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SECTION B: CONTRACT TYPE, SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE/COST

B.1 The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) Office of Contracts and Acquisitions (OCA) on behalf of Office of Technology within the Office of the Chief Operating Officer (OCOO), is soliciting bids for Dedicated Internet Services for up to 135 public school facilities

B.2 The District contemplates award of firm fixed price requirements type contract.

B.3 PRICE SCHEDULE - FIRM FIXED PRICE

B.3.1 BASE YEAR – Include firm fixed pricing inclusive of all Direct and Indirect Cost. All must complete the Cost/Price Certification and Data Package J.8 as instructed in section J.

Service: Local Loop	Description	Set-up Fee	Monthly Price	Annual Price
1000 Mbps	Gigabit Ethernet (FullGigE) Transport Speed			

Service: Internet Port	Description	Set-up Fee	Monthly Price	Annual Price
200 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
300 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
500 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
600 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
1000 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			

B.3.2 OPTION YEAR 1

Service: Local Loop	Description	Set-up Fee	Monthly Price	Annual Price
1000 Mbps	Gigabit Ethernet (FullGigE) Transport Speed			

Service: Internet Port	Description	Set-up Fee	Monthly Price	Annual Price
200 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
300 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
500 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
600 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
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B.3.3 OPTION YEAR 2

Service: Local Loop	Description	Set-up Fee	Monthly Price	Annual Price
1000 Mbps	Gigabit Ethernet (FullGigE) Transport Speed			

Service: Internet Port	Description	Set-up Fee	Monthly Price	Annual Price
200 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
300 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
500 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
600 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
1000 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			

B.3.4 OPTION YEAR 3

Service: Local Loop	Description	Set-up Fee	Monthly Price	Annual Price
1000 Mbps	Gigabit Ethernet (FullGigE) Transport Speed			

Service: Internet Port	Description	Set-up Fee	Monthly Price	Annual Price
200 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
300 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
500 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
600 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
1000 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			

B.3.5 OPTION YEAR 4

Service: Local Loop	Description	Set-up Fee	Monthly Price	Annual Price
1000 Mbps	Gigabit Ethernet (FullGigE) Transport Speed			

Service: Internet Port	Description	Set-up Fee	Monthly Price	Annual Price
200 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
300 Mbps	Dedicated Internet Access Port			
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- B.4** A bidder responding to this solicitation must submit with its bid, a notarized statement detailing any subcontracting plan required by law. Proposals responding to this IFB shall be deemed nonresponsive and shall be rejected if the bidder fails to submit a subcontracting plan that is required by law. For contracts in excess of \$250,000, at least 35% of the dollar volume of the contract shall be subcontracted in accordance with section H.9.1. (THIS CLAUSE IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS SOLICITATION).

SECTION C: SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

C.1. BACKGROUND

- C.1.1** The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) serves a student population numbering approximately 50,000 in grades kindergarten through grade twelve in 125 schools. DCPS includes administrative locations and mission oriented offices, such as Transportation, Facilities and Food Services. Service locations may increase or decrease over the life of the contract
- C.1.2** Currently, DCPS locations receive contracted Internet and Wide Area Network (WAN) services. Approximately 55 locations have VoIP service with 1,500 telephone numbers and 3,100 Phones Non-Direct Internal Dial (DID.) Over the next 3 years DCPS intends to extend VoIP service to all locations
- C.1.3** The District of Columbia Public Schools provides network and Internet access to all of its schools and administrative sites. The DCPS Central Administrative Office functions as the "Hub". All inbound and outbound data traffic passes through HQ. The Network has the capacity and capability to support converged offerings (voice, video, and data.) Most schools and sites-connect to central administration network using Cisco networking equipment. From the Central Administration Office, we provide filtered Internet access, E-mail services, and Web hosting.
- C.1.4** DCPS has standardized on Cisco Routers, Switches, Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) equipment and Dell Servers.
- C.1.5** DCPS's schools and administrative sites are connected to Cisco 25xx and 37xx series routers which serve as the termination point of the WAN at the MDF. DCPS operates in a mixed mode environment whereby the school offices and administrative sites run workstations from various manufacturers running Windows operating systems. The classrooms vary by site and run Windows operating systems or Mac operating systems.
- C.1.6** The WAN is currently delivered via a Synchronous optical networking (SONET) based fiber network which provides a 50ms failover and preserves voice connections during network transitions. A ring topology and RPR (resilient packet ring) for transporting Ethernet over SONET are utilized to increase reliability such that a single network event (cable cut, equipment failure, etc.) does not cause a service outage. DCPS data traffic is logically separated by use of MPLS VPN technology.

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C.2 SCOPE:

The Contractor shall provide Internet service of 200 Mega Bits Per Second (Mbps) upgradeable to 300, 500, 600, or 1000 Mbps. The dedicated Internet Services shall be delivered to DCPS via two diverse locations inside the District of Columbia.

C.2.1 REQUIREMENTS

- C.2.1.1** Timeframe for initial installation shall be a maximum of 60 calendar days for the initial 200 Mbps.
- C.2.1.2** Timeframe for upgrade from one ISP service level range to any other service level range shall be a maximum of 14 calendar days.
- C.2.1.3** The Contractor shall provide a full Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) feed and perform all requests for policy changes within 24 hours of an email request from the Contracting Officers Technical Representative (COTR) or Authorized assistant.
- C.2.1.4** The Contractor's Network Operation Center shall provide a full time (24x7x365) operations and continuously monitor the DCPS network connectivity.
- C.2.1.5** The Contractor shall provide routing for the DCPS' Classless Internet Domain Routing (CIDR) block of IPv4 addresses owned by the Government of District of Columbia.
- C.2.1.6** The Contractor shall be capable of routing for the future IPv6 addresses owned by the DCPS.
- C.2.1.7** The Contractor shall be capable of providing Primary and Secondary Domain Name Service.
- C.2.1.8** No later than fifteen calendar days after the start of the Contract (via E-mail), the Contractor shall provide to the COTR contacts, locations and contact telephone numbers of the Contractor's Network Operation Center(s)/Internet Data Center(s).
- C.2.1.9** The Contractor shall notify the DC Government's Network Operation Center 14 calendar days in advance of scheduled maintenance activities that might impact the Internet service. The notice shall include at a minimum the reasons for the planned service outages, the scope of the outage and its duration.
- C.2.1.10** The Contractor shall be responsible for any and all installation coordination necessary to provide facilities premise to premise. At all times, the Contractor shall retain responsibility that includes any subcontracted service where applicable, including but not limited to local loops.
- C.2.1.11** The initial service of this contract is 200 Mbps. The Contracting Officer may order upgraded service at anytime during the base year or any option years (if exercised) by modification of the contract.

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C.3 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

- C.3.1** The Contractor shall comply with and adhere to the DC Government's IT Security Policy and Standards.
- C.3.2** The Contractor's equipment on DCPS premises shall maintain up-to-date secure operating systems. Upon public disclosure of any security vulnerabilities related to equipment used on the network, all vulnerable systems must be patched immediately and the COTR must be notified of the equipment status.
- C.3.3** The Contractor shall be capable of providing Intrusion Detection and Prevention services on the Internet Egress points.
- C.3.4** The Contractor shall provide protection against DOS attacks from external entities.
- C.3.5** Each person who is an employee or agent of the Contractor or subcontractor shall display his or her company ID badge at all times while on DCPS premises.
- C.3.6** At all times at any facility, the Contractor's personnel shall cooperate with DCPS site requirements that include but are not limited to being prepared to be escorted at all times, providing information for badging, and wearing the badge in a visual location at all times.

C.4 HIGH AVAILABILITY AND DISASTER RECOVERY

- C.4.1** The Contractor shall provide redundant paths via two diverse Point of Presence (POPs) within the District of Columbia.
- C.4.2** The Contractor shall maintain high availability out of each POP by deploying diverse hardware equipment (such as power supplies, Supervisor cards, line cards).
- C.4.3** The Contractor shall size chassis hardware to allow for additional independent services, with scalability of at least 200% growth.

C.5 SERVICE LEVELS

- C.5.1** The Contractor shall provide ISP service availability of 99.9% or greater, excluding pre-defined maintenance windows.
- C.5.2** The Contractor shall provide this service with no packet loss from Customer edge to Provider Edge devices.
- C.5.3** The Contractor shall provide guaranteed on-site support within 4 hours in response to circuit or equipment failure.

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C.5.4 For each cumulative hour of Network Unavailability or fraction thereof in any calendar month, DCPS shall be credited for the pro-rated charges for one day of the Monthly Fee with respect to which Service Availability SLA has been non-compliant.

C.6 REPORTS

C.6.1 The Contractor shall provide to the Project Manager (Identified by the COTR) the following reports by the fifteenth day of the month via E-Mail or web access reporting tools for ISP services in the previous month:

- Network Statistics - Report must include the Bandwidth Utilization (percentage over time and in/out), Errors in/out, and Bytes in/out
- Trending – Ability to view availability, bandwidth utilization
- Trouble tickets, outage summary, duration of outages, and outage resolution
- Availability statistics of the service

C.6.2 The Contractor Shall provide End-to-end Optical Time Domain Reflectometer (OTDR) results and Optical loss measurements for the fiber path used to deliver the Internet Service.

