorized by the Constitution of the State of Illinois or the statutes of the State of Illinois currently or in the previous 3 years. Yes ☐ No ☐

(d) Relationship to anyone holding elective office currently or in the previous 2 years; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter. Yes ☐ No ☐

(e) Appointive office; the holding of any appointive government office of the State of Illinois, the United States of America, or any unit of local government authorized by the Constitution of the State of Illinois or the statutes of the State of Illinois, which office entitles the holder to compensation in excess of expenses incurred in the discharge of that office currently or in the previous 3 years. Yes ☐ No ☐

(f) Relationship to anyone holding appointive office currently or in the previous 2 years; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter. Yes ☐ No ☐

(g) Employment, currently or in the previous 3 years, as or by any registered lobbyist of the State government. Yes ☐ No ☐

(h) Relationship to anyone who is or was a registered lobbyist in the previous 2 years; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter. Yes ☐ No ☐

(i) Compensated employment, currently or in the previous 3 years, by any registered election or re-election committee registered with the Secretary of State or any county clerk in the State of Illinois, or any political action committee registered with either the Secretary of State or the Federal Board of Elections. Yes ☐ No ☐

(j) Relationship to anyone; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter; who is or was a compensated employee in the last 2 years of any registered election or reelection committee registered with the Secretary of State or any county clerk in the State of Illinois, or any political action committee registered with either the Secretary of State or the Federal Board of Elections. Yes ☐ No ☐

Section 2: Section 50-13 Conflicts of Interest *(All Vendors must complete this section)*

(a) Prohibition. It is unlawful for any person holding an elective office in this State, holding a seat in the General Assembly, or appointed to or employed in any of the offices or agencies of State government and who receives compensation for such employment in excess of 60% of the salary of the Governor of the State of Illinois [\$106,447.20], or who is an officer or employee of the Capital Development Board or the Illinois Toll Highway Authority, or who is the spouse or minor child of any such person to have or acquire any contract, or any direct pecuniary interest in any contract therein, whether for stationery, printing, paper, or any services, materials, or supplies, that will be wholly or partially satisfied by the payment of funds appropriated by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois or in any contract of the Capital Development Board or the Illinois Toll Highway Authority.

(b) Interests. It is unlawful for any firm, partnership, association, or corporation, in which any person listed in subsection (a) is entitled to receive (i) more than 7 1/2% of the total distributable income or (ii) an amount in excess of the salary of the Governor (\$177,412.00), to have or acquire any such contract or direct pecuniary interest therein.

(c) Combined interests. It is unlawful for any firm, partnership, association, or corporation, in which any person listed in subsection (a) together with his or her spouse or minor children is entitled to receive (i) more than 15%, in the aggregate, of the total distributable income or (ii) an amount in excess of 2 times the salary of the Governor [\$354,824.00], to have or acquire any such contract or direct pecuniary interest therein.

Check One: ☐ No Conflicts Of Interest
☐ Potential Conflict of Interest (If checked, name each conflicted individual, the nature of the conflict, and the name of the State agency that is associated directly or indirectly with the conflicted individual.)

Section 3: Debarment/Legal Proceeding Disclosure *(All Vendors must complete this section).*

Each of the persons identified in Sections 1, 2 and 3 must each identify any of the following that occurred within the previous 10 years:

Debarment from contracting with any governmental entity	Yes ☐	No ☐
Professional licensure discipline	Yes ☐	No ☐
Bankruptcies	Yes ☐	No ☐
Adverse civil judgments and administrative findings	Yes ☐	No ☐
Criminal felony convictions	Yes ☐	No ☐

If any of the above is checked yes, please identify with descriptive information the nature of the debarment and legal proceeding. The State reserves the right to request more information, should the information need further clarification.

Section 4: Disclosure of Business Operations with Iran *(All Vendors must complete this section).*

In accordance with 30 ILCS 500/50-36, each bid, offer, or proposal submitted for a State contract, other than a small purchase defined in Section 20-20 [of the Illinois Procurement Code], shall include a disclosure of whether or not the bidder, offeror, or proposing entity, or any of its corporate parents or subsidiaries, within the 24 months before submission of the bid, offer, or proposal had business operations that involved contracts with or provision of supplies or services to the Government of Iran, companies in which the Government of Iran has any direct or indirect equity share, consortiums or projects commissioned by the Government of Iran and:

- i. more than 10% of the company's revenues produced in or assets located in Iran involve oil-related activities or mineral-extraction activities; less than 75% of the company's revenues produced in or assets located in Iran involve contracts with or provision of oil-related or mineral – extraction products or services to the Government of Iran or a project or consortium created exclusively by that Government; and the company has failed to take substantial action;
or
- ii. the company has, on or after August 5, 1996, made an investment of \$20 million or more, or any combination of investments of at least \$10 million each that in the aggregate equals or exceeds \$20 million in any 12- month period that directly or significantly contributes to the enhancement of Iran's ability to develop petroleum resources of Iran.

