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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RFP #MDOT-FA-02172016

Due Date: March 23, 2016

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KEY INFORMATION SUMMARY SHEET Maryland State Treasurer's Office Request for Proposals For Financial Advisor to the Maryland Department of Transportation

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Solicitation Issue Date: February 17, 2016

Deadline for Receipt of Questions: March 2, 2016 by 2:00 p.m. local time

Proposal Due Date and Time: March 23, 2016 by 2:00 p.m. local time

Oral Presentation, if any: April 14-15, 2016

Tentative Contract Award: May 10, 2016

Notice: Prospective offerors (the "Offerors") who received this document from https://emaryland.buyspeed.com/bso, or from a source other than the Issuing Office, should immediately contact the Procurement Officer and provide their name and mailing address in order that amendments to this Request for Proposals or other communications can be sent to them. Any prospective Offeror who fails to notify the Issuing Office with this information assumes complete responsibility in the event that they do not receive amendments or other communications from the Issuing Office prior to the closing date.

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SECTION I. PROCUREMENT OBJECTIVE

1.01 Summary

The Maryland State Treasurer's Office (the "Office") on behalf of the Maryland Department of Transportation ("MDOT"), is requesting proposals from responsible firms to act as Financial Advisor. The successful Offeror will assist MDOT in the development of the agency's financial strategies to meet its capital investment needs at an acceptable cost; assist in the technical aspects of designing financial arrangements and instruments, to include the sale of Consolidated Transportation Bonds, County Transportation Revenue Bonds, other innovative debt financings such as Certificates of Participation and Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles, and represent MDOT's interest in financial markets.

1.02 Procurement Method

The Maryland State Treasurer's Office is the issuer of this Request for Proposal ("RFP" or "solicitation"). The Office will award the contract(s) arising out of this RFP (the "Contract(s))" in accordance with the competitive sealed proposals process under COMAR 21.05.03.

1.03 <u>Issuing Office and Procurement Officer</u>

Maryland State Treasurer's Office Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building 80 Calvert Street, Room 109 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Procurement Officer: Anne Jewell

Phone: (410) 260-7903

E-mail: procurement@treasurer.state.md.us

The sole point of contact for purposes of this procurement is the Procurement Officer. The Procurement Officer may designate others to act on her behalf. The Office may change the Procurement Officer or the limits of her authority at its discretion.

1.04 Contract Officer

The Contract Officer monitors the daily activities of the Contract and provides technical guidance to the Contractor. The State Contract Officer is:

June Hornick, Assistant Director for Debt Management
Office of Finance
Maryland Department of Transportation
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Hanover, Maryland 21076

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1.05 <u>Use of "eMaryland Marketplace"</u>

eMaryland Marketplace (https://emaryland.buyspeed.com/bso) is a free electronic commerce system administered by the Maryland Department of General Services. The RFP, associated materials, and all other solicitation-related material will be provided via eMaryland Marketplace.

This means that all such information is immediately available to subscribers of eMaryland Marketplace. All subscribers will receive solicitation notifications as well as solicitation update/change order notifications. Because of the instant access afforded by eMaryland Marketplace, it is recommended that all Offerors interested in doing business with Maryland State agencies subscribe to eMaryland Marketplace. The successful Offeror will be required to subscribe to eMaryland Marketplace upon Contract award.

1.06 Schedule of Events

Event
Solicitation Issue Date
Deadline for Receipt of Questions
Proposal Due Date
Oral Presentations, if any
Tentative Date of Contract Award

Date February 17, 2016 March 2, 2016 by 2:00 p.m. Local Time March 23, 2016 by 2:00 p.m. Local Time April 14-15, 2016 May 10, 2016

1.07 Pre-proposal Conference

The Office will not hold a pre-proposal conference.

1.08 **Questions and Inquiries**

All Offerors should direct their questions and inquiries to the Procurement Officer identified in Section 1.03 above. Questions must be submitted in writing by mail or via email and received by the Issuing Office no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. Oral questions will not be permitted. If the questions or inquiries pertain to a specific section of the RFP, Offerors must reference the relevant page and section number(s).

1.09 Submission Requirements and Deadline

To be considered for award, Offerors must submit to the Procurement Officer a package containing one (1) written original and 5 copies (total of 6) of the Technical Proposal and the Price Proposal, each in separate sealed envelopes. All submissions shall indicate the RFP Title and number, and the Offeror's name and address. **Proposals must be received by the Procurement Officer at the Issuing Office no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.** Additionally, each Offeror must provide to the Procurement Officer on compact disk one electronic copy of the Technical and Price Proposals submitted. As with the written submission, the electronic copy submission of the

Technical Proposal and the Price Proposal must be provided in separate sealed envelopes. Refer to Section IV. <u>Proposal Format</u> for two-volume submission.

The Office will not grant requests for extension of the submission date or time. Offerors mailing proposals should allow sufficient mail and internal delivery time to ensure timely receipt of the proposals by the Procurement Officer at the Issuing Office. Except as permitted under COMAR 21.05.02.10, the Office will not consider proposals or unsolicited amendments to proposals arriving in the Issuing Office or received by the Procurement Officer after the closing date and time, regardless of the method of their transmission. The Office will not consider proposals submitted by electronic means only (facsimile or e-mail).

1.10 False Statements

Offerors are advised that State Finance and Procurement Article §11-205.1, Annotated Code of Maryland provides as follows:

- (a) In general. In connection with a procurement contract a person may not willfully:
 - (1) falsify, conceal, or suppress a material fact by any scheme or device;
 - (2) make a false or fraudulent statement or representation of a material fact; or
 - (3) use a false writing or document that contains a false or fraudulent statement or entry of a material fact.
- (b) Aiding or conspiring with others. A person may not aid or conspire with another person to commit an act under subsection (a) of this section.
- (c) *Penalty.* A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or both.

1.11 Duration of Offer

Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation are irrevocable for 120 days following the later of the proposal due date or the date the Procurement Officer receives final best and final offers, if any. At the request of the Procurement Officer, the Offeror may agree in writing to extend this period.

SECTION II. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.01 Electronic Distribution

This RFP is published on *eMaryland Marketplace*, posted on the websites for the National Association of State Treasurers and the Office, and emailed to financial advisory firms known to be interested in receiving RFPs. Potential Offerors wishing to receive copies of the written document should contact the Procurement Officer identified in Section 1.03 above.

2.02 Revisions to the RFP

The Office reserves the right to amend this RFP at any time prior to the proposal due date and time. If it becomes necessary to revise this RFP at any time prior to the proposal due date and time, the Office will provide amendments to all prospective Offerors that were sent this RFP or otherwise are known by the Procurement Officer to have obtained this RFP. Offerors will be required to acknowledge in writing the receipt of all amendments. In addition, the Office will post amendments to the RFP on the Office's Web Page at www.treasurer.state.md.us, (select "Procurement" and then "RFP for Financial Advisor to the Maryland Department of Transportation"), and through eMaryland Marketplace at: https://emaryland.buyspeed.com/bso. The Office will send amendments made after the due date for proposals only to those Offerors who submitted a timely proposal. Failure to acknowledge receipt of amendments does not relieve the Offeror from complying with all terms of any such amendment.

2.03 Cancellation of the RFP; Rejection of All Proposals

The Office may cancel this RFP, in whole or in part, or may reject all proposals submitted in response whenever this action is determined to be fiscally advantageous to the State or otherwise in its best interests.

2.04 Proposal Acceptance; Discussions

The Office reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, in whole or in part, received in response to this RFP, to waive or permit cure of minor irregularities, and to conduct discussions with all qualified Offerors in any manner necessary to serve the best interests of the State of Maryland. The Office also reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to award the Contract based upon the written proposals received without prior discussions or negotiations.

2.05 Oral Presentation

In support of their proposals, Offerors may be required to make an oral presentation, or conduct a demonstration, or both, not more than two calendar weeks after the Office has requested an Offeror to do so. Failure to be prepared to make an oral presentation or conduct a demonstration within this time period may prevent the Offeror's proposal from

receiving further consideration. All written representations will become part of the Offeror's proposal and are binding if a Contract is awarded to the Offeror.

2.06 <u>Incurred Expenses</u>

The State will not be responsible for any costs incurred by an Offeror in preparing and submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, including costs incurred in making an oral presentation, if required.

2.07 Proposal Form

Offerors should prepare proposals simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Offeror's proposal for meeting the requirements of this procurement. The Office will not accept oral, telegraphic, facsimile, mailgram, or electronically transmitted proposals.

2.08 <u>Multiple or Alternate Proposals</u>

The Office will not accept multiple or alternative proposals.