C.6.3 The Contractor Shall provides report of root cause for all unplanned service outages.

C.7 ERATE

DCPS requires the Contractor to have a valid and current Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) as issued by USAC. The SPIN must be established at the time of the proposal submittal, and the contractor must include a copy of the completed SPAC (Service Provider Annual Certification) Form with the proposal.

SECTION D: PACKAGING AND MARKING

D.1 None

SECTION E: INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

E.1 The inspection and acceptance requirements for this contract shall be governed by clause number six (6), Inspection of Services of the Government of the District of Columbia's Standard Contract Provisions for use with Supplies and Services Contracts, dated March 2007. (Attachment J.1)

SECTION F: PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERABLES

F.1 TERM OF CONTRACT

The base year term of the contract shall be from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012.

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F.2 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT

- F.2.1** The District may extend the term of this contract for a period of 4 one year options periods, or successive fractions thereof, by written notice to the Contractor before the expiration of the contract; provided that the District will give the Contractor preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least thirty (30) days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the District to an extension. The exercise of this option is subject to the availability of funds at the time of the exercise of this option. The Contractor may waive the thirty (30) day preliminary notice requirement by providing a written waiver to the Contracting Officer prior to expiration of the contract.
- F.2.2** If the District exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option provision.
- F.2.3** The price for the option period(s) shall be as specified in the Section B of the contract.
- F.2.4** The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed 5 years.

F.3 DELIVERABLES NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS SOLCITATION

- F.3.1** The Contractor shall perform the activities required to successfully complete the District's requirements and submit each deliverable to the COTR identified in section G.9 in accordance with the following:

SECTION G: CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

G.1 INVOICE PAYMENT

- G.1.1** The District will make payments to the Contractor, upon the submission of proper invoices, at the prices stipulated in this contract, for supplies delivered and accepted or services performed and accepted, less any discounts, allowances or adjustments provided for in this contract.
- G.1.2** The District will pay the Contractor on or before the 30th day after receiving a proper invoice from the Contractor.

G.2 INVOICE SUBMITTAL

- G.2.1** The Contractor shall submit proper invoices on a monthly basis or as otherwise specified in Section G.4. Invoices shall be prepared in duplicate and submitted to the agency Chief Financial Officer with concurrent copies to the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) specified in Section G.9 below. The address of the CFO is:

District of Columbia Public Schools
Division of Finance, Accounts Payable
1200 First Street NE, 11th Floor
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 442-5255

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G.2.2 To constitute a proper invoice, the Contractor shall submit the following information on the invoice:

G.2.2.1 Contractor's name, federal tax ID and invoice date (date invoices as of the date of mailing or transmittal);

G.2.2.2 Contract number and invoice number;

G.2.2.3 Description, price, quantity and the date(s) that the supplies or services were delivered or performed;

G.2.2.4 Other supporting documentation or information, as required by the Contracting Officer;

G.2.2.5 Name, title, telephone number and complete mailing address of the responsible official to whom payment is to be sent;

G.2.2.6 Name, title, phone number of person preparing the invoice;

G.2.2.7 Name, title, phone number and mailing address of person (if different from the person identified in G.2.2.6 above) to be notified in the event of a defective invoice; and

G.2.2.8 Authorized signature.

G.2.2.9 **In the event of a conflict between this Section and Section G.10, G.10 takes precedence in accordance with E-Rate Guidelines.**

G.3 FIRST SOURCE AGREEMENT REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT

G.3.1 For contracts subject to the 51% District Residents New Hires Requirements and First Source Employment Agreement requirements, final request for payment must be accompanied by the report or a waiver of compliance discussed in section H.5.5.

G.3.2 The District shall not make final payment to the Contractor until the agency CFO has received the Contracting Officer's final determination or approval of waiver of the Contractor's compliance with 51% District Residents New Hires Requirements and First Source Employment Agreement requirements.

G.4 PAYMENT

Shall be based upon Section B (Price Schedules) and Section F (Deliverables).]

G.5 ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT PAYMENTS

G.5.1 In accordance with 27 DCMR 3250, the Contractor may assign to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution funds due or to become due as a result of the performance of this contract.

G.5.2 Any assignment shall cover all unpaid amounts payable under this contract, and shall not be made to more than one party.

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G.5.3 Notwithstanding an assignment of contract payments, the Contractor, not the assignee, is required to prepare invoices. Where such an assignment has been made, the original copy of the invoice must refer to the assignment and must show that payment of the invoice is to be made directly to the assignee as follows:

“Pursuant to the instrument of assignment dated _____, make payment of this invoice to (name and address of assignee).”

G.6 THE QUICK PAYMENT CLAUSE

G.6.1 Interest Penalties to Contractors

G.6.1.1 The District will pay interest penalties on amounts due to the Contractor under the Quick Payment Act, D.C. Official Code §2-221.01 *et seq.*, for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment of the amount is made. Interest shall be calculated at the rate of 1% per month. No interest penalty shall be paid if payment for the completed delivery of the item of property or service is made on or before:

- a) the 3rd day after the required payment date for meat or a meat product;
- b) the 5th day after the required payment date for an agricultural commodity; or
- c) the 15th day after the required payment date for any other item.

G.6.1.2 Any amount of an interest penalty which remains unpaid at the end of any 30-day period shall be added to the principal amount of the debt and thereafter interest penalties shall accrue on the added amount.

G.6.2 Payments to Subcontractors

G.6.2.1 The Contractor must take one of the following actions within seven (7) days of receipt of any amount paid to the Contractor by the District for work performed by any subcontractor under this contract:

- a) Pay the subcontractor for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the District that is attributable to the subcontractor for work performed under the contract; or
- b) Notify the District and the subcontractor, in writing, of the Contractor’s intention to withhold all or part of the subcontractor’s payment and state the reason for the nonpayment.

G.6.2.2 The Contractor must pay any subcontractor or supplier interest penalties on amounts due to the subcontractor or supplier beginning on the day after the payment is due and ending on the date on which the payment is made. Interest shall be calculated at the rate of 1% per month. No interest penalty shall be paid on the following if payment for the completed delivery of the item of property or service is made on or before:

- a) the 3rd day after the required payment date for meat or a meat product;
- b) the 5th day after the required payment date for an agricultural commodity; or
- c) the 15th day after the required payment date for any other item.

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G.6.2.3 Any amount of an interest penalty which remains unpaid by the Contractor at the end of any 30-day period shall be added to the principal amount of the debt to the subcontractor and thereafter interest penalties shall accrue on the added amount.

G.6.2.4 A dispute between the Contractor and subcontractor relating to the amounts or entitlement of a subcontractor to a payment or a late payment interest penalty under the Quick Payment Act does not constitute a dispute to which the District of Columbia is a party. The District of Columbia may not be interpleaded in any judicial or administrative proceeding involving such a dispute.

G.6.3 Subcontract requirements

G.6.3.1 The Contractor shall include in each subcontract under this contract a provision requiring the subcontractor to include in its contract with any lower-tier subcontractor or supplier the payment and interest clauses required under paragraphs (1) and (2) of D.C. Official Code §2-221.02(d).

G.7 CONTRACTING OFFICER (CO)

Contracts will be entered into and signed on behalf of the District only by contracting officers. The contact information for the Contracting Officer is:

Glorious Bazemore
Deputy Chief Contracting Officer
Office of Contracts and Acquisitions
District of Columbia Public Schools
Address: 1200 First Street NE, 11th Floor
Washington, DC 20002
Telephone: 202-442-5112
E-mail address: glorious.bazemore@dc.gov

G.8 AUTHORIZED CHANGES BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER

G.8.1 The Contracting Officer is the only person authorized to approve changes in any of the requirements of this contract.

G.8.2 The Contractor shall not comply with any order, directive or request that changes or modifies the requirements of this contract, unless issued in writing and signed by the Contracting Officer.

G.8.3 In the event the Contractor effects any change at the instruction or request of any person other than the Contracting Officer, the change will be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment will be made in the contract price to cover any cost increase incurred as a result thereof.

G.9 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE (COTR)

G.9.1 The COTR is responsible for general administration of the contract and advising the CO as to the Contractor's compliance or noncompliance with the contract. The COTR has the responsibility of ensuring the work conforms to the requirements of the contract and such other responsibilities and authorities as may be specified in the contract. These include:

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G.9.1.1 Keeping the CO fully informed of any technical or contractual difficulties encountered during the performance period and advising the CO of any potential problem areas under the contract;

G.9.1.2 Coordinating site entry for Contractor personnel, if applicable;

G.9.1.3 Reviewing invoices for completed work and recommending approval by the CO if the Contractor's prices and costs are consistent with the contractual amounts and progress is satisfactory and commensurate with the rate of expenditure;

G.9.1.4 Reviewing and approving invoices for deliverables to ensure receipt of goods and services; including the timely processing of invoices and vouchers in accordance with the District's payment provisions; and

G.9.1.5 Maintaining a file that includes all contract correspondence, modifications, records of inspections (site, data, equipment) and invoice or vouchers.

