

STATE OF ILLINOIS

SOLICITATION DOCUMENT

((Tourism Public Relations / *REFERENCE #11-61394*)

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (AGENCY) 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:

- ☐ Invitation for Bids
- ☐ Request for Proposals
- ☒ Request for Proposals (Professional and Artistic Services)

Brief Description:

The mission of the Illinois Office of Tourism (IOT) is to manage tourism industry efforts that result in sustainable and significant quality-of-life benefits for Illinois residents.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Office of Tourism (IOT) is seeking a public relations agency to assist the Office of Tourism in the planning and execution of public relations programs and activities that promote Illinois as a tourism destination. The public relations activities will encompass, but not be limited to, domestic and international tourism, agricultural tourism, heritage tourism, special events management, media outreach, utilization of social media program development and other marketing opportunities.

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.

Contact:	Rick Rogers	Phone:	(217)524-8148
Agency:	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)	Fax:	(217) 524-8680
Address:	500 East Monroe, IL-5 Springfield, IL 62701	TDD:	(800)785-6055
		Email:	Rick.Rogers@illinois.gov

1.2 VENDOR CONFERENCE: ☒ Yes ☐ No Mandatory Attendance: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Date and Time: January 5, 2012 @ 1:00 P.M. Central Time Location: James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph, Ste. 3-400
Chicago, IL 60601
Teleconference Call In # (877) 810-9415 Access Code 9494604

We will provide written responses to questions and only those written responses shall be binding. If attendance is mandatory you will be disqualified if you (incumbents included) do not attend, are not on time, leave early or fail to sign the attendance sheet. You must allow adequate time to accommodate security screenings at the site.

1.3 OFFER DUE DATE, TIME AND SUBMISSION LOCATION: Due Date: January 19, 2012 Time: 1:00 P.M. Central Time

DELIVER OFFERS TO: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Attn: Rick Rogers 500 East Monroe, IL-5 Springfield, IL 62701	<u>LABEL OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE / CONTAINER:</u> Tourism Public Relations / <i>REFERENCE #11-61394</i> January 19, 2012 @ 1:00 P.M. Central Time [Vendor Name & Address]
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We will open Offers at 1:30 P.M. Central Time on January 19, 2012 at 607 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701. 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.

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 1 copy on CD in the following format MS Word and 1 video. If this is an RFP of either type you must submit separate CDs for technical and price with the price CD sealed in the 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). If Minority, Female, and Person with Disability Subcontracting is marked "YES", you must also submit one (1) original and one (1) copy of your 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 \$_____ Performance Bond \$_____. 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 301 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 1 copy 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 may 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.

The selected Vendor may be required to contractually commit to a goal of **25%** of the domestic portion of the contract award for expenditures for subcontractors that have been certified as owned and controlled by persons who are minority, female or who have disabilities as defined in the Business Enterprise Program Act for Minorities, Females and Persons with Disabilities (BEP) (30 ILCS 575/1).

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).

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 There are two phases for RFP evaluation. Phase 1 is the review of the submitted proposals to meet the responsiveness elements listed in 2.3.2. The proposals given the three highest scores from Phase 1 will move into Phase 2. Phase 2 will require an in person presentation based on a marketing challenge that will be provided at a later date. The objective of Phase 2 is for the vendor to demonstrate their ability to provide services they described in Phase 1 and to demonstrate through the creative assignment their ability to successfully implement a creative Tourism program. The Phase 2 presentation must be made by the team that will be working on the account.

2.3.2 The chart below describes the elements of responsiveness that we will evaluate in the written proposals and their relative weights. The total number of points for responsiveness is 1000. In order to move to Phase 2 you must receive at least 700 points and be one of the top five scorers.

<u>Phase 1 - Elements</u>	<u>Maximum Score</u>
Administrative Compliance	10
Vendor and Staff Requirements	150
Relevant Experience	200
Strategic Capabilities	200
Media Relations	150
International Capabilities	100
Editorial Services	100
Video Biography	50
Quality of Submission	40
TOTAL	1000

Scoring for Phase 2 will be weighted with scoring for Phase 1. Phase 1 score will account for 25% of the final score. Phase 2 score will be based on the below evaluation elements and will count as 75% of the final score. The final award determination will be based on a combination of Phase 1 and Phase 2 scores.