2.09 Access to Public Records Act Notice

An Offeror should give specific attention to the identification of those portions of its proposal that it considers confidential, proprietary commercial information or trade secrets, and provide justification why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the State under the Access to Public Records Act, General Provisions Article, Title 4, Annotated Code of Maryland. The Office may charge a fee for copies and search and preparation time, in accordance with COMAR 25.01.04.09. The Office may require payment of such fees before releasing the requested information.

2.10 Protests

Any protest or dispute related respectively to this solicitation or the resulting Contract shall be subject to the provisions of COMAR 21.10 (Administrative and Civil Remedies). Offerors must file in writing any protest regarding this solicitation with the Procurement Officer only. If the reason for the protest is apparent before the proposal opening, the Offeror must file the protest before the proposal opening. In all other cases, the Offeror must file the protest within 7 calendar days after the reason for the protest is known or should have been known.

The term "filed" means receipt by the Procurement Officer who has issued this solicitation.

The protest must be in writing and must contain (1) the name and address of the protester; (2) the appropriate identification of the solicitation and, if a Contract has been awarded, the Contract number if it is known; (3) a statement of the reasons for the protest; and (4) any supporting exhibits, evidence, or documents to substantiate any claims unless the

documents are not available within the filing time, in which case the date by which the supporting documents are expected to be available is to be noted.

2.11 Proposal Opening

Proposals will not be opened publicly.

2.12 Bid/Proposal Affidavit

Any proposal submitted by an Offeror must be accompanied by a completed Bid/Proposal Affidavit. A copy of this Affidavit is included as Appendix B to this RFP.

2.13 <u>Living Wage Requirements</u>

A solicitation for services under a State contract valued at \$100,000 or more may be subject to State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 18, Annotated Code of Maryland. Additional information regarding the State's Living Wage requirement is contained in this solicitation (see Appendix C entitled "Living Wage Requirements for Service Contracts"). If the Offeror fails to complete and submit the Affidavit of Agreement (see Appendix D), the State may determine an Offeror to be not responsible.

Contractors and subcontractors subject to the Living Wage Law shall pay each covered employee at least \$13.19 per hour, if State contract services valued at 50% or more of the total value of the contract are performed in the Tier 1 Area. If State contract services valued at 50% or more of the total contract value are performed in the Tier 2 Area, an Offeror shall pay each covered employee at least \$10.06 per hour. The specific Living Wage rate is determined by whether a majority of services take place in a Tier 1 Area or Tier 2 Area of the State. The Tier 1 Area includes Montgomery, Prince George's, Howard, Anne Arundel, and Baltimore Counties, and Baltimore City. The Tier 2 Area includes any county in the State not included in the Tier 1 Area. If the employees who perform the services are not located in the State, the head of the unit responsible for a State contract pursuant to §18-102 (d) shall assign the tier based upon where the recipients of the services are located.

The Contract resulting from this solicitation has been deemed to be a Tier 1 contract. All proposals must be accompanied by a completed Living Wage Affidavit of Agreement. A copy of this Affidavit is included as Appendix D to this RFP.

2.14 Contract Affidavit

All Offerors are advised that if a Contract is awarded as a result of this solicitation, the successful Offeror will be required to complete a Contract Affidavit. A copy of this Affidavit is included for informational purposes as Appendix E to this RFP. This Affidavit should not be submitted with an Offeror's proposal.

2.15 Representations

By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, the Offeror represents that (a) it is not in arrears in the payment of any obligation due and owing the State or any department or unit thereof, including but not limited to the payment of taxes and employee benefits (the "State Obligations"), and (b) it is in compliance with all federal, State and local laws applicable to its activities and obligations under the Contract. Further, if selected for award, the Offeror agrees that these representations will continue in effect during the term of the Contract.

2.16 Minority Business Enterprises

The Office has established a 15% minority business enterprise (MBE) subcontractor participation goal of the non-fiduciary services that are described in Section 3.03 B for this solicitation. See Appendix G for instructions on completing the required MBE forms. A directory of certified MBEs is maintained by the Maryland State Department of Transportation Office of Minority Business Enterprise. The directory is available online at www.mdot.state.md.us. Select the "MBE" label and then "Directory of Certified Firms."

The Contract requires the Offeror to make good faith efforts to comply with the Minority Business Enterprise Program and Contract provisions. The Offeror is advised that liquidated damages as outlined in Section 4.12 of the form of Contract will apply in the event the Contractor fails to comply in good faith with these provisions.

2.17 <u>Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise</u>

The Office has not established a veteran-owned small business enterprise ("VSBE") subcontractor participation goal for this solicitation, but Offerors are encouraged to work with certified VSBE subcontractors. A VSBE must be verified by the Center for Veterans Enterprise of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The VSBE list is at: http://www.vetbiz.gov.

2.18 No Guarantee of Work

No contractor is guaranteed any minimum amount of work or compensation.

2.19 Order of Precedence

The Contract between the parties will be embodied in the Contract documents which will consist of the following, listed in their order of precedence:

- 1. the executed Contract;
- 2. the RFP; and
- 3. the Offeror's proposal.

The Office will not accept any modifications to the order of precedence provision of this solicitation.

SECTION III. SCOPE OF SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

3.01 **Background**

MDOT was created in 1970 (Chapter 526, Acts of 1970) and is responsible for various transportation facilities and activities throughout the State of Maryland. MDOT administers the construction and maintenance of the state highway system, the operation and maintenance of the bus system in the Baltimore area, the development and operation of rail rapid transit and light rail transit systems in the Baltimore area, the operation of Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and Martin State Airport, and the operations of state-owned port facilities. MDOT also administers the licensing and regulation of motor vehicle drivers, dealers, manufacturers, and conducts the school bus inspection and highway safety programs. MDOT provides financial assistance to the Maryland portions of the Washington D.C. area bus and rail rapid transit systems. In addition, MDOT has contracts with CSX and Amtrak railroad companies to operate certain commuter rail services.

MDOT is authorized to issue Consolidated Transportation Bonds ("CTBs"). CTBs are fixed rate bonds with maturities of up to 15 years, generally with maturities greater than 8 to 10 years callable. CTBs do not constitute a debt or a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The principal and interest are paid from the proceeds of certain pledged taxes, fees, and other revenues in the Transportation Trust Fund. The aggregate amount of the outstanding and unpaid principal balance for CTBs is restricted by statute and by annual limits in the state's budget bill. As of December 31, 2015, the outstanding total of CTBs was approximately \$2.3 billion. MDOT's CTBs have been consistently rated AAA by Standard and Poor, AA+ by Fitch and Aa1 by Moodys. Each year MDOT generally has two competitive CTB sales.

MDOT may also issue Certificates of Participation ("COPs"). COPs are fixed rate issuances typically secured by a specific revenue source. The maturities of COPs are based on life of the asset and/or revenue source.

In 2014, the General Assembly enacted legislation which allows MDOT to issue special transportation project revenue-backed bonds and pledge and use a dedicated revenue source, which may include revenues attributable to the facilities being financed, for the payment of the debt service on these bonds ("Special Transportation Project Revenue Bonds"). No Special Transportation Project Revenue Bonds have been issued to date.

In the past, the Maryland Transportation Authority ("MDTA") and the Maryland Economic Development Corporation ("MEDCO") have issued debt on behalf of MDOT ("conduit issuances"). Limits for non-CTB debt (COPs, conduit issuances, Special Transportation Project Revenue Bonds) are established each year by the General Assembly in the State budget.

MDOT has pledged to bondholders that additional CTBs will not be issued unless both the pledged taxes of the prior fiscal year and the net revenues for the prior fiscal year are each equal to at least two times maximum annual debt service. Although both tests require 2.0 times coverage, MDOT's administrative policy is to provide 2.5 times coverage. The additional

coverage acts as a cushion against revenue and expense variations and thus allows time to adjust the financial strategies while maintaining the capital program.

MDOT maintains a six-year financial plan, which contains a forecast of revenues and operating and capital expenditures. The forecast is a planning tool that enables MDOT to evaluate its long-term financial resources, identify projects to be funded, and develop a plan to cover required operating and capital expenditures. MDOT uses the forecast to plan debt issuances, ensuring that debt-financed projects do not exceed the permitted statutory level or internal debt controls. The Maryland Board of Public Works ("BPW") must approve all MDOT debt issuances.

MDOT's Office of Finance ("OF") handles activities related to the sale of MDOT's bonds, including but not limited to determining the amount of sale and method of sale, scheduling calls/meetings with the rating agencies, preparing the resolutions, presenting the bond sale agenda to the BPW, preparing and publishing all required notices and advertisements, preparing and distributing the Official Statement ("OS"), and obtaining all necessary signatures on documents.