G.9.2 The address and telephone number of the COTR is:

James Tanious
Director of Operations
District of Columbia Public Schools
1200 First Street NE, 11th Floor
Washington, DC 20002
T 202.442.5625
F 202.442.5792
E James.Tanious@dc.gov

G.9.3 The COTR shall NOT have the authority to:

1. Award, agree to, or sign any contract, delivery order or task order. Only the CO shall make contractual agreements, commitments or modifications;
2. Grant deviations from or waive any of the terms and conditions of the contract;
3. Increase the dollar limit of the contract or authorize work beyond the dollar limit of the contract,
4. Authorize the expenditure of funds by the Contractor;
5. Change the period of performance; or
6. Authorize the use of District property, except as specified under the contract.

G.9.4 The Contractor will be fully responsible for any changes not authorized in advance, in writing, by the CO; may be denied compensation or other relief for any additional work performed that is not so authorized; and may also be required, at no additional cost to the District, to take all corrective action necessitated by reason of the unauthorized changes.

G.10 UNIVERSAL SERVICE (E-RATE) REQUIREMENTS

To warrant consideration for an award of contract resulting from this Invitation for Bids, the contractors must agree to participation in the Universal Service Support Mechanism for Schools and Libraries (commonly known as "E-rate") as provided for and authorized under the federal Telecommunications

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Act of 1996 (Reference 47 U.S.C. § 254, "Universal Service"). Vendors acknowledge that any contractual relationship resulting from this solicitation of proposals may be partially or entirely dependent upon the successful receipt of Universal Service Fund ("USF") subsidies. To ensure compliance with all applicable USF regulations, program mandates and auditing requirements, the contractor shall comply with the following:

G.10.1 USF Knowledge

The Contractor shall have, at a minimum, a working knowledge of the federal Universal Service Support Mechanism for Schools and Libraries (commonly known as "E-rate").

G.10.2 USF Registration

The Contractor shall submit with its proposal a valid Service Provider Identification Number ("SPIN") and a valid Federal Communications Commission Registration Number ("FCCR").

G.10.3 USF Participation

The Contractor shall agree to participate in the E-rate Program and to cooperate fully and in all respects with the District, the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"), and any agency or organization administering the E-rate Program to ensure that the District receives all of the E-rate funding for which it has applied and to which it is entitled in connection with The Contractor services and/or products.

G.10.4 USF Documentation

The Contractor shall provide to District staff and/or the District's E-rate consultant within a commercially reasonable period of time, all of the information and documentation that the Contractor has or that the Contractor reasonably can acquire that the District may need to prepare its E-rate applications and/or to document transactions eligible for E-rate support.

G.10.5 Invoicing Procedures

The Contractor shall itemize, price, and invoice separately any materials or services that are ineligible for E-rate funding. The Contractor must include the following information on all invoices to the District for E-rate eligible equipment and/or services:

- Date of invoice
- Date(s) of service
- Funding Request Number ("FRN")
- The Contractor signature on invoice attesting to the accuracy and completeness of all charges
- Detailed description of services performed and materials supplied that matches District's contract specifications, Form 470 and Form 471 descriptions of same
- Clear, concise breakdown of amount(s) to be billed to USAC (discounted portion of eligible charges) and amount(s) to be billed to the District (non-discounted amount of eligible charges)
- Invoice on The Contractor letterhead or on The Contractor generated form
- District's Billed Entity Number
- District's Federal Communications Commission Registration Number
- Proper E-rate discount percentage as set forth by the applicable FRN and USAC funding commitment decision letter ("FCDL")

G.10.6 USF Discounted Invoicing and Reimbursement Processes

The Contractor shall, at the District's request, either (a) invoice the District only for the non-discounted amounts due on E-rate-approved transactions and simultaneously invoice the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") for the balance [Discounted Invoice Process] or (b) remit to the

District within twenty days of receipt the reimbursement payments it receives from USAC or any other third-party payor for the discounted portions of E-rate-approved transactions involving the District [Reimbursement or "BEAR" Process].

▪ **Discounted Invoice Process**

— Invoicing

Within fourteen (14) days from the date that The Contractor delivers to the District, E-rate approved materials or services, when delivery of such services triggers a payment obligation under the Contractor contract with the District, the Contractor must invoice the District for its share of the pre-discount cost of those materials or services.

— Timely Filing

The Contractor shall be solely responsible for timely filing invoices with USAC. Accordingly, the Contractor understands and agrees that District will NOT be liable to the Contractor and the Contractor shall have no recourse against the District for any discounted amount that The Contractor submits late to USAC for payment, if USAC refuses to pay the invoice due to late filing.

— Invoice Rejection

The Contractor understands and agrees that DCPS shall not be liable to the Contractor and the Contractor shall have no recourse against the District for any discounted amount that Vendor submits to USAC for payment if The Contractor is at fault for USAC's refusal to pay; if the District is at fault, the District shall not be liable to Vendor and Vendor shall have no recourse against the District for the amount at issue until both the District and the Contractor have exhausted their administrative remedies of appeal to USAC and/or the FCC.

— District Approval

The Contractor shall submit to the District for its review and approval before submitting it to USAC for payment a copy of every invoice that the Contractor intends to submit for services that it has provided or, in appropriate circumstances, will be providing to the District. The District shall not unreasonably delay or withhold approval of the Contractor USAC invoices. The Contractor is solely responsible for timely filing invoices with USAC, it understands that it must submit invoices to the District sufficiently in advance of any USAC filing deadline to ensure that there will be adequate time remaining for it to meet the USAC filing deadline after the District has had a reasonable opportunity to review and approve them.

▪ **Reimbursement Process**

— Twenty Days

The Contractor understands that E-rate Program rules require it to remit a reimbursement payment to the District within twenty (20) days of receiving it from USAC.

▪ **Delayed USF Funding Commitment**

The Contractor understands that, due to circumstances beyond the District's control, the District may not receive an E-rate funding commitment by the beginning of the E-rate funding year, July 1, for the services it intends to purchase from the Contractor during that funding year.

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— Retroactive Invoicing

When E-rate funding is approved, The Contractor shall invoice USAC for the discounted amount the District is owed retroactive to July 1st of the funding year or to whenever approved service to the District began, whichever date is later.

G.10.7 USF Audit and Document Retention Requirement

The Contractor shall maintain all bids, quotes, records, correspondence, receipts, vouchers, delivery information, memoranda and other data relating to the Contractor services to the DCPS. All such records shall be retained for five (5) years following completion of services and shall be subject to inspection and audit by DCPS. Vendor shall include in all subcontractor agreements for services, provisions requiring subcontractors to maintain the same records and allowing the DCPS the same right to inspect and audit those records as set forth herein.

In addition to the foregoing, the Contractor shall create, implement and enforce an internal E-rate audit process that ensures that The Contractor complies with all E-rate program rules and regulations. This process shall include the following:

- Separating ineligible project management and other professional services costs, if any, from other charges
- Where labor is involved, maintaining detailed, signed individual timesheets
- Ensuring that ineligible charges are not submitted to USAC
- Invoicing to USAC that is consistent with the contract and the DCPS 470 and 471
- Ensuring that services or products are not provided to the DCPS without DCPS express written permission or official purchase authorization
- Ensuring that DCPS-approved substitute services or products are prominently noted on invoices submitted to USAC and the DCPS
- Where applicable, non-recurring services provided prior to September 30th and recurring services provided prior to June 30th
- Supporting documentation sufficient to evidence that what was approved per the FCDL and provided to the DCPS, was actually provided to the DCPS.
- If E-rate eligible services and/or installation or equipment costs are included as part of a larger contract or service/equipment billing, support for the allocation of E-rate eligible amounts and reconciliation of that total to the total amount billed
- If E-rate eligible services or equipment are allocated to multiple sites, support for the allocation consistent with the amount and locations identified in the Form 471
- Documenting that E-rate funded services were provided within the allowable contract period and program year
- Charging proper FRN(s)
- Ensuring that invoices and USAC forms are submitted to the DCPS in a timely manner
- Ensuring that USAC forms are filled out completely, accurately and on time

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- Ensuring that Forms 472 are signed/dated by the Contractor representative in a timely manner
- Maintaining fixed asset list of E-rate-supported equipment provided to the DCPS with detailed information for each item (model number, serial number, product description) and made available to the DCPS in electronic format

G.10.8 Contract Term Modification

The DCPS will reserve the right to extend or abbreviate the contract period if such extension or abbreviation is necessary to make the Contract term coincide with an E-rate “program year” or an extended service end date for an E-rate program year pursuant to a “service delivery deadline extension,” as those terms are defined by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) and/or the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”).

SECTION H: SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1 HIRING OF DISTRICT RESIDENTS AS APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES

H.1.1 For all new employment resulting from this contract or subcontracts hereto, as defined in Mayor’s Order 83-265 and implementing instructions, the Contractor shall use its best efforts to comply with the following basic goal and objectives for utilization of bona fide residents of the District of Columbia in each project’s labor force:

H.1.1.1 At least fifty-one (51) percent of apprentices and trainees employed shall be residents of the District of Columbia registered in programs approved by the District of Columbia Apprenticeship Council.