<u>Phase 2 - Elements</u>	<u>Maximum Score</u>
Creativity	200
Implementation	200
Planning	200
Presentation	200
Team Dynamics	200
TOTAL	1000

Public Relations Vendor Scope of Services

Proposal Specification Checklist Table 1

**Please indicate in your proposal, utilizing the table below, the section and page number where the requested information is located. Phase 1 proposals will be judged based on how well the vendor demonstrates their ability to manage the scope of work as detailed below.*

RFP Section	Responsive Category	Program Specifications	Vendor's Proposal Page Ref.
3.5	Vendor and Staff Requirements	Vendor has a full service public relations firm with a location in Illinois that has adequate staff and resources to service the account. See Section 3.5.1	Section Page(s)
		Vendor provided details as to how many employees were in the firm and how they will meet and staff the services that are required under the contract See Section 3.5.1	Section Page(s)
3.5	Relevant Experience	Vendor demonstrated the knowledge and experience to handle IOT's public relations efforts and provide details of its consumer services experience. Examples demonstrated the vendor has launched new products and helped differentiate an entity in a highly commoditized market.	Section Page(s)
		Vendor demonstrated experience working with government entities and travel and tourism clients.	Section Page(s)
		Vendor demonstrated ability to work with industry partners. Vendor provided examples of prior projects or demonstrated how they obtained this knowledge.	Section Page(s)
		Vendor must provide examples of prior projects that demonstrate their ability to foster public or private sector partnerships and how these partnerships were utilized to the client's benefit.	Section Page(s)
		Vendor provided detailed example of a special event handled by the vendor.	Section Page(s)
3.5	Strategic Capabilities	Vendor demonstrated ability to provide assistance and initiative in the development of public relations plans designed to promote the State of Illinois as a premier tourism destination.	Section Page(s)
		Vendor provided examples of past marketing strategies that demonstrated their ability to turn large amounts of consumer and data research into positive, measurable results.	Section Page(s)
		Vendor provided examples of successful campaigns developed for previous clients that reached multiple constituencies, including how that success was measured.	Section Page(s)
3.5	Media Relations	Vendor demonstrated ability to provide media relations services to support IOT's efforts to promote Illinois as a desirable place to visit. Vendor provided examples of innovative media relations outreach initiatives and the resulting coverage from national, regional and local	Section Page(s)

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		media sources	
		Vendor provided examples of innovative social media outreach initiatives and the measurable online interest generated from these efforts.	Section Page(s)
3.5	International Capabilities	Vendor provided verification of international experience managing global accounts.	Section Page(s)
		Vendor provided detailed examples of past initiatives that have successfully generated measurable results from global accounts.	Section Page(s)
3.5	Editorial Services	Vendor provided writing samples to demonstrate strong writing ability including examples of speeches, articles, newsletters, press releases, Web content and other publications.	Section Page(s)
		Vendor provided examples of experience of handling crisis communications.	Section Page(s)
3.5	Video Biography	A video biography demonstrated the ability of the vendor to manage scope of work as well as demonstrated qualifications of the Vendor's team.	Section Page(s)
		The vendor showcased their experience and their enthusiasm for marketing Illinois.	Section Page(s)
3.5	Quality of Submission	This criteria takes into account the documentation that there was an understanding of agency needs and goals. Vendor provided a narrative description of its approach to address these needs.	
		The submission will be evaluated on its appearance, presentation, comprehensiveness, clarity, organization, creativity, and user friendliness.	

AGENCY'S NEED FOR SUPPLIES / SERVICES The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Office of Tourism (IOT) is seeking a public relations agency to assist the Office of Tourism in planning and execution of public relations programs and activities that promote Illinois as a premier tourism destination. The public relations activities will encompass, but not be limited to, domestic and international tourism, special events, media outreach, utilization of social media, development of promotional initiatives and other marketing opportunities.

The goal is to select a public relations agency that can assist IOT with the management and execution of existing/ongoing programs and begin the development of any necessary new plans and programs. The agency must be able to develop a public relations plan that includes regional, national and international media relations, special events, editorial services, crisis communications, social media and industry partner marketing, etc.