The OF also handles matters related to post-sale compliance with federal regulations and is responsible for bond spend out tracking and determining any arbitrage rebate liability. Throughout the year, the OF manages relationships with the rating agencies by updating information (e.g. CAFR, pledged revenue estimates). The OF is also responsible for compliance with CDA, writing pre-sale and post-sale procedures, and for posting the final OS.

Other financings such as COPs occur for specific projects. The last new money COPs were issued in 2006. On occasion, MDOT will sell refunding bonds. MDOT last refunded CTBs in June 2015. MDOT, along with its financial advisor, will continue to monitor future refunding opportunities.

MDOT is also authorized to issue County Transportation Bonds and County Transportation Revenue Bonds. These bond programs allow MDOT to act as a conduit issuer for the counties (includes Baltimore City), to finance the cost of county transportation facilities. Debt Service is typically paid from the participating county's share of the highway user revenues.

The Transportation Trust Fund ("TTF"), administered by MDOT and held separate from the State's general fund, is the largest of the State special funds. The TTF consolidates into one single fund all fiscal resources dedicated to transportation, including excise taxes on motor fuel and motor vehicle taxes, a portion of the corporate income tax, wharfage and airport landing fees, rentals and transit fare box revenues. All expenditures of MDOT are made from the TTF. In addition, Consolidated Transportation Bonds and Certificates of Participation are serviced from the TTF, and the particular taxes and other designated revenues are both dedicated to the payment of such indebtedness and constitute the sole sources to which bond holders may legally look for payment.

3.02 Objectives

The objective of this procurement is to select two Senior Financial Advisor firms for advisory services related to the sale, issuance and refunding of transportation bonds. MDOT may select one of the senior financial advisors for issuance of transportation bonds on a rotating basis with the selection being at the discretion of the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") or the CFO's designee.

The second objective is for the financial advisor firms to provide advisory services for a broad range of issues in the area of public finance (e.g. lease financing, disclosures, rating agency relations, research on alternative methods of financing, and other assignments from MDOT as needed.) MDOT will determine, in MDOT's sole discretion, which Contractor is best suited and available to provide advice on any particular matter at any given time.

MDOT reserves the right to remove any firm at any time based on factors including, but not limited to, performance, change in staff or firm organization and/or any change in ownership status.

The term of the Contract(s) for Financial Advisor is anticipated to be in effect from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019 with two one-year renewal options.

3.03 Services

The Financial Advisor must work cooperatively and efficiently with MDOT, Office of Attorney General, Bond Counsel, Verification Agent, Escrow Agent, Investment Advisor, and other firms as necessary.

- A. Upon request of MDOT, the Contractor(s) will provide the following financial advisory services:
 - 1. Advise MDOT on matters relating to the municipal bond market conditions, peer organization trends, innovations and outlook, including but not limited to, new issues, refundings, new products, market trends, investor preferences, and perform analysis related to such matters;
 - 2. Review and analyze alternatives for cost effective financing of MDOT's capital program and projects;
 - 3. Analyze each proposed financing, including funding alternatives to improve marketability, and recommend the best method of marketing consistent with current economic and market conditions.
 - 4. At MDOT's request, review and report on the feasibility of using new or innovative financing techniques, approaches, or the use of non-traditional debt instruments (e.g.: leasing transactions; revolving loan funds; public-private partnerships; State Infrastructure Banks; debt backed by airline passenger facility

charge or rental car facility charge revenues; credit enhancement mechanisms; and any financing methods that may be employed under federal and state laws; including but not limited to, GARVEE Bonds and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act ("TIFIA") Loans);

- 5. Advise MDOT on the relative merits of competitive versus negotiated bidding processes on bond sales, as appropriate;
- 6. Advise MDOT on bidding conditions and proposed sale dates so as not to compete with other issuers and to avoid periods of market volatility;
- 7. Assist in the preparation and review of documents for debt issues, including the Preliminary Official Statements, other offering documents, Final Official Statements and closing documents;
- 8. Advise on the appropriate terms and conditions of sale, including but not limited to serial and term bonds, maturity schedules and other requirements such as discount, par, premium, net increases, cost, true interest rate, parity provisions, reserve requirements, sinking fund payments, and redemption provisions to achieve the lowest interest rates while maintaining MDOT's credit ratings;
- 9. Conduct pre-sale market analysis using estimated costs of issuance;
- 10. Assist MDOT in the procurement and selection (including by subcontract when and as directed by MDOT) of agents and services necessary or desirable for the sale and issuance of MDOT debt, including, but not limited to, verification agents, underwriters, escrow agents, printers, electronic bidding and posting services and advertising and review the performance of these entities;
- 11. Advise MDOT on rating agency matters, including evaluation of departmental or state changes, changes in rating agency personnel and a synopsis of their criteria and likely concerns that could affect the existing rating and requirements (debt service coverage ratios). Assist in the scheduling and preparation of presentations to rating agencies to ensure that MDOT's current credit ratings are retained or improved;
- 12. Assist in making presentations to the rating agencies, BPW and other officials and potential purchasers of MDOT's bonds;
- 13. Assist in the evaluation of bids received for bonds and recommendations of the winning bidder;
- 14. Conduct post-sale market analysis using actual costs of issuance and compare against pre-sale estimates and report on the differences. Compare MDOT transaction with MMD and other similar transactions in the market at the same time;

- 15. As directed, assist the office in any response to inquiries or audits from the U.S. Treasury and other regulatory agencies; including but not limited to, United States ("U.S.") Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB");
- 16. At the request of MDOT, review and report on MDOT's annual six-year fiscal projections as they relate to the Consolidated Transportation Program;
- 17. Review and advise MDOT on its various transportation revenue sources;
- 18. Assist with the development of requests for proposals and analysis of responses for negotiated financing transactions and analyze any proposals that are presented by investment bankers;
- 19. Advise MDOT on investments, reinvestment of funds, and other investment advisory functions;
- 20. Advise on any other matters concerning the issuance of debt instruments by MDOT including, but not limited to, capital leases, revenue bonds, conduit issuances (County Transportation Revenue Bonds), and the use of conduit issuers (i.e. Maryland Transportation Authority or Maryland Economic Development Corporation);
- 21. Advise on budget, organization and workforce issues that affect the finances of MDOT and/or the marketability of MDOT's bonds.
- 22. Provide advice and assistance, including arbitrage rebate calculations, if required, on arbitrage and arbitrage rebate issues;
- B. Upon request of MDOT, the Contractor or any participating subcontractor(s) will provide the following services;
 - 1. Provide MDOT with any training, newsletters and other informational material routinely provided to clients;
 - 2. Advise and assist in drafting and reviewing legislation affecting debt issuance and management;
 - 3. Assist MDOT with all regulatory requirements, continuing disclosure requirements, and best practices and other post issuance compliance matters;
 - 4. Provide guidance on proposed and enacted regulatory changes imposed by Congress, the U.S. Treasury, and other regulatory agencies; including but not limited to the IRS, SEC and MSRB;

- 5. Advise MDOT on peer organization trends and market trends.
- 6. As directed, review secondary market activity of MDOT's bonds and report the activity to MDOT;
- 7. As directed, assist MDOT in drafting training materials on bond related topics for MDOT's modal administrations (aviation, port, highways sand transit); and
- 8. Perform other tasks consistent with the purpose of this Contract which, in the view of MDOT, do not require a fiduciary relationship between Offeror and subcontractor and MDOT as may be specified by MDOT including any other service necessary, customary or incidental to the sale or the issuance of debt and the financing of capital projects.

All services will be performed only upon request of MDOT. Work plans and budgets for any studies or special analyses must be approved in advance by MDOT.

MDOT may elect not to use the services of the selected financial advisor on any particular transaction or it may issue more than one contract for any of these requirements.

3.04 Exclusion

The Maryland Transportation Authority ("MDTA"), of which the Secretary of Transportation is Chairman, is responsible for the administration of various toll revenue facilities. The MDTA financial transactions are accounted for in a separate special revenue fund. While MDOT has, and may in the future, enter into agreements with the MDTA for the MDTA to finance MDOT projects, this RFP does not provide for financial advisory services to the MDTA.

3.05 <u>Independence</u>

During the term of the contract, the selected Offeror, as well as its parent, its subsidiaries, and its affiliates (if any), may not:

- 1. Serve as an underwriter or member of an underwriting syndicate for MDOT financing transactions upon which the selected offeror has advised MDOT, or provide legislative consultant services, with respect to the scope of this Contract.
- 2. Make political contributions or give gifts or gratuities in violation of rules promulgated or proposed by the MSRB, or provide legislative consultant services, with respect to the scope of this Contract.
- 3. Engage in other activities (such as fee splitting or paying finder's fees) that could present a real or perceived conflict of interest with the duties of the selected Offeror under the contract.