H.1.2 The Contractor shall negotiate an Employment Agreement with the Department of Employment Services (“DOES”) for jobs created as a result of this contract. The DOES shall be the Contractor’s first source of referral for qualified apprentices and trainees in the implementation of employment goals contained in this clause.

H.2 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE DETERMINATIONS

The Contractor shall be bound by the Wage Determination No. 2005-2103 REV 10 dated , dated June 15 , 2010, issued by the U.S. Department of Labor in accordance with the Service Contract Act, 41 U.S.C. §351 *et seq.*, and incorporated herein as Section J.2. The Contractor shall be bound by the wage rates for the term of the contract subject to revision as stated herein and in accordance with Section 24 of the SCP. If an option is exercised, the Contractor shall be bound by the applicable wage rates at the time of the exercise of the option. If the option is exercised and the CO obtains a revised wage determination, the revised wage determination is applicable for the option periods and the Contractor may be entitled to an equitable adjustment.

H.3 PUBLICITY

The Contractor shall at all times obtain the prior written approval from the CO before the Contractor, any of its officers, agents, employees or subcontractors, either during or after expiration or termination of the contract, make any statement, or issue any material, for publication through any medium of communication, bearing on the work performed or data collected under this contract.

H.4 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, at D.C. Official Code §2-532 (a-3), requires the District to make available for inspection and copying any record produced or collected pursuant to a District contract with a private contractor to perform a public function, to the same extent as if the record were maintained by the agency on whose behalf the contract is made. If the Contractor receives a request for such information, the Contractor shall immediately send the request to the COTR who will provide the request to the FOIA Officer for the agency with programmatic responsibility in accordance with the D.C. Freedom of Information Act. If the agency with programmatic responsibility receives a request for a record maintained by the Contractor pursuant to the contract, the COTR will forward a copy to the Contractor. In either event, the Contractor is required by law to provide all responsive records to the COTR within the timeframe designated by the COTR. The FOIA Officer for the agency with programmatic responsibility will determine the releasability of the records. The District will reimburse the Contractor for the costs of searching and copying the records in accordance with D.C. Official Code §2-532 and Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the *D.C. Municipal Regulations*.

H.5 51% DISTRICT RESIDENTS NEW HIRES REQUIREMENTS AND FIRST SOURCE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

H.5.1 The Contractor shall comply with the First Source Employment Agreement Act of 1984, as amended, D.C. Official Code §2-219.01 *et seq.* (“First Source Act”).

H.5.2 The Contractor shall enter into and maintain, during the term of the contract, a First Source Employment Agreement, (Section J.4) in which the Contractor shall agree that:

- (1) The first source for finding employees to fill all jobs created in order to perform this contract shall be the DOES; and
- (2) The first source for finding employees to fill any vacancy occurring in all jobs covered by the First Source Employment Agreement shall be the First Source Register.

H.5.3 The Contractor shall submit to DOES, no later than the 10th of each month following execution of the contract, a First Source Agreement Contract Compliance Report (“contract compliance report”) to verify its compliance with the First Source Agreement for the preceding month. The contract compliance report for the contract shall include the:

- (1) Number of employees needed;
- (2) Number of current employees transferred;
- (3) Number of new job openings created;
- (4) Number of job openings listed with DOES;
- (5) Total number of all District residents hired for the reporting period and the cumulative total number of District residents hired; and
- (6) Total number of all employees hired for the reporting period and the cumulative total number of employees hired, including:
 - (a) Name;
 - (b) Social security number;
 - (c) Job title;
 - (d) Hire date;
 - (e) Residence; and
 - (f) Referral source for all new hires.

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- H.5.4** If the contract amount is equal to or greater than \$100,000, the Contractor agrees that 51% of the new employees hired for the contract shall be District residents.
- H.5.5** With the submission of the Contractor's final request for payment from the District, the Contractor shall:
- (1) Document in a report to the CO the Contractor's compliance with section H.5.4 of this clause; or
 - (2) Submit a request to the CO for a waiver of compliance with section H.5.4 and include the following documentation:
 - (a) Material supporting a good faith effort to comply;
 - (b) Referrals provided by DOES and other referral sources;
 - (c) Advertisement of job openings listed with DOES and other referral sources; and
 - (d) Any documentation supporting the waiver request pursuant to section H.5.6.
- H.5.6** The CO may waive the provisions of section H.5.4 if the CO finds that:
- (1) A good faith effort to comply is demonstrated by the Contractor;
 - (2) The Contractor is located outside the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area and none of the contract work is performed inside the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes the District of Columbia; the Virginia Cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, Fairfax, and Fredericksburg, the Virginia Counties of Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William, Loudoun, Stafford, Clarke, Warren, Fauquier, Culpeper, Spotsylvania, and King George; the Maryland Counties of Montgomery, Prince Georges, Charles, Frederick, and Calvert; and the West Virginia Counties of Berkeley and Jefferson.
 - (3) The Contractor enters into a special workforce development training or placement arrangement with DOES; or
 - (4) DOES certifies that there are insufficient numbers of District residents in the labor market possessing the skills required by the positions created as a result of the contract.
- H.5.7** Upon receipt of the Contractor's final payment request and related documentation pursuant to sections H.5.5 and H.5.6, the CO shall determine whether the Contractor is in compliance with section H.5.4 or whether a waiver of compliance pursuant to section H.5.6 is justified. If the CO determines that the Contractor is in compliance, or that a waiver of compliance is justified, the CO shall, within two business days of making the determination forward a copy of the determination to the agency Chief Financial Officer and the COTR.
- H.5.8** Willful breach of the First Source Employment Agreement, or failure to submit the report pursuant to section H.5.5, or deliberate submission of falsified data, may be enforced by the CO through imposition of penalties, including monetary fines of 5% of the total amount of the direct and indirect labor costs of the contract. The Contractor shall make payment to DOES. The Contractor may appeal to the D.C. Contract Appeals Board as provided in this contract any decision of the CO pursuant to this section H.5.8.
- H.5.9** The provisions of sections H.5.4 through H.5.8 do not apply to nonprofit organizations.

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H.6 SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, as amended.

During the performance of the contract, the Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. This Act prohibits discrimination against disabled people in federally funded programs and activities. See 29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*

H.7 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (ADA)

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall comply with the ADA. The ADA makes it unlawful to discriminate in employment against a qualified individual with a disability. See 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.*

H.8 WAY TO WORK AMENDMENT ACT OF 2006

H.8.1 Except as described in H.8.8 below, the Contractor shall comply with Title I of the Way to Work Amendment Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-118, D.C. Official Code §2-220.01 *et seq.*) (“Living Wage Act of 2006”), for contracts for services in the amount of \$100,000 or more in a 12-month period.

H.8.2 The Contractor shall pay its employees and subcontractors who perform services under the contract no less than the current living wage published on the OCP website at www.ocp.dc.gov.

H.8.3 The Contractor shall include in any subcontract for \$15,000 or more a provision requiring the subcontractor to pay its employees who perform services under the contract no less than the current living wage rate.

H.8.4 The DOES may adjust the living wage annually and the OCP will publish the current living wage rate on its website at www.ocp.dc.gov.

H.8.5 The Contractor shall provide a copy of the Fact Sheet attached as J.6 to each employee and subcontractor who performs services under the contract. The Contractor shall also post the Notice attached as J.5 in a conspicuous place in its place of business. The Contractor shall include in any subcontract for \$15,000 or more a provision requiring the subcontractor to post the Notice in a conspicuous place in its place of business.

H.8.6 The Contractor shall maintain its payroll records under the contract in the regular course of business for a period of at least three (3) years from the payroll date, and shall include this requirement in its subcontracts for \$15,000 or more under the contract.

H.8.7 The payment of wages required under the Living Wage Act of 2006 shall be consistent with and subject to the provisions of D.C. Official Code §32-1301 *et seq.*

H.8.8 The requirements of the Living Wage Act of 2006 do not apply to:

- (1) Contracts or other agreements that are subject to higher wage level determinations required by federal law;
- (2) Existing and future collective bargaining agreements, provided, that the future collective bargaining agreement results in the employee being paid no less than the established living wage;
- (3) Contracts for electricity, telephone, water, sewer or other services provided by a regulated utility;

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- (4) Contracts for services needed immediately to prevent or respond to a disaster or imminent threat to public health or safety declared by the Mayor;
- (5) Contracts or other agreements that provide trainees with additional services including, but not limited to, case management and job readiness services; provided that the trainees do not replace employees subject to the Living Wage Act of 2006;
- (6) An employee under 22 years of age employed during a school vacation period, or enrolled as a full-time student, as defined by the respective institution, who is in high school or at an accredited institution of higher education and who works less than 25 hours per week; provided that he or she does not replace employees subject to the Living Wage Act of 2006;
- (7) Tenants or retail establishments that occupy property constructed or improved by receipt of government assistance from the District of Columbia; provided, that the tenant or retail establishment did not receive direct government assistance from the District;
- (8) Employees of nonprofit organizations that employ not more than 50 individuals and qualify for taxation exemption pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, approved August 16, 1954 (68A Stat. 163; 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3));
- (9) Medicaid provider agreements for direct care services to Medicaid recipients, provided, that the direct care service is not provided through a home care agency, a community residence facility, or a group home for mentally retarded persons as those terms are defined in section 2 of the Health-Care and Community Residence Facility, Hospice, and Home Care Licensure Act of 1983, effective February 24, 1984 (D.C. Law 5-48; D.C. Official Code § 44-501); and
- (10) Contracts or other agreements between managed care organizations and the Health Care Safety Net Administration or the Medicaid Assistance Administration to provide health services.