"Industry partners" will include, but are not limited to Convention and Visitor Bureaus, Regional Tourism Development Offices, hotel/motel associations, restaurant associations, business associations, trade associations, chambers of commerce, tourism attractions, accommodations, restaurants, retail facilities, recreational facilities, other state offices and agencies, etc.

It is also the goal of this procurement that the selected Vendor attempt to achieve a minimum of 25% of the total domestic spending of the contract for participation by businesses owned and controlled by minorities or females or by businesses owned and controlled by disabled persons (as defined in Attachment E).

3.2 SUPPLIES AND/OR SERVICES REQUIRED

The Public Relations agency selected by IOT must be capable of providing assistance in the development of public relations plans designed to promote the State of Illinois as a tourism destination. The responsibilities include (but are not limited to) the following activities:

Supplies and/or Services Required:

1. Developing and writing strategic public relations programs.
2. Employ on IOT's behalf the agency's knowledge and best practices including but not limited to targeted proactive and reactive media relations, editorial services, crisis communications, special events management, program development and industry partner marketing.
3. Strategic planning and research assistance, including but not limited to, media relations, editorial services and crisis communication from program creation to execution to analysis.
4. Ability to manage subcontractors in the performance of services deriving out of or ancillary to the final scope of services, including the ability to retain qualified minority subcontractors. The selected Vendor may be required to contractually commit to a goal of 25% of the domestic portion of the contract award for expenditures for subcontractors that have been certified as owned and controlled by persons who are minority, female or who have disabilities as defined in the Business Enterprise Program Act for Minorities, Females and Persons with Disabilities (BEP) (30 ILCS 575/1). as defined in the Business Enterprise Program Act for Minorities, Females and Persons with Disabilities (BEP) (30 ILCS 575/1).
5. Communication Research: Vendor shall maintain a proactive partnership with IOT's marketing agency and marketing partners and utilize research produced by IOT or its marketing partners to the extent feasible with strategic planning activities.
6. Strategic Planning: Vendor shall provide a proactive presence, coordination and communication with industry partners identified by IOT for the purpose of obtaining input on the development and execution of coordinated communication opportunities. These opportunities may include, but is not limited to, news conferences, press releases, participation in trade shows and other special events, social media and collateral development.
7. International: The Illinois Office of Tourism is looking for a public relations firm to manage travel trade programming and public relations efforts internationally. Critical components of this plan will be to gain greater exposure and promotional opportunities for the State of Illinois beyond Chicago and to provide organization and support at various trade shows. Once the PR vendor is selected and the contract is executed, IOT would like to work with the vendor to conduct analysis of the international marketplace to determine the greatest opportunities for Illinois product promotion that will reap the greatest economic benefit to the state. For reference, IOT has had travel trade and PR programs in the UK, Germany, Canada and Mexico. Once these markets are determined, the vendor will seek proposals from in-country agencies for travel trade and PR representation and will present those recommendations to IOT for implementation.

Execution

Vendor shall execute the public relations efforts as outlined above, providing account management and ongoing media relations support. Other responsibilities of the Vendor, at IOT's discretion, may include:

- Media Monitoring/clipping services
- Speech writing
- Media training
- Graphic Design
- Video Production
- B-roll maintenance
- Database management (media contacts, etc.)
- Press kits
- Press Releases
- Advertorials/Op-Eds
- Communiqués
- Familiarization Tours
- Newsletters
- Special events/conferences/trade shows
- Crisis Communication
- Research
- Web site/Online Marketing
- Public relations results measurement and reporting
- Other public relations efforts agreed upon by the parties

3.3 MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES

Media Relations

Vendor shall provide media relations services to support IOT's efforts to promote Illinois as a desirable place to visit. Media relations efforts should focus primarily on reaching regional, national and international news editors, reporters and freelancers who would write and publish/broadcast stories that promote Illinois as a premier tourism destination.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION PLANNING

Annual Communication Plans

In consultation with IOT, Vendor shall develop international and domestic integrated communication plans for the programs administered by IOT, in conjunction with IOT's constituents and marketing partners. Communication plans will be due June 1, or a mutually agreed upon date, each year during the term of the contract. Vendor shall perform strategic consultations with constituents and marketing partners identified by IOT in the development and implementation of the communication plans. All communication plans shall be developed based on current research available to Vendor.