Any such affiliation made known to MDOT and/or the Office during the term of the contract may cause the Office to terminate the Contract.

The selected Offeror shall, at the commencement of the Contract, deliver to the Office a letter containing the disclosures and undertakings required by draft Rule G-46 of the MSRB (as drafted if not yet implemented, or as implemented, and in either case as such rule may be modified and amended).

3.06 Compliance with Applicable Rules and Regulations

During the term of the Contract, the selected Offeror shall maintain all required registrations, and comply with all applicable regulatory agency rules, including but not limited to those of the MSRB and the SEC. Failure to comply with such rules may result in termination of the Contract.

3.07 <u>Minimum Requirements</u>

To be considered for this Contract, the Offeror's team must meet the following minimum requirements and submit evidence satisfying these requirements in the proposal submission:

- 1. Currently serve, or have served within the last three years, as Senior Financial Advisor to a state, county, municipal, or special authority with an outstanding debt of at least \$500 million;
- 2. Have a minimum of 5 years of experience with the municipal bond market, specifically with respect to revenue bonds for highways, transit, ports, or airports;
- 3. Have a minimum of 5 years of experience as a Senior Financial Advisor in advising transportation agencies and/or transportation authorities, including public private initiatives;
- 4. Must be registered with the SEC and the MSRB as a municipal advisor.

3.08 Term

The term of the Contract shall be for a period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019 with two one-year renewal options exercised at the sole discretion of MDOT and the Office. The Contract extends to settlement of any financing transactions in process at the conclusion of the Contract.

3.09 Compensation

Financial advisory services shall be compensated at two (2) different hourly rates. The primary rate shall be an hourly rate for senior professional level personnel reviewing complex financial analyses and advising MDOT. A lower rate shall apply to services performed by associate level professionals (e.g. production of refunding analysis, cash flows). Projects requiring significant

associate-level effort must use associate level fees. All invoices will be reviewed for appropriate assignment of personnel. The rates must include all expenses other than:

- a) Direct out-of-pocket travel expenses which will be reimbursed in accordance with the State's standard travel regulations (COMAR 23.02.01);
- b) Express mail charges incurred at the direction of MDOT or the Office; and
- c) Charges for outside services that are authorized by MDOT (such as posting the POS on Parity).

All invoices must include specific information on the personnel assigned, the task, and time spent for each task and must be submitted no later than 30 days from settlement or completion of a specific non-bond sale task.

Hourly rates will remain in effect through the initial three (3) year contract term. Thereafter, the charges may be adjusted each year for the subsequent one-year optional renewal periods. The percentage increase in any change at the annual optional anniversary date may not exceed the change in the consumer price index (Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers) during the immediately preceding calendar year. Notice of a proposed adjustment in charges shall be given to MDOT and the Office not less than sixty (60) days preceding the effective date of the adjustment, which notice shall set forth the formula used to calculate such increase.

By submitting a response to this solicitation, the Offeror agrees to accept any payments from the State by electronic funds transfer unless the State Comptroller's Office grants an exemption. The selected Offeror shall register using form COT/GAD X-10 Vendor Electronic Funds (EFT) Registration Request Form. Any request for exemption must be submitted to the State Comptroller's Office for approval at the address specified on the COT/GAD X-10 form and must include the business identification information as stated on the form and include the reason for the exemption. The COT/GAD X-10 Vendor Electronic Funds (EFT) Registration Request Form may be downloaded from: www.comp.state.md.us, select under Agency Divisions, "General Accounting Division," and then "Electronic Funds Transfer, and then "Form X-10."

Payments to the selected Offeror shall be made no later than 30 days after receipt by the Office of monthly invoices from the Contractor. Each invoice for services rendered must reflect the Contractor's federal tax identification number. Charges for late payment of invoices, other than as prescribed by Title 15, Subtitle 1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as from time to time amended, are prohibited.

The selected Offeror may not engage in activities on behalf of MDOT that produce a direct or indirect financial gain for the Offeror, other than the agreed-upon compensation, without MDOT's informed consent.

3.10 Staffing Requirements.

MDOT expects that personnel will be assigned to the project as described in Section 4.03.5 and of the Offeror's Technical Proposal. If one or more of the proposed personnel become unavailable for

continuation of the work assignment, the Contractor shall replace said individual(s) with personnel of substantially equal ability and meeting the minimum qualifications set forth in Section 3.07. However, any changes to designated personnel will require the prior written approval of MDOT. If the proposed replacement personnel are accepted by MDOT, the changes in personnel shall be effected without additional cost to MDOT and without formal modification of the Contract. If the proposed replacement personnel are not accepted by MDOT, additional replacement personnel must be proposed until accepted by MDOT. No work for MDOT may be performed by replacement personnel prior to being accepted by MDOT.

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SECTION IV. PROPOSAL FORMAT

4.01 <u>Transmittal Letter</u>

A brief transmittal letter prepared on the Offeror's business stationery should accompany the original and required copies of the two-volume proposal. The letter must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the selected Offeror to all statements, including services and prices, contained in the proposal. The transmittal letter should also indicate that, if selected, the Offeror will execute a Contract materially the same as Appendix F.

4.02 Two -Volume Submission

The selection procedure for this RFP requires the Office to complete the technical evaluation of each portion of an Offeror's Technical Proposal before consideration of an Offeror's Price Proposal. Consequently, each proposal must be submitted in two volumes as indicated below.

4.03 **Volume I - Technical Proposal**

The Technical Proposal volume shall be labeled "Maryland State Treasurer's Office Request for Proposals for Financial Advisor to the Maryland Department of Transportation-Technical." This volume shall contain the transmittal letter (Section 4.01), the completed Bid/Proposal Affidavit (Appendix B), the Affidavit of Agreement, Maryland Living Wage Requirements-Service Contracts (Appendix D), and Minority Business Enterprise Participation Forms (Appendix G).

The ideal response would reiterate each subsection and then list the Offeror's response, item by item, so that an evaluator can read the requirement followed by the response. The Technical Proposal should be prepared in a clear and concise manner and should address all requirements and services set forth in the solicitation.

The Technical Proposal shall provide all required information in the following subsections:

1. <u>General Information</u>

- A. Name of firm;
- B. Mailing address of the office from which the proposal is being submitted;
- C. Name of individual who will represent the firm as the primary contact person on matters relating to the proposal; and
- D. Telephone and e-mail address of the individual identified in C.

2. Minimum Qualifications

Indicate how the Offeror's proposed team meets the Minimum Qualifications cited in Section 3.07.

3. Firm's Capabilities

- A. Describe the firm, including when organized, corporate structure, and type of ownership;
- B. By location, number of professional level employees, associate level employees and support staff engaged full-time in advising transportation authorities or departments on matters related to the issuance of tax-exempt securities; and
- C. Approximate proportion of the firm's revenues derived from financial advisory services to tax-exempt issuers other than health care and housing issuers.

4. <u>Financing Experience</u>

- A. Provide a representative list of tax-exempt transportation related bond issuers for which your proposed team has served as primary financial advisor since July 1, 2012 indicating:
 - Name of issuer:
 - Amount of issue;
 - Date of issue;
 - Type of issue;
 - Use of derivative products
 - Purpose/Use of proceeds;
 - Method of sale;
 - Personnel assigned and role performed;
 - Nature of your services;
 - Whether or not the deal was a current or advance refunding; and
- B. Select two of the issuers listed above, other than MDOT and MDTA, and discuss how the experience gained from working for these issuers relates to the services to be provided to MDOT. The preference here is for transportation, innovative and complex financing experience. Be sure to indicate any unusual or exceptional problems, conditions, or situations that your firm faced and resolved.
- C. Provide a list of any Maryland State Agency or Maryland Local government agency issuers for which your firm has served as senior financial advisor since July 1, 2012, indicating:
 - Name of issuer;
 - Amount of issue;
 - Date of issue:
 - Type of issue;
 - Use of derivative products
 - Purpose/Use of proceeds;
 - Method of sale;
 - Personnel assigned and role performed;
 - Nature of your services;