H.8.9 The Mayor may exempt a contractor from the requirements of the Living Wage Act of 2006, subject to the approval of Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 109 of the Living Wage Act of 2006.

H.9 SUBCONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS (NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS SOLICITATION)

H.9.1 Mandatory Subcontracting Requirements (NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS SOLICITATION)

- H.9.1.1** For contracts in excess of \$250,000, at least 35% of the dollar volume shall be subcontracted to certified small business enterprises; provided, however, that the costs of materials, goods, and supplies shall not be counted towards the 35% subcontracting requirement unless such materials, goods and supplies are purchased from certified small business enterprises.
- H.9.1.2** If there are insufficient qualified small business enterprises to completely fulfill the requirement of paragraph H.9.1.1, then the subcontracting may be satisfied by subcontracting 35% of the dollar volume to any certified business enterprises; provided, however, that all reasonable efforts shall be made to ensure that qualified small business enterprises are significant participants in the overall subcontracting work.
- H.9.1.3** A prime contractor which is certified as a small, local or disadvantaged business enterprise shall not be required to comply with the provisions of sections H.9.1.1 and H.9.1.2.

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H.9.2 Subcontracting Plan

If the prime contractor is required by law to subcontract under this contract, it must subcontract at least 35% of the dollar volume of this contract in accordance with the provisions of section H.9.1. The prime contractor responding to this solicitation which is required to subcontract shall be required to submit with its bid, a notarized statement detailing its subcontracting plan. Bids responding to this IFB shall be deemed nonresponsive and shall be rejected if the bidder is required to subcontract, but fails to submit a subcontracting plan with its bid. Once the plan is approved by the CO, changes to the plan will only occur with the prior written approval of the CO and the Director of DSLBD. Each subcontracting plan shall include the following:

- H.9.2.1** A description of the goods and services to be provided by SBEs or, if insufficient qualified SBEs are available, by any certified business enterprises;
 - H.9.2.2** A statement of the dollar value of the bid that pertains to the subcontracts to be performed by the SBEs or, if insufficient qualified SBEs are available, by any certified business enterprises;
 - H.9.2.3** The names and addresses of all proposed subcontractors who are SBEs or, if insufficient SBEs are available, who are certified business enterprises;
 - H.9.2.4** The name of the individual employed by the prime contractor who will administer the subcontracting plan, and a description of the duties of the individual;
 - H.9.2.5** A description of the efforts the prime contractor will make to ensure that SBEs, or, if insufficient SBEs are available, that certified business enterprises will have an equitable opportunity to compete for subcontracts;
 - H.9.2.6** In all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities, assurances that the prime contractor will include a statement, approved by the contracting officer, that the subcontractor will adopt a subcontracting plan similar to the subcontracting plan required by the contract;
 - H.9.2.7** Assurances that the prime contractor will cooperate in any studies or surveys that may be required by the contracting officer, and submit periodic reports, as requested by the contracting officer, to allow the District to determine the extent of compliance by the prime contractor with the subcontracting plan;
 - H.9.2.8** A list of the type of records the prime contractor will maintain to demonstrate procedures adopted to comply with the requirements set forth in the subcontracting plan, and assurances that the prime contractor will make such records available for review upon the District's request; and
 - H.9.2.9** A description of the prime contractor's recent effort to locate SBEs or, if insufficient SBEs are available, certified business enterprises, and to award subcontracts to them.
- H.9.3 Subcontracting Plan Compliance Reporting.** If the Contractor has an approved subcontracting plan required by law under this contract, the Contractor shall submit to the CO and the Director of DSLBD, no later than the 21st of each month following execution of the contract, a Subcontracting Plan Compliance

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Report to verify its compliance with the subcontracting requirements for the preceding month. The monthly subcontracting plan compliance report shall include the following information:

- H.9.3.1** The dollar amount of the contract or procurement;
- H.9.3.2** A brief description of the goods procured or the services contracted for;
- H.9.3.3** The name of the business enterprise from which the goods were procured or services contracted;
- H.9.3.4** Whether the subcontractors to the contract are currently certified business enterprises;
- H.9.3.5** The dollar percentage of the contract awarded to SBEs, or if insufficient SBEs, to other certified business enterprises;
- H.9.3.6** A description of the activities the Contractor engaged in, in order to achieve the subcontracting requirements set forth in its plan; and
- H.9.3.7** A description of any changes to the activities the Contractor intends to make by the next month to achieve the requirements set forth in its plan.

H.9.4 Enforcement and Penalties for Breach of Subcontracting Plan

- H.9.4.1** If during the performance of this contract, the Contractor fails to comply with its approved subcontracting plan, and the CO determines the Contractor's failure to be a material breach of the contract, the CO shall have cause to terminate the contract under the default clause of the Standard Contract Provisions.
- H.9.4.2** There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a contractor willfully breached its approved subcontracting plan if the contractor (i) fails to submit any required monitoring or compliance report; or (ii) submits a monitoring or compliance report with the intent to defraud.
- H.9.4.3** A contractor that is found to have willfully breached its approved subcontracting plan for utilization of certified business enterprises in the performance of a contract shall be subject to the imposition of penalties, including monetary fines of \$15,000 or 5% of the total amount of the work that the contractor was to subcontract to certified business enterprises, whichever is greater, for each such breach.

SECTION I: CONTRACT CLAUSES

I.1 APPLICABILITY OF STANDARD CONTRACT PROVISIONS

The Standard Contract Provisions for use with District of Columbia Government Supplies and Services Contracts dated March 2007 ("SCP") are incorporated as part of the contract. To obtain a copy of the SCP go to www.ocp.dc.gov, click on OCP Policies under the heading "Information", then click on "Standard Contract Provisions – Supplies and Services Contracts".

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I.2 CONTRACTS THAT CROSS FISCAL YEARS

Continuation of this contract beyond the current fiscal year is contingent upon future fiscal appropriations.

I.3 CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

The Contractor shall keep all information relating to any employee or customer of the District in absolute confidence and shall not use the information in connection with any other matters; nor shall it disclose any such information to any other person, firm or corporation, in accordance with the District and federal laws governing the confidentiality of records.

I.4 TIME

Time, if stated in a number of days, will include Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, unless otherwise stated herein.

I.5 RIGHTS IN DATA

- I.5.1** "Data," as used herein, means recorded information, regardless of form or the media on which it may be recorded. The term includes technical data and computer software. The term does not include information incidental to contract administration, such as financial, administrative, cost or pricing, or management information.
- I.5.2** The term "Technical Data", as used herein, means recorded information, regardless of form or characteristic, of a scientific or technical nature. It may, for example, document research, experimental, developmental or engineering work, or be usable or used to define a design or process or to procure, produce, support, maintain, or operate material. The data may be graphic or pictorial delineations in media such as drawings or photographs, text in specifications or related performance or design type documents or computer printouts. Examples of technical data include research and engineering data, engineering drawings and associated lists, specifications, standards, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information, and computer software documentation. Technical data does not include computer software or financial, administrative, cost and pricing, and management data or other information incidental to contract administration.
- I.5.3** The term "Computer Software", as used herein means computer programs and computer databases. "Computer Programs", as used herein means a series of instructions or statements in a form acceptable to a computer, designed to cause the computer to execute an operation or operations. "Computer Programs" include operating systems, assemblers, compilers, interpreters, data management systems, utility programs, sort merge programs, and automated data processing equipment maintenance diagnostic programs, as well as applications programs such as payroll, inventory control and engineering analysis programs. Computer programs may be either machine-dependent or machine-independent, and may be general purpose in nature or designed to satisfy the requirements of a particular user.
- I.5.4** The term "computer databases", as used herein, means a collection of data in a form capable of being processed and operated on by a computer.