Annual Work Plans

Vendor shall develop, in consultation with IOT, comprehensive Work Plans consisting of specific projects and timelines to be performed in executing IOT's Integrated Communication Program. The first work plan will be from date of contract execution through June 30, 2012.

Each subsequent year of the contract term, Vendor shall develop an annual Work Plan which should be submitted for IOT's approval by June 1, or mutually agreed upon date each year of the contract term. Vendor shall execute projects approved by IOT. The Annual Work Plans may be adjusted, as necessary, provided that budgets are adjusted accordingly. The plan(s) should contain, at a minimum, the following components:

- Identify upcoming events that may provide an opportunity to conduct proactive media relations on behalf of IOT.
- Develop plan (timeline, budget, staffing) for materials for publication or broadcast that may be produced by Vendor.
- Develop plan for FAM trips and other methods of attracting journalists to Illinois.

For each project contained in a Work Plan, Vendor shall include an estimate of the total staff time necessary to complete such project (for projects billed on an hourly basis).

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.

3.4.3 Quarterly status reports detailing:

- Status of projects (on-going, completed, etc.)
- Staff time spent on IOT in the prior month (for staff time billed on an hourly basis)
- Quarterly reports of media placements, impressions and ad equivalency
- Quarterly reports, in a format reasonably acceptable to Agency, identifying BEP services procured, including amount of contract and Contract recipient
- Additional reports or information regarding performance under this Contract as may be reasonably requested by Agency

Within thirty (30) days of the end of the term of each Work Plan, Vendor shall submit to IOT a reconciliation report setting forth, for each project, total professional time spent (for professional time billed on an hourly basis), total professional fees billed on a non-hourly basis, and total expenses incurred and, with respect to fees, reconciling the amounts against the Total Base Monthly Fees paid to Vendor to determine if any additional amounts are due Vendor or if a credit is due Agency **pursuant to Section C-1(c) of this Agreement**.

Evaluation

The parties will mutually agree upon a process which will allow for periodic assessment and feedback concerning overall performance by Vendor.

3.5 VENDOR AND STAFF REQUIREMENTS

3.5.1 Qualifications of Vendor and/or Vendor's staff (or others who would perform duties): VENDOR must have and show the qualifications (including as appropriate, education, experience and technical ability) necessary to perform this contract (see Standard Procurement Rule, 44 Ill. Adm. Code 1.2035). If the AGENCY has specified required levels of education, experience and technical ability, those shall be the minimum acceptable levels for consideration.

SIZE: IOT desires a full-service public relations firm located in Illinois that has adequate staff and resources to service the account. The Vendor shall be available for in person meetings and events as needed on a regular basis. Vendor must provide details as to how many employees you have in your firm, and how you will meet and staff all the services that are required under this contract.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: The Vendor must have significant consumer services experience. A general understanding of the public sector is necessary and experience in travel and tourism is required. Examples should be presented as to how the vendor has launched new products and

helped differentiate an entity in a highly commoditized market. Knowledge of the Illinois tourism product is also beneficial. The vendor's experience creating effective marketing partnerships as a way to maximize the impact of a client's budget should be demonstrated.

STRATEGIC CAPABILITIES: The agency should demonstrate the ability to work effectively as a strategic partner and as an extension of the Marketing Department at IOT. It is important to demonstrate the ability to take large amounts of consumer research and data and translate them into effective marketing strategies and programs that deliver positive, measurable results. Please provide an example(s) of successful campaigns where you have reached multiple constituencies for a tourism client.

MEDIA RELATIONS: The Vendor must have substantial experience with regional and national travel-related media, as well as with national consumer publication, broadcast and online media. The Vendor should demonstrate its success in creating innovative media relations programs that have delivered on the clients' communications objectives. This should include experience with and proficiency in social media outlets including, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, and blogs.

INTERNATIONAL: As new international markets are identified, the agency will need to demonstrate the ability to create a strategic partnership with an agency in that market to handle trade and public relations activities. The Vendor should present examples of any public relations and/or trade programs that the Vendor has implemented in international markets or experience working on global accounts.

EDITORIAL SERVICES: The Vendor team must include strong writers who can produce a variety of materials including speeches, articles, newsletters, press releases, Web content and other publications. Responsiveness of this team is often critical. Provide at least three examples showcasing relevant experience.