- Whether or not the deal was a current or advance refunding; and
- D. Provide a representative list of governmental units engaged in capital lease financing (including COPs) for which your firm's proposed team has served as primary financial advisor since July 1, 2012, indicating:
 - Name of government;
 - Amount of financing;
 - Date of financing;
 - Description of financing (type, use of proceeds, method);
 - Personnel assigned and the role performed, and;
 - Nature of your services.
- E. Provide a representative list of public entities engaged in public/private partnerships ("PPP") for which your firm's proposed team has served as a primary financial advisor since July 1, 2012, indicating:
 - Name of public entity;
 - Amount of PPP financing;
 - Date of PPP financing;
 - Description of PPP financing
 - Personnel assigned and role performed; and
 - Nature of your services.
- F. Select one transportation entity listed above in D and discuss how the experience gained from working for these entities relates to the services requested by MDOT. Be sure to indicate any unusual or exceptional problems, conditions, or situations that your firm faced and solved.
- G. Describe your experience with Maryland laws concerning public finance, including bond sales, lease financing, and refunding bonds.
- 5. Proposed Professional Level and Associate Level Personnel
 - A. Indicate the manner in which you would organize the proposed team's resources to provide the appropriate assistance to MDOT by including the following:
 - 1. Identify the individual who will be the principal advisor to MDOT.
 - 2. How many years' experience, including transportation, this individual has in providing senior-level financial advisory services to tax-exempt issuers similar to MDOT.
 - 3. How many years' experience does this individual have in providing financial advisor services to issuers of taxable and tax credit bonds?
 - 4. How many years' experience does this individual have with your firm.
 - 5. Define this individual's position with the firm.

- 6. What is this person's availability i.e., what is the nature of this person's responsibility for other clients? What percentage of scope of services to be performed by this individual?
- 7. Did this individual participate with any of the issuers listed in 4A, 4D and/or 4E? If yes, what role did this individual play?
- B. Identify other professional level and associate level staff that will be assigned to this Contract, the percentage of the scope of services to be performed by each person assigned, their roles and responsibilities, their participation with any of the issuers listed in 4A,4C,4D and/or 4E, years of experience and the relevant aspects of their background.
- C. Provide information on how you expect to assign the services listed in Section 3.03 to the firm's personnel assigned to this Contract, and to any MBE firms which will be participating with this Contract.
- D. Identify any other professional level and associate level staff that you might propose to be assigned to the Contract in the event that the individuals listed above are not available for assignment.
- E. Provide resumes for the individuals listed in A and B above.

6. Rationale for Appointment

This section of the Technical Proposal should be used by each Offeror to present the case for its appointment as financial advisor. The section may include any additional material the Offeror may choose to submit.

7. Client References

Provide five client references. The list must include references related to engagements:

- A. On which the principal advisor in 5A above, have played a lead role and;
- B. For which the services provided are similar to the services expected to be provided to MDOT and;
- C. Furnish the name, title, agency, telephone number, and email address for each reference. The Office and MDOT reserve the right to contact any previous client whether or not listed as a reference.

8. <u>Economic Benefits to the State of Maryland</u>

Each proposal submitted in response to this solicitation must describe the benefits that will accrue to the Maryland economy as a direct result of the Offeror's performance of the Contract resulting from this RFP. Economic benefits include:

- A. The Contract dollars to be recycled into Maryland's economy in support of the Contract, through the use of Maryland subcontractors, suppliers, and joint venture partners. Offerors should be as specific as possible and provide a breakdown of expenditures in this category. Do not provide actual dollars for each category. Include percent of the total budget requested.
- B. The numbers and types of jobs for Maryland residents resulting from the Contract. Indicate job classifications, number of employees in each classification, and the aggregate payroll to which the Contractor has committed at both prime, and if applicable, subcontract levels. Do not provide actual dollars for each category. Include percent of the total budget requested.
- C. Tax revenues to be generated for Maryland and its political subdivisions as a result of this Contract. Indicate the tax category (sales tax, payroll taxes, inventory taxes, and estimated personal income taxes for new employee). Provide a forecast of the total tax revenues resulting from the Contract. Do not provide actual dollars for each category. Include percent of the total budget requested.
- D. Subcontract dollars committed to Maryland Small Business and Minority Business Enterprises. Do not provide actual dollars for each category. Include percent of the total budget requested
- E. In addition to the factors listed above, the Offeror should explain any other economic benefits to the State of Maryland that would result from the Offeror's proposal.

4.04 Disclosures

Disclose any relationships with persons or entities that may create a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest. Disclose specific details of any pending legal proceedings (criminal or civil), or regulatory or disciplinary actions by any state or federal regulatory agency, involving the firm or members of the firm; or any convictions, judgments or settlements resulting from such proceedings or actions within the past five years.

4.05 Volume II - Price Proposal

This volume should be labeled "Maryland State Treasurer's Office Request for Proposals for Financial Advisor to the Maryland Department of Transportation – Price". The price proposal

will include an hourly rate for all senior level professional personnel and a separate hourly rate for associate level personnel. The financial ranking for Financial Advisor Services will be evaluated by applying the Offeror's senior and associate level professional hourly rates to a model to be determined by the Office and MDOT.

When assigning personnel, projects requiring significant associate level effort (e.g., production of refunding analysis, cash flows) must use associate level fees. All invoices will be reviewed for appropriate assignment of personnel. The proposed rates must include all expenses except for authorized travel, services and express mail charges.

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SECTION V. EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

5.01 **Qualifying Proposals**

The Procurement Officer first will review each proposal for completeness of response to the requirements contained in Section IV, <u>Proposal Format</u>. Failure to respond to the appropriate questions or in the manner required may disqualify an Offeror's proposal from consideration by the Evaluation Committee.

5.02 Evaluation Committee and Evaluation Criteria

An Evaluation Committee appointed by the Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee will evaluate all qualifying proposals (those proposals that are reasonably susceptible to selection for Contract award) received by the submission deadline. The Evaluation Committee will rank the proposals and make a recommendation for award based on (1) technical merit (see Section 5.03 below), as demonstrated in the technical proposal and oral presentations, if any, and (2) price, both as presented and in the best and final offer, if any. Technical merit will be given more weight than price in determining the Evaluation Committee's final ranking.

5.03 Technical Evaluation

After the Procurement Officer identifies the qualifying proposals the Evaluation Committee will conduct an initial evaluation of the technical merit of each qualifying proposal based on the information provided in the proposal in response to Section 4.03 <u>Volume I – Financial Advisor to the Maryland Department of Transportation – Technical Proposal</u>, above. The Evaluation Committee's final technical evaluation may include information obtained during oral presentations, if any.

For the technical evaluation, the Evaluation Committee will take into consideration the following factors, in order of importance (greatest first):

- 1. Proposed Team's Financial Advisor Experience;
- 2. Proposed Personnel;
- 3. Firm's Capabilities;
- 4. Rational for Appointment; and
- 5. Economic Benefits to the State of Maryland; and

5.04 Price Evaluation

Following completion of the initial technical evaluation, the Evaluation Committee will conduct an initial evaluation of the pricing of each proposal and will establish a financial ranking of all proposals.

5.05 Best and Final Offer

When deemed in the best interest of the State, the Procurement Officer may permit qualified Offerors to revise their initial proposals by submitting best and final offers. The Procurement Officer shall notify each qualified Offeror of the scope of the requested best and final offer, and shall establish a date and time for the submission. The Procurement Officer may require more than one series of best and final offers and discussions, if determined that it is in the State's best interest to do so. If more than one best and final offer is requested, an Offeror's immediate previous offer shall be construed as its best and final offer unless the Offeror submits a timely notice of withdrawal or another best and final offer. The Procurement Officer may consult with and seek the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee during the best and final offer process.

5.06 Final Evaluation and Recommendation for Award

Following oral presentations, reference checks and submissions of best and final offers, if any, the Evaluation Committee will perform its final evaluations and will make a recommendation to the Procurement Officer for award of the Contract to that responsible Offeror or Offerors whose proposals is determined to be the most advantageous to the State based on the results of the final technical and price evaluations. Contract award, if any, is subject to the approval of the State Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee upon the recommendation of the Procurement Officer.

5.07 <u>Debriefing of Unsuccessful Offerors</u>

The Office will conduct a debriefing for an unsuccessful Offerors, provided the Procurement Officer receives a written request within a reasonable period of time after sending notice of a final determination of award. The Office shall honor requests for debriefings at the earliest feasible time after the request has been received. The Office shall hold debriefings in accordance with COMAR 21.05.03.06.

5.08 Responsibility

1. General

- (a) The procurement regulations in COMAR Title 21 define a "responsible" Offeror as one "...who has the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, and the integrity and reliability that shall assure good faith performance."
- (b) COMAR Title 21 also requires that the Procurement Officer determine before awarding a contract to an Offeror whether the Offeror is responsible. The determination of responsibility is based on the subjective judgment of the Procurement Officer about whether the Offeror meets the definition of a "responsible" Offeror.