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- I.5.5** All data first produced in the performance of this Contract shall be the sole property of the District. The Contractor hereby acknowledges that all data, including, without limitation, computer program codes, produced by Contractor for the District under this Contract, are works made for hire and are the sole property of the District; but, to the extent any such data may not, by operation of law, be works made for hire, Contractor hereby transfers and assigns to the District the ownership of copyright in such works, whether published or unpublished. The Contractor agrees to give the District all assistance reasonably necessary to perfect such rights including, but not limited to, the works and supporting documentation and the execution of any instrument required to register copyrights. The Contractor agrees not to assert any rights in common law or in equity in such data. The Contractor shall not publish or reproduce such data in whole or in part or in any manner or form, or authorize others to do so, without written consent of the District until such time as the District may have released such data to the public.
- I.5.6** The District will have restricted rights in data, including computer software and all accompanying documentation, manuals and instructional materials, listed or described in a license or agreement made a part of this contract, which the parties have agreed will be furnished with restricted rights, provided however, notwithstanding any contrary provision in any such license or agreement, such restricted rights shall include, as a minimum the right to:
- I.5.6.1** Use the computer software and all accompanying documentation and manuals or instructional materials with the computer for which or with which it was acquired, including use at any District installation to which the computer may be transferred by the District;
- I.5.6.2** Use the computer software and all accompanying documentation and manuals or instructional materials with a backup computer if the computer for which or with which it was acquired is inoperative;
- I.5.6.3** Copy computer programs for safekeeping (archives) or backup purposes; and modify the computer software and all accompanying documentation and manuals or instructional materials, or combine it with other software, subject to the provision that the modified portions shall remain subject to these restrictions.
- I.5.7** The restricted rights set forth in section I.5.6 are of no effect unless
- (i) the data is marked by the Contractor with the following legend:
- RESTRICTED RIGHTS LEGEND**
- Use, duplication, or disclosure is subject to restrictions stated in Contract No. _____ with (Contractor's Name); and
- (ii) If the data is computer software, the related computer software documentation includes a prominent statement of the restrictions applicable to the computer software. The Contractor may not place any legend on the computer software indicating restrictions on the District's rights in such software unless the restrictions are set forth in a license or agreement made a part of the contract prior to the delivery date of the software. Failure of the Contractor to apply a restricted rights legend to such computer software shall relieve the District of liability with respect to such unmarked software.

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- I.5.8** In addition to the rights granted in Section I.5.6 above, the Contractor hereby grants to the District a nonexclusive, paid-up license throughout the world, of the same scope as restricted rights set forth in Section I.5.6 above, under any copyright owned by the Contractor, in any work of authorship prepared for or acquired by the District under this contract. Unless written approval of the Contracting Officer is obtained, the Contractor shall not include in technical data or computer software prepared for or acquired by the District under this contract any works of authorship in which copyright is not owned by the Contractor without acquiring for the District any rights necessary to perfect a copyright license of the scope specified in the first sentence of this paragraph.
- I.5.9** Whenever any data, including computer software, are to be obtained from a subcontractor under this contract, the Contractor shall use this clause, I.5, Rights in Data, in the subcontract, without alteration, and no other clause shall be used to enlarge or diminish the District's or the Contractor's rights in that subcontractor data or computer software which is required for the District.
- I.5.10** For all computer software furnished to the District with the rights specified in Section I.5.5, the Contractor shall furnish to the District, a copy of the source code with such rights of the scope specified in Section I.5.5. For all computer software furnished to the District with the restricted rights specified in Section I.5.6, the District, if the Contractor, either directly or through a successor or affiliate shall cease to provide the maintenance or warranty services provided the District under this contract or any paid-up maintenance agreement, or if Contractor should be declared bankrupt or insolvent by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall have the right to obtain, for its own and sole use only, a single copy of the then current version of the source code supplied under this contract, and a single copy of the documentation associated therewith, upon payment to the person in control of the source code the reasonable cost of making each copy.
- I.5.11** The Contractor shall indemnify and save and hold harmless the District, its officers, agents and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, (i) for violation of proprietary rights, copyrights, or rights of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use or disposition of any data furnished under this contract, or (ii) based upon any data furnished under this contract, or based upon libelous or other unlawful matter contained in such data.
- I.5.12** Nothing contained in this clause shall imply a license to the District under any patent, or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the District under any patent.
- I.5.13** Paragraphs I.5.6, I.5.7, I.5.8, I.5.11 and I.5.12 above are not applicable to material furnished to the Contractor by the District and incorporated in the work furnished under contract, provided that such incorporated material is identified by the Contractor at the time of delivery of such work.

I.6 OTHER CONTRACTORS

The Contractor shall not commit or permit any act that will interfere with the performance of work by another District contractor or by any District employee.

I.7 SUBCONTRACTS

The Contractor hereunder shall not subcontract any of the Contractor's work or services to any subcontractor without the prior written consent of the CO. Any work or service so subcontracted shall be performed pursuant to a subcontract agreement, which the District will have the right to review and approve prior to its execution by the Contractor. Any such subcontract shall specify that the Contractor and the subcontractor shall be subject to every provision of this contract. Notwithstanding any such subcontract approved by the District, the Contractor shall remain liable to the District for all Contractor's work and services required hereunder.

I.8 INSURANCE

- A. **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.** The Contractor shall procure and maintain, during the entire period of performance under this contract, the types of insurance specified below. The Contractor shall have its insurance broker or insurance company submit a Certificate of Insurance to the CO giving evidence of the required coverage prior to commencing performance under this contract. In no event shall any work be performed until the required Certificates of Insurance signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s) have been provided to, and accepted by, the CO. All insurance shall be written with financially responsible companies authorized to do business in the District of Columbia or in the jurisdiction where the work is to be performed and have an A.M. Best Company rating of A-VIII or higher. The Contractor shall require all of its subcontractors to carry the same insurance required herein. The Contractor shall ensure that all policies provide that the CO shall be given thirty (30) days prior written notice in the event the stated limit in the declarations page of the policy is reduced via endorsement or the policy is canceled prior to the expiration date shown on the certificate. The Contractor shall provide the CO with ten (10) days prior written notice in the event of non-payment of premium.
1. Commercial General Liability Insurance. The Contractor shall provide evidence satisfactory to the CO with respect to the services performed that it carries \$1,000,000 per occurrence limits; \$2,000,000 aggregate; Bodily Injury and Property Damage including, but not limited to: premises-operations; broad form property damage; Products and Completed Operations; Personal and Advertising Injury; contractual liability and independent contractors. The policy coverage shall include the District of Columbia as an additional insured, shall be primary and non-contributory with any other insurance maintained by the District of Columbia, and shall contain a waiver of subrogation. The Contractor shall maintain Completed Operations coverage for five (5) years following final acceptance of the work performed under this contract.
 2. Automobile Liability Insurance. The Contractor shall provide automobile liability insurance to cover all owned, hired or non-owned motor vehicles used in conjunction with the performance of this contract. The policy shall provide a \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage.
 3. Workers' Compensation Insurance. The Contractor shall provide Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with the statutory mandates of the District of Columbia or the jurisdiction in which the contract is performed.

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Employer's Liability Insurance. The Contractor shall provide employer's liability insurance as follows: \$500,000 per accident for injury; \$500,000 per employee for disease; and \$500,000 for policy disease limit.

- B. DURATION. The Contractor shall carry all required insurance until all contract work is accepted by the District, and shall carry the required General Liability; any required Professional Liability; and any required Employment Practices Liability insurance for five (5) years following final acceptance of the work performed under this contract.
- C. LIABILITY. These are the required minimum insurance requirements established by the District of Columbia. **HOWEVER, THE REQUIRED MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED ABOVE WILL NOT IN ANY WAY LIMIT THE CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY UNDER THIS CONTRACT.**
- D. CONTRACTOR'S PROPERTY. Contractor and subcontractors are solely responsible for any loss or damage to their personal property, including but not limited to tools and equipment, scaffolding and temporary structures, rented machinery, or owned and leased equipment. A waiver of subrogation shall apply in favor of the District of Columbia.
- E. MEASURE OF PAYMENT. The District shall not make any separate measure or payment for the cost of insurance and bonds. The Contractor shall include all of the costs of insurance and bonds in the contract price.
- F. NOTIFICATION. The Contractor shall immediately provide the CO with written notice in the event that its insurance coverage has or will be substantially changed, canceled or not renewed, and provide an updated certificate of insurance to the CO.
- G. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE. The Contractor shall submit certificates of insurance giving evidence of the required coverage as specified in this section prior to commencing work. Evidence of insurance shall be submitted to the contracting officer.
- H. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION. The Contractor agrees that the District may disclose the name and contact information of its insurers to any third party which presents a claim against the District for any damages or claims resulting from or arising out of work performed by the Contractor, its agents, employees, servants or subcontractors in the performance of this contract.

I.9 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

In accordance with the District of Columbia Administrative Issuance System, Mayor's Order 85-85 dated June 10, 1985, the forms for completion of the Equal Employment Opportunity Information Report are incorporated herein as Section J.3. An award cannot be made to any bidder who has not satisfied the equal employment requirements.

I.10 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

The contract awarded as a result of this IFB will contain the following clause:

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

A conflict in language shall be resolved by giving precedence to the document in the highest order of priority that contains language addressing the issue in question. The following documents are incorporated into the contract by reference and made a part of the contract in the following order of precedence:

- (1) An applicable Court Order, if any
- (2) Contract document
- (3) Standard Contract Provisions
- (4) Contract attachments other than the Standard Contract Provisions
- (5) IFB, as amended
- (6) Bid

I.11 CONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS

Any contract in excess of \$1,000,000 shall not be binding or give rise to any claim or demand against the District until approved by the Council of the District of Columbia and signed by the CO.