CRISIS COMMUNICATION: The Vendor must have expertise in crisis planning and provide examples of success when a plan has been put into action. Cases that include international markets are of interest.

SPECIAL EVENTS MANAGEMENT: The Vendor must have a proven track record in managing special events including managing a major industry conference, press conferences, special promotions and other events deemed necessary by IOT. Examples of special events managed by the vendor must be provided.

DEDICATED STAFF: It is mandatory that throughout the review process that IOT meet with key members of the Vendor team that will work on the account. The Vendor will work as an extension of the Marketing Department and therefore it is particularly important that those who will have hands-on, day-to-day responsibility be involved. Team members' relevant experience and tenure at the agency is important as well as their knowledge of Illinois and passion for its qualities and opportunities. Flexibility, energy and a spirit of collaboration, as well as a strong attention to detail are all qualities team members should possess. It is important that the agency team be able to establish strong working relationships with any or all subcontractors working with the IOT Marketing team. Vendor must provide resume's for key staff that would be involved in the IOT account.

VIDEO BIOGRAPHY: A video biography must be submitted to IOT by the Vendor, which makes the best case for their abilities to manage the scope of work as well as demonstrate qualifications and introduce the Vendor's team

QUALITY OF SUBMISSION: This criteria takes into account the documentation that there was an understanding of agency needs and goals. Vendor provided a narrative description of its approach to address these needs. The submission will be evaluated on its appearance, presentation, comprehensiveness, clarity, organization, creativity, and user friendliness.

Vendor must provide detailed company/group mission statement.

Please give examples of clients where you have worked with other subcontractors and how you have managed those relationships.

3.5.2 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.

3.5.3 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 The Vendor must have an established, full-service public relations office in Chicago (or Chicago metro-region) Illinois.

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.

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3.7 OTHER SPECIFICATIONS

3.7.1 The current Vendor's employees who perform the services under the current contract are covered by a collective bargaining contract. In accordance with Illinois law (30 ILCS 500/25-80), in order to be considered a responsible bidder and eligible for award you must (a) 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 (b) offer employment to all employees currently employed in any existing bargaining unit performing substantially similar work that will be performed under this contract. By submitting a bid or Offer to us you are certifying you will comply with this law.

3.7.2 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>.

3.7.3 Selection Criteria

Vendor Video/Team Biographies

Not to exceed four (4) minutes submitted on a video

- a. The Selection Committee will meet the proposed Vendor team via the Vendor video/team biography.
- b. The team biography does not need to be taken literally (talking head reading each team member's biography). The goal of the video is to give the Selection Committee an opportunity to learn about the team members, their experience at the agency or at a previous agency and to give a sense of the culture of the agency and capabilities

Client Lists:

Vendor must provide a list of current clients detailing billing ranges for services rendered. Vendor should provide information about the size, number and value of accounts serviced by the Chicago-metro office and the company as a whole. The company's Illinois office must not handle conflicting accounts, defined as competitors to Illinois tourism (example: other Midwest states).

Vendor must also provide the size, number and value of accounts serviced by international offices or through established strategic partnerships.

Hard copies:

Eight (8) leave behind copies of the PDF presentation and client lists.

3.8 TERM OF CONTRACT

This contract shall commence upon the last dated signature of the Parties and run through June 30, 2015.

3.9 RENEWAL

The resulting Contract may not be renewed unless the renewal period(s) and any applicable conditions are shown below. The renewal shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as the original Contract unless otherwise stated below. However, the Contract may not renew automatically, nor may the Contract renew solely at the Vendor's option.

The State reserves the right to renew for a total of two (2) years in one of the following manners:

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

End of Instructions

SECTION 4 - OFFER TO STATE OF ILLINOIS

Project Title / Reference # _____
(Insert Project Title / Reference # as shown on page 1)

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 IFBs

- ____ Completed and signed Contract

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 _____% 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 may 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 _____% 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.