In addition, the unreasonable failure of an Offeror to supply information promptly in connection with the determination of responsibility shall be grounds for a determination that the Offeror is not responsible.

2. <u>Discussions</u>

The Office reserves the right to discuss and negotiate the terms of an Offeror's proposal with qualified Offerors or potentially qualified Offerors, (i.e., which are reasonably susceptible of being selected for award). If conducted, discussions or negotiations will be conducted with all qualified Offerors. The Office, however, is not obligated to conduct any discussions or negotiations. Each Offeror should be aware that the Office can select a proposal without first discussing the proposal with the selected Offeror.

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APPENDIX A

PRICE PROPOSAL FORM INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Offerors must submit their price proposals on Appendix A-Price Proposal form for Financial Advisor to the Maryland Department of Transportation in accordance with these instructions and as specified on the form. The Price Proposal (Appendix A) must be separately sealed and labeled as directed in Section 1.09.
- 2. The Price Proposal (Appendix A) is to be completed and signed by an individual who is authorized to bind the firm to all unit prices offered.
- 4. On the Price Proposal (Appendix A):
 - A. Prices must be recorded with dollars and cents, e.g., \$24.15. Fractional prices are not acceptable.
 - B. The State will pay the proposed rates per this RFP which may not be contingent on any other factor or condition in any manner.
 - C. Nothing shall be entered that alters or proposes conditions or contingencies on the proposed prices.
- 5. It is imperative that the prices recorded on the Price Proposal form (Appendix A) have been recorded correctly in order to accurately calculate the Offeror's financial proposal. Any incorrect entries or inaccurate calculations by the Offeror will be treated as provided in COMAR 21.05.03.03E and 21.05.02.12.
- 6. If one or more of the aforementioned personnel becomes unavailable for continuation of a work assignment, the Contractor shall replace said individual(s) with personnel of substantially equal ability and qualifications. Any changes to designated key personnel shall be effected without additional cost to the Office and without formal modification of the Agreement.

Appendix A Price Proposal for Financial Advisor

RFP FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RFP # FA-MDOT-02172016

Firm Name: Address:		
The Offeror shall submit labor rates for the sections 5 A, B and D. The Offeror should as financial services outlined in Section 3.03 A posection 3.03B.	ssume that MDOT will	require 300 hours for the
	Section 3.03A	Section 3.03B
(1) Senior Level Professional Hourly Rate	\$	\$
Identify staff who will be billed at this i	rate.	
(2) Associate Level Professional Hourly Rate		\$
Identify staff who will be billed at this i		Ψ
		
The Hourly rates for the senior level professionals the Offeror via this Price Proposal shall be firm for bill to MDOT monthly that identifies the person submit invoices within 30 days after the end of the	r the term of the Contract. ael, task, date and hourly	The Contractor shall submit
In compliance with the RFP and with all terms and that he/she has full authority to submit the above ra		n, the undersigned represents
(A	authorized Signature)	
(P	rinted Name)	
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APPENDIX B

BID/PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT (To be submitted with the Technical Proposal)

BID/PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT	
A. Authority	
I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:	
I (print name)this Affidavit.	possess the legal authority to make

B. CERTIFICATION REGARDING COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION

The undersigned bidder hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct: In preparing its bid on this project, the bidder has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not engaged in "discrimination" as defined in §19-103 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. "Discrimination" means any disadvantage, difference, distinction, or preference in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or commercial treatment of a vendor, subcontractor, or commercial customer on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or on the basis of disability or any otherwise unlawful use of characteristics regarding the vendor's. supplier's, or commercial customer's employees or owners. "Discrimination" also includes retaliating against any person or other entity for reporting any incident of "discrimination". Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation on this project, it is understood that, if the certification is false, such false certification constitutes grounds for the State to reject the bid submitted by the bidder on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the bid. As part of its bid or proposal, the bidder herewith submits a list of all instances within the past 4 years where there has been a final adjudicated determination in a legal or administrative proceeding in the State of Maryland that the bidder discriminated against subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, and a description of the status or resolution of that determination, including any remedial action taken. Bidder agrees to comply in all respects with the State's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as described under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

B-1. Certification Regarding Minority Business Enterprises.

The undersigned bidder hereby certifies and agrees that it has fully complied with the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, State Finance and Procurement Article, §14-308(a)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland, which provides that, except as otherwise provided by law, a

contractor may not identify a certified minority business enterprise in a bid or proposal and:

- (1) Fail to request, receive, or otherwise obtain authorization from the certified minority business enterprise to identify the certified minority proposal;
- (2) Fail to notify the certified minority business enterprise before execution of the contract of its inclusion in the bid or proposal;
- (3) Fail to use the certified minority business enterprise in the performance of the contract; or
- (4) Pay the certified minority business enterprise solely for the use of its name in the bid or proposal.

Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation on this project, it is understood that if the certification is false, such false certification constitutes grounds for the State to reject the bid submitted by the bidder on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the bid.

- B-2. Certification Regarding Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises. The undersigned bidder hereby certifies and agrees that it has fully complied with the State veteran-owned small business enterprise law, State Finance and Procurement Article, §14-605, Annotated Code of Maryland, which provides that a person may not:
- (1) Knowingly and with intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, attempt to obtain, or aid another person in fraudulently obtaining or attempting to obtain public money, procurement contracts, or funds expended under a procurement contract to which the person is not entitled under this title;
- (2) Knowingly and with intent to defraud, fraudulently represent participation of a veteran–owned small business enterprise in order to obtain or retain a bid preference or a procurement contract;
- (3) Willfully and knowingly make or subscribe to any statement, declaration, or other document that is fraudulent or false as to any material matter, whether or not that falsity or fraud is committed with the knowledge or consent of the person authorized or required to present the declaration, statement, or document;
- (4) Willfully and knowingly aid, assist in, procure, counsel, or advise the preparation or presentation of a declaration, statement, or other document that is fraudulent or false as to any material matter, regardless of whether that falsity or fraud is committed with the knowledge or consent of the person authorized or required to present the declaration, statement, or document;

- (5) Willfully and knowingly fail to file any declaration or notice with the unit that is required by COMAR 21.11.12; or
- (6) Establish, knowingly aid in the establishment of, or exercise control over a business found to have violated a provision of §B-2(1)—(5) of this regulation.

C. AFFIRMATION REGARDING BRIBERY CONVICTIONS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business (as is defined in Section 16-101(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies has been convicted of, or has had probation before judgment imposed pursuant to Criminal Procedure Article, §6-220, Annotated Code of Maryland, or has pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of, bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of Maryland law, or of the law of any other state or federal law, except as follows (indicate the reasons why the affirmation cannot be given and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of person(s) involved, and their current positions and responsibilities with the business):

D. AFFIRMATION REGARDING OTHER CONVICTIONS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has:

- (1) Been convicted under state or federal statute of:
- (a) A criminal offense incident to obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract; or
- (b) Fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records or receiving stolen property;
- (2) Been convicted of any criminal violation of a state or federal antitrust statute;

- (3) Been convicted under the provisions of Title 18 of the United States Code for violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, 18 U.S.C. §1961 et seq., or the Mail Fraud Act, 18 U.S.C. §1341 et seq., for acts in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;
- (4) Been convicted of a violation of the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, §14-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (5) Been convicted of a violation of §11-205.1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (6) Been convicted of conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in subsections (1)—(5) above;
- (7) Been found civilly liable under a state or federal antitrust statute for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;
- (8) Been found in a final adjudicated decision to have violated the Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland with regard to a public or private contract;
- (9) Been convicted of a violation of one or more of the following provisions of the Internal Revenue Code:
- (a) §7201, Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax;
- (b) §7203, Willful Failure to File Return, Supply Information, or Pay Tax,
- (c) §7205, Fraudulent Withholding Exemption Certificate or Failure to Supply Information,
- (d) §7206, Fraud and False Statements, or
- (e) §7207 Fraudulent Returns, Statements, or Other Documents;
- (10) Been convicted of a violation of 18 U.S.C. §286 Conspiracy to Defraud the Government with Respect to Claims, 18 U.S.C. §287, False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Claims, or 18 U.S.C. §371, Conspiracy to Defraud the United States;
- (11) Been convicted of a violation of the Tax-General Article, Title 13, Subtitle 7 or Subtitle 10, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (12) Been found to have willfully or knowingly violated State Prevailing Wage Laws as provided in the State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 17, Subtitle 2, Annotated Code of Maryland, if:

(a) A court:
(i) Made the finding; and
(ii) Decision became final; or
(b) The finding was:
(i) Made in a contested case under the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act; and
(ii) Not overturned on judicial review;
(13) Been found to have willfully or knowingly violated State Living Wage Laws as provided in the State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 18, Annotated Code of Maryland, if:
(a) A court:
(i) Made the finding; and
(ii) Decision became final; or
(b) The finding was:
(i) Made in a contested case under the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act; and
(ii) Not overturned on judicial review;
(14) Been found to have willfully or knowingly violated the Labor and Employment Article, Title 3, Subtitles 3, 4, or 5, or Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland, if:
(a) A court:
(i) Made the finding; and
(ii) Decision became final; or
(b) The finding was:
(i) Made in a contested case under the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act; and
(ii) Not overturned on judicial review; or
(15) Admitted in writing or under oath, during the course of an official investigation or other proceedings, acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in §§B and C and subsections $D(1)$ —(14) of this

regulation, except as follows (indicate reasons why the affirmations cannot be given, and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, and the status of any debarment):
E. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT
I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:
Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities, including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has ever been suspended or debarred (including being issued a limited denial of participation) by any public entity, except as follows (list each debarment or suspension providing the dates of the suspension or debarment, the name of the public entity and the status of the proceedings, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, the grounds of the debarment or suspension, and the details of each person's involvement in any activity that formed the grounds of the debarment or suspension).
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F. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OF RELATED ENTITIES
I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:
(1) The business was not established and it does not operate in a manner designed to evade the application of or defeat the purpose of debarment pursuant to Sections 16-101, et seq., of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and
(2) The business is not a successor, assignee, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business, except as follows (you must indicate the reasons why the affirmations cannot be given without qualification):

G. SUB-CONTRACT AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

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

H. AFFIRMATION REGARDING COLLUSION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business has:

- (1) Agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the compilation of the accompanying bid or offer that is being submitted;
- (2) In any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement of any kind to fix the bid price or price proposal of the bidder or offeror or of any competitor, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the contract for which the accompanying bid or offer is submitted.

I. CERTIFICATION OF TAX PAYMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT: Except as validly contested, the business has paid, or has arranged for payment of, all taxes due the State of Maryland and has filed all required returns and reports with the Comptroller of the Treasury, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, as applicable, and will have paid all withholding taxes due the State of Maryland prior to final settlement.

J. CONTINGENT FEES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

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

K. CERTIFICATION REGARDING INVESTMENTS IN IRAN

- (1) The undersigned certifies that, in accordance with State Finance and Procurement Article, §17-705, Annotated Code of Maryland:
- (a) It is not identified on the list created by the Board of Public Works as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in State Finance and Procurement Article, §17-702, Annotated Code of Maryland; and
- (b) It is not engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in State Finance and Procurement Article, §17-702, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- 2. The undersigned is unable to make the above certification regarding its investment activities in Iran due to the following activities: ______
- L. CONFLICT MINERALS ORIGINATED IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES CONTRACTS)

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business has complied with the provisions of State Finance and Procurement Article, §14-413, Annotated Code of Maryland governing proper disclosure of certain information regarding conflict minerals originating in the Democratic Republic of Congo or its neighboring countries as required by federal law.

M. I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Any claims of environmental attributes made relating to a product or service included in the bid or proposal are consistent with the Federal Trade Commission's Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims as provided in 16 CFR §260, that apply to claims about the environmental attributes of a product, package, or service in connection with the marketing, offering for sale, or sale of such item or service.

N. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT this Affidavit is to be furnished to the Procurement Officer and may be distributed to units of: (1) the State of Maryland; (2) counties or other subdivisions of the State of Maryland; (3) other states; and (4) the federal government. I further acknowledge that this Affidavit is subject to applicable laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, both criminal and civil, and that nothing in this Affidavit or any contract resulting from the submission of this bid or proposal shall be construed to supersede, amend, modify or waive, on behalf of the State of Maryland, or any unit of the State of Maryland having jurisdiction, the exercise of any statutory right or remedy conferred by the Constitution and the laws of Maryland with respect to any misrepresentation made or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the above business

with respect to ((1) this	Affidavit,	(2) t	the c	contract,	and (3)	other	Affidavits	comprising	g part
of the contract.										

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

Date:	
Ву:	(print name of Authorized Representative and Affiant)
	(signature of Authorized Representative and Affiant)

APPENDIX C Living Wage Requirements for Service Contracts

- A. This contract is subject to the Living Wage requirements under Title 18, State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and the regulations proposed by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry. The Living Wage generally applies to a Contractor or Subcontractor who performs work on a State contract for services that is valued at \$100,000 or more. An employee is subject to the Living Wage if he/she is at least 18 years old or will turn 18 during the duration of the contract; works at least 13 consecutive weeks on the State Contract and spends at least one-half of the employee's time during any work week on the State Contract.
- B. The Living Wage Law does not apply to:
 - (1) A Contractor who:
 - (A) has a State contract for services valued at less than \$100,000, or
 - (B) employs 10 or fewer employees and has a State contract for services valued at less than \$500,000.
 - (2) A Subcontractor who:
 - (A) performs work on a State contract for services valued at less than \$100,000.
 - (B) employs 10 or fewer employees and performs work on a State contract for services valued at less than \$500,000, or
 - (C) performs work for a contractor not covered by the Living Wage Law as defined in B(1)(B) above, or B (3) or C below.
 - (3) Service contracts for the following:
 - (A) services with a Public Service Company:
 - (B) services with a nonprofit organization;
 - (C) services with an officer or other entity that is in the Executive Branch of the State government and is authorized by law to enter into a procurement ("Unit"); or
 - (D) services between a Unit and a County or Baltimore City.
- C. If the Unit responsible for the State contract for services determines that application of the Living Wage would conflict with any applicable Federal program, the Living Wage does not apply to the contract or program.
- D. A Contractor must not split or subdivide a State contract for services, pay an employee through a third party, or treat an employee as an independent contractor

- or assign work to employees to avoid the imposition of any of the requirements of Title 18, State Finance and Procurement, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- E. Each Contractor/Subcontractor, subject to the Living Wage Law, shall post in a prominent and easily accessible place at the work site(s) of covered employees a notice of the Living Wage Rates, employee rights under the law, and the name, address, and telephone number of the Commissioner.
- F. The Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall adjust the wage rates by the annual average increase or decrease, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Washington/Baltimore metropolitan area, or any successor index, for the previous calendar year, not later than 90 days after the start of each fiscal year. The Commissioner shall publish any adjustments to the wage rates on the Division of Labor and Industry's Website. An employer subject to the Living Wage Law must comply with the rate requirements during the initial term of the contract and all subsequent renewal periods, including any increases in the wage rate, required by the Commissioner, automatically upon the effective date of the revised wage rate.
- G. A Contractor/Subcontractor who reduces the wages paid to an employee based on the employer's share of the health insurance premium, as provided in §18-103(c), State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, shall not lower an employee's wage rate below the minimum wage as set in §3-413, Labor and Employment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. A Contractor/Subcontractor who reduces the wages paid to an employee based on the employer's share of health insurance premium shall comply with any record reporting requirements established by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry.
- H. A Contractor/Subcontractor may reduce the wage rates paid under §18-103(a), State Finance and Procurement, Annotated Code of Maryland, by no more than 50 cents of the hourly cost of the employer's contribution to an employee's deferred compensation plan. A Contractor/Subcontractor who reduces the wages paid to an employee based on the employer's contribution to an employee's deferred compensation plan shall not lower the employee's wage rate below the minimum wage as set in §3-413, Labor and Employment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- I. Under Title 18, State and Finance Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, if the Commissioner determines that the Contractor/Subcontractor violated a provision of this title or regulations of the Commissioner, the Contractor/Subcontractor shall pay restitution to each affected employee, and the State may assess liquidated damages of \$20 per day for each employee paid less than the Living Wage.
 - J. Information pertaining to reporting obligations may be found by going to the DLLR Website http://www.dllr.state.md.us/ and clicking on Living Wage.