I.12 GOVERNING LAW

This contract, and any disputes arising out of or related to this contract, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the District of Columbia.

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SECTION J: ATTACHMENTS

The following list of attachments is incorporated into the solicitation by reference.

Attachment Number	Document
J.1	Government of the District of Columbia Standard Contract Provisions for Use with the Supplies and Services Contracts (March 2007) available at www.ocp.dc.gov click on "Solicitation Attachments"
J.2	U.S. Department of Labor Wage Determination 2005-2103 Rev 10 dated 06/15/10
J.3	Office of Local Business Development Equal Employment Opportunity Information Report and Mayor's Order 85-85 available at www.ocp.dc.gov click on "Solicitation Attachments"
J.4	Department of Employment Services First Source Employment Agreement available at www.ocp.dc.gov click on "Solicitation Attachments"
J.5	Way to Work Amendment Act of 2006 - Living Wage Notice
J.6	Way to Work Amendment Act of 2006 - Living Wage Fact Sheet
J.7	Tax Certification Affidavit
J.8	Cost/Price Certification and Data Package available at www.ocp.dc.gov click on "Solicitation Attachments"

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SECTION K: REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF BIDDERS

K.1 TYPE OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

K.1.1 The bidder, by checking the applicable line, represents that

(a) It operates as:

- a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of _____
- an individual,
- a partnership,
- a nonprofit organization, or
- a joint venture.

(b) If the bidder is a foreign entity, it operates as:

- an individual,
- a joint venture, or
- a corporation registered for business in _____
(Country)

K.2 CERTIFICATION AS TO COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OBLIGATIONS

Mayor's Order 85-85, "Compliance with Equal Opportunity Obligations in Contracts", dated June 10, 1985 and the Office of Human Rights' regulations, Chapter 11, "Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements in Contracts", promulgated August 15, 1986 (4 DCMR Chapter 11, 33 DCR 4952) are included as a part of this solicitation and require the following certification for contracts subject to the order. Failure to complete the certification may result in rejection of the bidder for a contract subject to the order. I hereby certify that I am fully aware of the content of the Mayor's Order 85-85 and the Office of Human Rights' regulations, Chapter 11, and agree to comply with them in performance of this contract.

Bidder _____ Date _____

Name _____ Title _____

Signature _____

Bidder ___ has ___ has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Mayor's Order 85-85. Bidder ___ has ___ has not filed all required compliance reports, and representations indicating submission of required reports signed by proposed sub-bidders. (The above representations need not be submitted in connection with contracts or subcontracts which are exempt from the Mayor's Order.)

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K.3 BUY AMERICAN CERTIFICATION

The bidder hereby certifies that each end product, except the end products listed below, is a domestic end product (as defined in Paragraph 23 of the SCP, "Buy American Act"), and that components of unknown origin are considered to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States.

_____ EXCLUDED END PRODUCTS
_____ COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

K.4 DISTRICT EMPLOYEES NOT TO BENEFIT CERTIFICATION

Each bidder shall check one of the following:

- _____ No person listed in clause 13 of the SCP (Attachment J.1), "District Employees Not To Benefit" will benefit from this contract.

- _____ The following person(s) listed in clause 13 of the SCP (Attachment J.1) may benefit from this contract. For each person listed, attach the affidavit required by clause 13

K.5 CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

(a) Each signature of the bidder is considered to be a certification by the signatory that:

- 1) The prices in this contract have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any bidder or competitor relating to:
 - (i) those prices
 - (ii) the intention to submit a contract, or
 - (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices in the contract.
- 2) The prices in this contract have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or competitor before contract opening unless otherwise required by law; and
- 3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a contract for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) Each signature on the bid is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory:

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- 1) Is the person in the bidder's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this contract, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; or
- 2) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above:

(insert full name of person(s) in the organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this contract and the title of his or her position in the bidder's organization);

- (i) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; and
 - (ii) As an agent, has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.
- (c) If the bidder deletes or modifies subparagraph (a)(2) above, the bidder must furnish with its bid a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

K.6 TAX CERTIFICATION

Each bidder must submit with its bid, a sworn Tax Certification Affidavit, incorporated herein as Attachment J.7.

K.7 CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

The bidder's signature shall be considered a certification by the signatory that the bidder, or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal, or any position involving the administration of funds:

- A. is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility under any federal, District or state statutes;
- B. has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any federal, District or state agency within the past three (3) years;
- C. does not have a proposed debarment pending; and
- D. has not been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it or them by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years.

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Indicate below any exception to your certification of eligibility and to whom it applies, their position in the bidder's organization, the initiating agency, and dates of action. Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining responsibility of the bidder. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.

SECTION L: INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO BIDDERS

L.1 METHOD OF AWARD

- L.1.1** The District reserves the right to accept/reject any/all bids resulting from this solicitation. The Contracting Officer may reject all bids or waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received whenever it is determined that such action is in the best interest of the District.
- L.1.2** The District intends to award a single contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsive and responsible bidder who has the lowest bid

L.2 PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- L.2.1** Bidders shall submit a signed original and 3 copies. The DCPS will not accept a facsimile copy of a bid as an original bid. All items accepted by the DCPS, all pages of the Invitation for Bids (IFB), all attachments and all documents containing the bidder's offer shall constitute the formal contract. **Each bid shall be submitted as specified in Section A.3 in a sealed envelope conspicuously marked: "Bid in Response to Solicitation No. GAGA-2011-I-0072."**
- L.2.2** The original bid shall govern if there is a variance between the original bid and the copy submitted by the bidder. Each bidder shall return the complete solicitation as its bid.
- L.2.3** The DCPS may reject as non-responsive any bid that fails to conform in any material respect to the IFB.
- L.2.4** The DCPS may also reject as non-responsive any bids submitted on forms not included in or required by the solicitation. Bidders shall make no changes to the requirements set forth in the solicitation.
- L.2.5** The bidder must bid on all CLINs to be considered for this award. Failure to bid on all CLINs in section B.4 will render the bid non-responsive and disqualify a bid.

L.3 FAMILIARIZATION WITH CONDITIONS

Bidders shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with the terms and conditions of this solicitation, acquainting themselves with all available information regarding difficulties which may be encountered and the conditions under which the work is to be accomplished. Bidders will not be relieved from assuming all responsibility for properly estimating the difficulties and the cost of performing the services

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required herein due to their failure to investigate the conditions or to become acquainted with all information, schedules and liability concerning the services to be performed.

L.4 BID SUBMISSION DATE AND TIME

Bids must be submitted no later than **1:00 PM** local time on **Monday, March 21, 2011** as specified in **Section A.9.**

L.5 PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A pre-bid conference will be held at 3:00p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2011 at DCPS, Office of Contracts and Acquisitions, 1200 First Street, N.E. Suite 1137, Washington, D.C. 20002). Prospective bidders will be given an opportunity to ask questions regarding this solicitation at the conference. The purpose of the conference is to provide a structured and formal opportunity for the District to accept questions from bidders on the solicitation document as well as clarify the contents of the solicitation. Attending bidders must complete the pre-bid conference attendance roster at the conference so that bidder attendance can be properly recorded.

Impromptu questions will be permitted and spontaneous answers will be provided at the Dcps discretion. Verbal answers given at the Pre-Bid Conference are only intended for general discussion and do not represent the District's final position. All oral questions must be submitted in writing following the close of the pre-bid Conference but no later than five working days after the pre-bid Conference in order to generate an official answer. Official answers will be provided in writing to all prospective bidders who are listed on the official bidder's list as having received a copy of the solicitation. Answers will be posted on the OCP website at www.ocp.dc.gov

L.6 WITHDRAWAL OR MODIFICATION OF BIDS

A bidder may modify or withdraw its bid upon written, telegraphic notice, or facsimile transmission if received at the location designated in the solicitation for submission of bids, but not later than the exact time set for opening of bids.

L.7 LATE SUBMISSIONS, LATE MODIFICATIONS, AND LATE WITHDRAWALS

L.7.1 Bids, modifications to bids, or requests for withdrawals that are received in the designated District office after the exact local time specified above, are "late" and shall be considered only if they are received before the award is made and one (1) or more of the following circumstances apply:

- a. The bid or modification was sent by registered or certified mail no later than the fifth (5th) day before the date specified for receipt of bids; or
- b. The bid or modification was sent by mail and it is determined by the CO that the late receipt at the location specified in the solicitation was caused by mishandling by the DCPS after receipt.

L.7.2 Postmarks

The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of a late bid, late modification or late withdrawal sent either by registered or certified mail shall be a U.S. or Canadian Postal Service postmark on the wrapper or on the original receipt from the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service. If neither postmark shows a legible date, the bid, modification or withdrawal shall be deemed to have been mailed late. When the postmark shows the date but not the hour, the time is presumed to be the last minute of the date shown. If no date is shown on the postmark, the bid shall be considered late unless the bidder can furnish evidence from the postal authorities of timely mailing.