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 _____

7.3 EXPENSES: Unless otherwise specified, this contract does not allow for 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: ____ % discount for payment within ____ 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
2. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES
3. PRICING
4. STANDARD BUSINESS TERMS AND CONDITIONS
5. STANDARD CERTIFICATIONS
6. DISCLOSURES AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
7. SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS

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) Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Official Signature _____

Printed Name Warren Ribley

Title Director Date _____

Designee Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Title _____

Address 500 East Monroe,

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone (217)782-3233 Fax (217)524-8680

E-mail Warren.Ribley@illinois.gov

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Official Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Title _____ Date _____

Address _____

Designee Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Title _____ Date _____

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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

1. TERM AND TERMINATION

1.1 TERM OF THIS CONTRACT: This contract shall commence upon the last dated signature of the Parties and run through June 30, 2015. 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 two (2) years in one of the following manners:

- a) One renewal covering the entire renewal allowance,
- b) Individual one-year renewals up to and including the entire renewal allowance, or
- c) 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 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.

Public relations agency shall assist the Office of Tourism in planning and execution of public relations programs and activities that promote Illinois as a premier tourism destination. The public relations activities will encompass, but not be limited to, domestic and international tourism, special events, media outreach, utilization of social media, development of promotional initiatives and other marketing opportunities.

The goal is to have a public relations agency assist IOT with the management and execution of existing/ongoing programs and begin the development of any necessary new plans and programs. The agency shall develop a public relations plan that includes regional, national and international media relations, special events, editorial services, crisis communications, social media and industry partner marketing, etc.

"Industry partners" will include, but are not limited to Convention and Visitor Bureaus, Regional Tourism Development Offices, hotel/motel associations, restaurant associations, business associations, trade associations, chambers of commerce, tourism attractions, accommodations, restaurants, retail facilities, recreational facilities, other state offices and agencies, etc.

Vendor will achieve a minimum of 25% of the total domestic spending of the contract for participation by businesses owned and controlled by minorities or females or by businesses owned and controlled by disabled persons (as defined in Attachment E).

2.2 SUPPLIES AND/OR SERVICES REQUIRED: The Public Relations agency selected by IOT must be capable of providing assistance in the development of public relations plans designed to promote the State of Illinois as a tourism destination. The responsibilities include (but are not limited to) the following activities:

Supplies and/or Services Required:

1. Developing and writing strategic public relations programs.
2. Employ on IOT's behalf the agency's knowledge and best practices including but not limited to targeted proactive and reactive media relations, editorial services, crisis communications, special events management, program development and industry partner marketing.
3. Strategic planning and research assistance, including but not limited to, media relations, editorial services and crisis communication from program creation to execution to analysis.
4. Ability to manage subcontractors in the performance of services deriving out of or ancillary to the final scope of services, including the ability to retain qualified minority subcontractors. The selected Vendor may be required to contractually commit to a goal of 25% of the domestic portion of the contract award for expenditures for subcontractors that have been certified as owned and controlled by persons who are minority, female or who have disabilities as defined in the Business Enterprise Program Act for Minorities, Females and Persons with Disabilities (BEP) (30 ILCS 575/1). as defined in the Business Enterprise Program Act for Minorities, Females and Persons with Disabilities (BEP) (30 ILCS 575/1).
5. Communication Research: Vendor shall maintain a proactive partnership with IOT's marketing agency and marketing partners and utilize research produced by IOT or its marketing partners to the extent feasible with strategic planning activities.
6. Strategic Planning: Vendor shall provide a proactive presence, coordination and communication with industry partners identified by IOT for the purpose of obtaining input on the development and execution of coordinated communication opportunities. These opportunities may include, but is not limited to, news conferences, press releases, participation in trade shows and other special events, social media and collateral development.
7. International: The Illinois Office of Tourism is looking for a public relations firm to manage travel trade programming and public relations efforts internationally. Critical components of this plan will be to gain greater exposure and promotional opportunities for the State of Illinois beyond Chicago and to provide organization and support at various trade shows. Once the PR vendor is selected and the contract is executed, IOT would like to work with the vendor to conduct analysis of the international marketplace to determine the greatest opportunities for Illinois product promotion that will reap the greatest economic benefit to the state. For reference, IOT has had travel trade and PR programs in the UK, Germany, Canada and Mexico. Once these markets are determined, the vendor will seek proposals from in-country agencies for travel trade and PR representation and will present those recommendations to IOT for implementation.