A bid, offer, or proposal that does not include this disclosure shall not be considered responsive. We may consider this disclosure when evaluating the bid, offer, or proposal or awarding the contract.

You must check one of the following items and if item 2 is checked you must also make the necessary disclosure:

☐ There are no business operations that must be disclosed to comply with the above cited law.

☐ The following business operations are disclosed to comply with the above cited law:

Section 5: Current and Pending Contracts *(All Vendors must complete this section).*

Does the Vendor have any contracts pending contracts, bids, proposals or other ongoing procurement relationships with units of State of Illinois government? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please identify each contract, pending contract, bid, proposal and other ongoing procurement relationship it has with units of State of Illinois government by showing agency name and other descriptive information such as bid number, project title, purchase order number or contract reference number.

Section 6: Representative Lobbyist/Other Agent *(All Vendors must complete this section).*

Is the Vendor represented by or employing a lobbyist required to register under the Lobbyist Registration Act or other agent who is not identified under Sections 1 and 2 and who has communicated, is communicating, or may communicate with any State officer or employee concerning the bid, offer or contract? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please identify each agent / lobbyist, including name and address.

Costs/Fees/Compensation/Reimbursements related to assistance to obtain contract (describe):

Vendor certifies that none of these costs will be billed to the State in the event of contract award. Vendor must file this information with the Secretary of State.

This Disclosure is signed and made under penalty of perjury pursuant to Sections 500/50-13 and 500/50-35(a) of the Illinois Procurement Code.

This Disclosure information is submitted on behalf of: _____
(Vendor/Subcontractor Name)

Name of Authorized Representative: _____

Title of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

Date: _____

7. **SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS**

7.1 **State Supplemental Provisions**

- ☐ Definitions
- ☐ Required Federal Clauses, Certifications and Assurances
- ☐ ARRA Requirements (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009)
- ☐ Public Works Requirements (construction and maintenance of a public work) (820 ILCS 130/4)
- ☐ Prevailing Wage (janitorial cleaning, window cleaning, building and grounds, site technician, natural resources, food services, and security services, if valued at more than \$200 per month or \$2000 per year (30 ILCS 500/25-60)
- ☐ Prevailing Wage (all printing contracts) (30 ILCS 500/25-60)
- ☒ BEP Subcontracting Requirements (Utilization Plan and Letter of Intent)
- ☒ State Supplemental Terms and Conditions

State Supplemental Terms And Conditions

Independent Contractor

The Contractor is an independent contractor under this Agreement and neither the Contractor nor any employee or agent of the Contractor is an employee of DHS and does not acquire any employment rights with DHS or the State of Illinois by virtue of this Agreement. The Contractor will provide the agreed services and achieve the specified results free from the direction or control of DHS as to the means and methods of performance. The Contractor will be required to provide its own equipment and supplies necessary to conduct its business; provided that in the event, for its convenience or otherwise, DHS makes any such equipment and/or supplies available to the Contractor, the Contractor's use of such equipment or supplies provided by DHS pursuant to this Agreement shall be strictly limited to official DHS or State of Illinois business and not for any other purpose, including any personal benefit or gain.

Lawsuits

Indemnification will be governed by the State Employee Indemnification Act (5 ILCS 350/1 et seq.) as interpreted by the Illinois Attorney General. The Department makes no representation that Contractor, an independent contractor, will qualify or be eligible for indemnification under said Act.

Funding Reserve

Reductions in Amounts Payable: Unless otherwise provided in any Attachment or exhibit made a part hereof, the amount(s) payable, or estimated amount(s) payable, to Contractor under this Agreement is/are subject to a reduction not to exceed two percent (2%) as necessary or advisable, based upon actual or projected budgetary considerations, at the sole discretion of DHS, or as may be directed by the Office of the Governor.

- ☐ Other (describe)

7.2 **Vendor Supplemental Provisions**

- ☐ _____