L.7.3 Late Submissions

A late bid, late request for modification or late request for withdrawal shall not be considered, except as provided in this section.

L.7.4 Late Modifications

A late modification of a successful bid which makes its terms more favorable to the District will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

L.7.5 Late Bids

A late bid, late modification or late withdrawal of a bid that is not considered shall be held unopened, unless opened for identification, until after award and then retained with unsuccessful bids resulting from this solicitation.

L.8 HAND DELIVERY OR MAILING OF BIDS

Bidders must deliver or mail their bids to the address in Section **A.8** of the cover page.

L.9 ERRORS IN BIDS

Bidders are expected to read and understand fully all information and requirements contained in the solicitation; failure to do so will be at the bidder's risk. In event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price, the unit price shall govern.

L.10 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION

If a prospective bidder has any questions relative to this solicitation, the prospective bidder shall submit the questions in writing to the CO. The prospective bidder shall submit questions no later than 15 days prior to the closing date and time indicated for this solicitation. The DCPS will not consider any questions received less than 15 days before the date set for submission of bids. The DCPS will furnish responses promptly to all prospective bidders. An amendment to the solicitation will be issued, if that information is necessary in submitting bids, or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any prospective bidders. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract will not be binding.

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L.11 FAILURE TO SUBMIT BIDS

Recipients of this solicitation not responding with a bid should not return this solicitation. Instead, they should advise the contracting officer, whether they want to receive future solicitations for similar requirements. It is also requested that such recipients advise the Contracting Officer, of the reason for not submitting a bid in response to this solicitation. If a recipient does not submit a bid and does not notify the Contracting Officer, that future solicitations are desired, the recipient's name may be removed from the applicable mailing list.

L.12 BID PROTESTS

Any actual or prospective bidder or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract, must file with the D.C. Contract Appeals Board (Board) a protest no later than ten (10) business days after the basis of protest is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier. A protest based on alleged improprieties in a solicitation which are apparent prior to bid opening or the time set for receipt of initial bids shall be filed with the Board prior to bid opening or the time set for receipt of initial bids. In procurements in which bids are requested, alleged improprieties which do not exist in the initial solicitation, but which are subsequently incorporated into this solicitation, must be protested no later than the next closing time for receipt of bids following the incorporation. The protest shall be filed in writing, with the Contract Appeals Board, 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 350N, Washington, D.C. 20001. The aggrieved person shall also mail a copy of the protest to the Contracting Officer.

L.13 SIGNING OF BIDS

L.13.1 The bidder shall sign the bid and print or type its name on the Solicitation, Offer and Award form of this solicitation. Each bid must show a full business address and telephone number of the bidder and be signed by the person or persons legally authorized to sign contracts. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the bid. Bids signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the Contracting Officer.

L.13.2 All correspondence concerning the bid or resulting contract will be mailed to the address shown on the bid in the absence of written instructions from the bidder or contractor to the contrary. Any bid submitted by a partnership must be signed with the partnership name by a general partner with authority to bind the partnership. Any bid submitted by a corporation must be signed with the name of the corporation followed by the signature and title of the person having authority to sign for the corporation. Bidders shall complete and sign all Representations, Certifications and Acknowledgments as appropriate. Failure to do so may result in a bid rejection.

L.14 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

The bidder shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (a) by signing and returning the amendment; (b) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose in Section A, Solicitation, Offer and Award form; or (c) by letter, telegram or e-mail from an authorized representative. The District must receive the acknowledgment by the date and time specified for receipt of bids. A bidder's failure to acknowledge an amendment may result in rejection of its bid.

L.15 BIDS WITH OPTION YEARS

The bidder shall include option year prices in its bid. A bid may be determined to be nonresponsive if it does not include option year pricing.

L.16 LEGAL STATUS OF BIDDER

Each bid must provide the following information:

L.16.1 Name, address, telephone number and federal tax identification number of bidder;

L.16.2 A copy of each District of Columbia license, registration or certification that the bidder is required by law to obtain. This mandate also requires the bidder to provide a copy of the executed "Clean Hands Certification" that is referenced in D.C. Official Code §47-2862, if the bidder is required by law to make such certification. If the bidder is a corporation or partnership and does not provide a copy of its license, registration or certification to transact business in the District of Columbia, the bid shall certify its intent to obtain the necessary license, registration or certification prior to contract award or its exemption from such requirements; and

L.16.3 If the bidder is a partnership or joint venture, the names and addresses of the general partners or individual members of the joint venture, and copies of any joint venture or teaming agreements.

L.17 BID OPENING

The District shall publicly open bids submitted in response to this IFB. The District shall read aloud or otherwise make available the name of each bidder, the bid price, and other information that is deemed appropriate.

L.18 CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

Prior to commencing work, the Contractor shall have its insurance broker or insurance company submit certificates of insurance giving evidence of the required coverages as specified in Section I.8 to the contracting officer

L.19 GENERAL STANDARDS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The prospective contractor must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the DCPS its capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements; therefore, the prospective contractor must submit the documentation listed below, within five (5) days of the request by the DCPS.

L.19.1 Evidence of adequate financial resources, credit or the ability to obtain such resources as required during the performance of the contract.

L.19.2 Evidence of the ability to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments.

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- L.19.3** Evidence of the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational control, technical skills or the ability to obtain them.
- L.19.4** Evidence of compliance with the applicable District licensing and tax laws and regulations.
- L.19.5** Evidence of a satisfactory performance record, record of integrity and business ethics.
- L.19.6** Evidence of the necessary production, construction and technical equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them.
- L.19.7** Evidence of other qualifications and eligibility criteria necessary to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.
- L.19.8** If the prospective contractor fails to supply the information requested, the CO shall make the determination of responsibility or nonresponsibility based upon available information. If the available information is insufficient to make a determination of responsibility, the CO shall determine the prospective contractor to be nonresponsible.

SECTION M: EVALUATION FACTORS

M.1. Preferences for Certified Business Enterprises

Under the provisions of the “Small, Local, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005”, as amended, D.C. Official Code § 2-218.01 *et seq.* (the Act), the District shall apply preferences in evaluating bids from businesses that are small, local, disadvantaged, resident-owned, longtime resident, veteran-owned, local manufacturing, or local with a principal office located in an enterprise zone of the District of Columbia.

M.1.1. Application of Preferences

For evaluation purposes, the allowable preferences under the Act shall be applicable to prime contractors as follows:

- M.1.1.1** Any prime contractor that is a small business enterprise (SBE) certified by the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) will receive a three percent (3%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the SBE in response to this Invitation for Bids (IFB).
- M.1.1.2** Any prime contractor that is a resident-owned business (ROB) certified by DSLBD will receive a five percent (5%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the ROB in response to this IFB.
- M.1.1.3** Any prime contractor that is a longtime resident business (LRB) certified by DSLBD will receive a five percent (5%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the LRB in response to this IFB.
- M.1.1.4** Any prime contractor that is a local business enterprise (LBE) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the LBE in response to this IFB.

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- M.1.1.5** Any prime contractor that is a local business enterprise with its principal offices located in an enterprise zone (DZE) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the DZE in response to this IFB.
- M.1.1.6** Any prime contractor that is a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the DBE in response to this IFB.
- M.1.1.7** Any prime contractor that is a veteran-owned business (VOB) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the VOB in response to this IFB.
- M.1.1.8** Any prime contractor that is a local manufacturing business enterprise (LMBE) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the LMBE in response to this IFB.

M.1.2 Maximum Preference Awarded

Notwithstanding the availability of the preceding preferences, the maximum total preference to which a certified business enterprise is entitled under the Act is twelve per cent (12%) for bids submitted in response to this IFB. There will be no preference awarded for subcontracting by the prime contractor with certified business enterprises.

M.1.3 Preferences for Certified Joint Ventures

When DSLBD certifies a joint venture, the certified joint venture will receive preferences as a prime contractor for categories in which the joint venture and the certified joint venture partner are certified, subject to the maximum preference limitation set forth in the preceding paragraph.

M.1.4 Verification of Bidder's Certification as a Certified Business Enterprise

- M.1.4.1** Any Contractor seeking to receive preferences on this solicitation must be certified at the time of submission of its bid. The CO will verify the bidder's certification with DSLBD, and the bidder should not submit with its bid any documentation regarding its certification as a certified business enterprise.
- M.1.4.2** Any vendor seeking certification or provisional certification in order to receive preferences under this solicitation should contact the:

Department of Small and Local Business Development
ATTN: CBE Certification Program
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 970N
Washington DC 20001

- M.1.4.3** All vendors are encouraged to contact DSLBD at (202) 727-3900 if additional information is required on certification procedures and requirements.

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M.2 EVALUATION OF OPTION YEARS

The District will evaluate bids for award purposes by evaluating the total price for all options as well as the base year. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the District to exercise them. The total District's requirements may change during the option years. Quantities to be awarded will be determined at the time each option is exercised.

M.3 PRICE EVALUATION

For the purpose of comparing bids DCPS will total the total annual cost for the base year and each of the option years for 200 Mbps Internet Port costs and 1000 Mbps Local Loop costs.