Execution

Vendor shall execute the public relations efforts as outlined above, providing account management and ongoing media relations support. Other responsibilities of the Vendor, at IOT's discretion, may include:

- Media Monitoring/clipping services
- Speech writing
- Media training
- Graphic Design
- Video Production
- B-roll maintenance
- Database management (media contacts, etc.)
- Press kits
- Press Releases
- Advertorials/Op-Eds

- Communiqués
- Familiarization Tours
- Newsletters
- Special events/conferences/trade shows
- Crisis Communication
- Research
- Web site/Online Marketing
- Public relations results measurement and reporting
- Other public relations efforts agreed upon by the parties

2.3 MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES:

Media Relations

Vendor shall provide media relations services to support IOT's efforts to promote Illinois as a desirable place to visit. Media relations efforts should focus primarily on reaching regional, national and international news editors, reporters and freelancers who would write and publish/broadcast stories that promote Illinois as a premier tourism destination.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION PLANNING

Annual Communication Plans

In consultation with IOT, Vendor shall develop international and domestic integrated communication plans for the programs administered by IOT, in conjunction with IOT's constituents and marketing partners. Communication plans will be due June 1, or a mutually agreed upon date, each year during the term of the contract. Vendor shall perform strategic consultations with constituents and marketing partners identified by IOT in the development and implementation of the communication plans. All communication plans shall be developed based on current research available to Vendor.

Annual Work Plans

Vendor shall develop, in consultation with IOT, comprehensive Work Plans consisting of specific projects and timelines to be performed in executing IOT's Integrated Communication Program. The first work plan will be from date of contract execution through June 30, 2012.

Each subsequent year of the contract term, Vendor shall develop an annual Work Plan which should be submitted for IOT's approval by June 1, or mutually agreed upon date each year of the contract term. Vendor shall execute projects approved by IOT. The Annual Work Plans may be adjusted, as necessary, provided that budgets are adjusted accordingly. The plan(s) should contain, at a minimum, the following components:

- Identify upcoming events that may provide an opportunity to conduct proactive media relations on behalf of IOT.
- Develop plan (timeline, budget, staffing) for materials for publication or broadcast that may be produced by Vendor.
- Develop plan for FAM trips and other methods of attracting journalists to Illinois.

For each project contained in a Work Plan, Vendor shall include an estimate of the total staff time necessary to complete such project (for projects billed on an hourly basis).

2.4 VENDOR / STAFF SPECIFICATIONS:

SIZE: IOT is looking for a full-service public relations firm located in Chicago or the Chicago metro-region that has adequate staff and resources to service the account. Vendor must provide details as to how many employees you have in your firm, and how you will meet and staff all the services that are required under this contract.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: The Vendor must have significant consumer services experience. A general understanding of the public sector is necessary and experience in travel and tourism is required. Examples should be presented as to how the vendor has launched new products and helped differentiate an entity in a highly commoditized market. Knowledge of the Illinois tourism product is also beneficial. The vendor's experience creating effective marketing partnerships as a way to maximize the impact of a client's budget should be demonstrated.

STRATEGIC CAPABILITIES: The agency should demonstrate the ability to work effectively as a strategic partner and as an extension of the Marketing Department at IOT. It is important to demonstrate the ability to take large amounts of consumer research and data and translate them into effective marketing strategies and programs that deliver positive, measurable results. Please provide an example(s) of successful campaigns where you have reached multiple constituencies for a tourism client.

MEDIA RELATIONS: The Vendor must have substantial experience with regional and national travel-related media, as well as with national consumer publication, broadcast and online media. The Vendor should demonstrate its success in creating innovative media relations programs that have delivered on the clients' communications objectives. This should include experience with and proficiency in social media outlets including, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, and blogs.

INTERNATIONAL: As new international markets are identified, the agency will need to demonstrate the ability to create a strategic partnership with an agency in that market to handle trade and public relations activities. The Vendor should present examples of any public relations and/or trade programs that the Vendor has implemented in international markets or experience working on global accounts.

EDITORIAL SERVICES: The Vendor team must include strong writers who can produce a variety of materials including speeches, articles, newsletters, press releases, Web content and other publications. Responsiveness of this team is often critical. Provide at least three examples showcasing relevant experience.

CRISIS COMMUNICATION: The Vendor must have expertise in crisis planning and provide examples of success when a plan has been put into action. Cases that include international markets are of interest.

SPECIAL EVENTS MANAGEMENT: The Vendor must have a proven track record in managing special events including managing a major industry conference, press conferences, special promotions and other events deemed necessary by IOT. Examples of special events managed by the vendor must be provided.

DEDICATED STAFF: It is mandatory that throughout the review process that IOT meet with key members of the Vendor team that will work on the account. The Vendor will work as an extension of the Marketing Department and therefore it is particularly important that those who will have hands-on, day-to-day responsibility be involved. Team members' relevant experience and tenure at the agency is important as well as their knowledge of Illinois and passion for its qualities and opportunities. Flexibility, energy and a spirit of collaboration, as well as a strong attention to detail are all qualities team members should possess. It is important that the agency team be able to establish strong working relationships with any or all subcontractors working with the IOT Marketing team. Vendor must provide resume's for key staff that would be involved in the IOT account.

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	_____ Chicago/Chicago metro-region _____
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 _____

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: _____ % discount for payment within _____ 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 and RECONCILIATION: 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.

3.7.1 Using the approved Work Plan, the Vendor shall project the total fee to be billed using the term of such Work Plan. Such fee shall be divided in equal monthly installments (the "Base Monthly Fee"). Vendor shall invoice Agency for the Base Monthly Fee at the beginning of each month. Such invoices shall be due and payable in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (30 ILCS 540) and implementing administrative rules (74 Ill. Adm. Code 900).

Send invoices to:

- 1) Preferred: Via DCEO's electronic invoice e:mail address CEO.AccountsPayable@illinois.gov.
- 2) By US mail: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Attn: Accounting, 500 E. Monroe, IL-5, Springfield, IL 62701.
- 3) Via fax: (217)524-8680

3.7.2 In the event total fee incurred by the Vendor during the term of the contract is less than the amounts invoiced under the Base Monthly Fee, the Vendor, within sixty (60) days after the contact, shall issue a reconciliation statement and a refund to the Department.

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 Vendor shall develop, in consultation with IOT, a comprehensive, mutually agreed upon Work Plan for the period of contract execution through June 30, 2012. Thereafter, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, Work Plans shall cover each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) during the term of this Agreement. Vendor shall work with IOT to set a fee for each project. IOT shall have final approval of all fees for the work plan.

3.8.6 Using the approved Work Plan, Vendor shall project the total fee to be billed during the term of such Work Plan. Such fee shall be divided into equal monthly installments (the "Base Monthly Fee"). Vendor shall invoice Agency for the Base Monthly Fee at the beginning of each month. Such invoices shall be due and payable within sixty (60) days of Agency's receipt of such invoice. The Base Monthly Fee must be calculated using the hourly rate stated herein in section 3.1.

3.8.7 Reconciliation

In the event total fees incurred by the Vendor during the term of the Work Plan exceeds the amounts invoiced under the Base Monthly Fee, due to deviations in the Work Plan initiated by DCEO (i.e. new/additional projects, or significant redirection of projects) Vendor shall be due additional income from DCEO equivalent to the different between amounts invoiced under Base Monthly Fee and fees actually incurred (at the Blended Hourly Time Charges or other agreed upon fee, as applicable). If additional hours are required to complete any projects in the Work Plan, which are not the result of new/additional projects, or significant redirection in projects initiated by DCEO, the Vendor will not be due any additional income from DCEO.

3.8.8 Out-of-Pocket Expenses

All third-party estimates will be approved by DCEO with the understanding that the estimate is + or – 10% of actual anticipated costs; any expense in which the costs are to be exceeded by 10% require DCEO written approval of a revised estimate prior to additional costs being incurred.

3.8.9 Cancellation/Modification of Plans

DCEO may, in its sole discretion at any time, reject, cancel, modify or stop any plans, schedules or work in progress. If DCEO takes such action, Vendor shall immediately use its best efforts to implement such instructions. DCEO will assume liability for all commitments approved by it, and shall reimburse Vendor for its actual out-of-pocket costs incurred to the date of invoice.

3.8.9.1 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.

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

- 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

- 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.

- 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)
- ☐ Other (describe)

7.2 Vendor Supplemental Provisions

- ☐ _____