APPENDIX D

(To be submitted with Technical Proposal) Affidavit of Agreement

Maryland Living Wage Requirements-Service Contracts

Contract No. RFP #MDOT-FA-02172016

Name of Contractor			
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	

If the Contract is Exempt from the Living Wage Law

The Undersigned, being an authorized representative of the above named Contractor, hereby affirms that the Contract is exempt from Maryland's Living Wage Law for the following reasons: (check all that apply)

- __ Bidder/Offeror is a nonprofit organization
- __ Bidder/Offeror is a public service company
- Bidder/Offeror employs 10 or fewer employees and the proposed contract value is less than \$500,000
- __ Bidder/Offeror employs more than 10 employees and the proposed contract value is less than \$100.000

If the Contract is a Living Wage Contract

A. The Undersigned, being an authorized representative of the above named Contractor, hereby affirms our commitment to comply with Title 18, State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and, if required, to submit all payroll reports to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry with regard to the above stated contract. The Bidder/Offeror agrees to pay covered employees who are subject to living wage at least the living wage rate in effect at the time service is provided for hours spent on State contract activities, and to ensure that its Subcontractors who are not exempt also pay the required living wage rate to their covered employees who are subject to the living wage for hours spent on a State contract for services. The Contractor agrees to comply with, and ensure its Subcontractors comply with, the rate requirements during the initial term of the contract and all subsequent renewal periods, including any increases in the wage rate established by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, automatically upon the effective date of the revised wage rate.

Attachment D (continued) Affidavit of Agreement Maryland Living Wage Requirements-Service Contracts

B.	(initial here if applicable) The Bic covered employees for the following reasons: (check a	•
	 All employee(s) proposed to work on the State one-half of the employee's time during ever contract; All employee(s) proposed to work on the State age or younger during the duration of the State All employee(s) proposed to work on the State 13 consecutive weeks on the State contract. 	ery work week on the State te contract will be 17 years of contract; or
	ommissioner of Labor and Industry reserves the right data that the Commissioner deems sufficient to conf	
Name	of Authorized Representative:	
Signat	ture of Authorized Representative	
Title:_		
Date:_		
Witne	ess Name (Typed or Printed)	
Witne	ess Signature	
Date		

APPENDIX E CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT

A. AUTHORITY
I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:
I, (print name) possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit.
B. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION
I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:
The business named above is a (check applicable items):
(1) Corporation — domestic or foreign;
(2) Limited Liability Company — domestic or foreign;
(3) Partnership — domestic or foreign;
(4) Statutory Trust — domestic or foreign;
(5) Sole Proprietorship
and is registered or qualified as required under Maryland Law.
I further affirm that the above business is in good standing both in Maryland and (IF APPLICABLE) in the jurisdiction where it is presently organized, and has filed all of its annual reports, together with filing fees, with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation. The name and address of its resident agent (IF APPLICABLE) filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is:
Name and Department ID
Number: Address:
and that if it does business under a trade name, it has filed a certificate with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that correctly identifies that true name and address of the principal or owner as:
Name and Department ID Number:
Address:

C. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, the provisions of State Finance and Procurement Article, §13-221, Annotated Code of Maryland, which require that every business that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland or its agencies during a calendar year under which the business is to receive in the aggregate \$100,000 or more shall, within 30 days of the time when the aggregate value of the contracts, leases, or other agreements reaches \$100,000, file with the Secretary of State of Maryland certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

D. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, Election Law Article, §§14-101—14-108, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland, including its agencies or a political subdivision of the State, during a calendar year in which the person receives in the aggregate \$100,000 or more shall file with the State Board of Elections a statement disclosing contributions in excess of \$500 made during the reporting period to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election.

E. DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE

(Applicable to all contracts unless the contract is for a law enforcement agency and the agency head or the agency head's designee has determined that application of COMAR 21.11.08 and this certification would be inappropriate in connection with the law enforcement agency's undercover operations.)

I CERTIFY THAT:

- (1) Terms defined in COMAR 21.11.08 shall have the same meanings when used in this certification.
- (2) By submission of its bid or offer, the business, if other than an individual, certifies and agrees that, with respect to its employees to be employed under a contract resulting from this solicitation, the business shall:
- (a) Maintain a workplace free of drug and alcohol abuse during the term of the contract;
- (b) Publish a statement notifying its employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of drugs, and the abuse of drugs or alcohol is

prohibited in the business' workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of these prohibitions;

- (c) Prohibit its employees from working under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
- (d) Not hire or assign to work on the contract anyone who the business knows, or in the exercise of due diligence should know, currently abuses drugs or alcohol and is not actively engaged in a bona fide drug or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program;
- (e) Promptly inform the appropriate law enforcement agency of every drug-related crime that occurs in its workplace if the business has observed the violation or otherwise has reliable information that a violation has occurred;
- (f) Establish drug and alcohol abuse awareness programs to inform its employees about:
- (i) The dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in the workplace;
- (ii) The business's policy of maintaining a drug and alcohol free workplace;
- (iii) Any available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (iv) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees who abuse drugs and alcohol in the workplace;
- (g) Provide all employees engaged in the performance of the contract with a copy of the statement required by E(2)(b), of this regulation;
- (h) Notify its employees in the statement required by §E(2)(b), of this regulation, that as a condition of continued employment on the contract, the employee shall:
- (i) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (ii) Notify the employer of any criminal drug or alcohol abuse conviction for an offense occurring in the workplace not later than 5 days after a conviction;
- (i) Notify the procurement officer within 10 days after receiving notice under §E(2)(h)(ii), of this regulation, or otherwise receiving actual notice of a conviction;
- (j) Within 30 days after receiving notice under §E(2)(h)(ii), of this regulation, or otherwise receiving actual notice of a conviction, impose either of the following sanctions or remedial measures on any employee who is convicted of a drug or alcohol abuse offense occurring in the workplace:
- (i) Take appropriate personnel action against an employee, up to and including termination; or

- (ii) Require an employee to satisfactorily participate in a bona fide drug or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program; and
- (k) Make a good faith effort to maintain a drug and alcohol free workplace through implementation of $\S E(2)(a)$ —(j), of this regulation.
- (3) If the business is an individual, the individual shall certify and agree as set forth in §E(4), of this regulation, that the individual shall not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of drugs or the abuse of drugs or alcohol in the performance of the contract.
- (4) I acknowledge and agree that:
- (a) The award of the contract is conditional upon compliance with COMAR 21.11.08 and this certification;
- (b) The violation of the provisions of COMAR 21.11.08 or this certification shall be cause to suspend payments under, or terminate the contract for default under COMAR 21.07.01.11 or 21.07.03.15, as applicable; and
- (c) The violation of the provisions of COMAR 21.11.08 or this certification in connection with the contract may, in the exercise of the discretion of the Board of Public Works, result in suspension and debarment of the business under COMAR 21.08.03.

F. CERTAIN AFFIRMATIONS VALID

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, each of the affirmations, certifications, or acknowledgements contained in that certain Bid/Proposal Affidavit dated _______, 2016, and executed by me for the purpose of obtaining the contract to which this Exhibit is attached remains true and correct in all respects as if made as of the date of this Contract Affidavit and as if fully set forth herein.

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

Date:	
By: affiant)	(printed name of Authorized Representative and
amantj	(signature of Authorized Representative and affiant)

APPENDIX F

FORM OF

CONTRACT FOR

FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BETWEEN

MARYLAND STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE

AND

[FIRM NAME]

CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT (the "Contract") is made as of the ____day of ______, 2016, by and between [Firm Name and Address] (the "Contractor"), and the MARYLAND STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE, 80 Calvert Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 (the "Office"), acting on behalf of the MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, (MDOT) an office of the STATE OF MARYLAND (the "State").

IN CONSIDERATION OF the premises and the covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Office hereby engages the Contractor to perform the services set forth below:

- 1.1. <u>General Services</u>. The Contractor shall provide financial advisor services to the Maryland Department of Transportation as described in this Contract, which includes the following exhibits:
 - Exhibit A: The Office Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Financial Advisor

Services to the Maryland Department of Transportation, RFP #MDOT-

FA-02172016;

Exhibit B: Questions and Answers in reference to the RFP dated ____;

Exhibit C: Contractor's Proposal for Financial Advisor dated _____;

Exhibit D: Contractor's Price Proposal for Financial Advisor dated ____;

Exhibit E: Contractor's Oral Presentation dated ____; and Exhibit F: Bid/Proposal Affidavit and Contract Affidavit;

- 1.2. If there are any inconsistencies between this Contract and the Exhibits, the terms of this Contract, shall control. If there is any conflict among the Exhibits, Exhibit A, shall control.
- 1.3 The Procurement Officer unilaterally may, at any time, make changes in the work within the general scope of the Contract by written order designated or indicated to be a change order. No other order, statement or conduct of the Procurement Officer or any other person shall be treated as a change or entitle the Contractor to an equitable adjustment under this section. Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, if any change under this section causes an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work, whether or not changed by the order, an equitable adjustment in the Contract price shall be made and the Contract modified in writing accordingly. The Contractor must assert in writing its right to an adjustment under this section within thirty (30) days of receipt of written change order and shall include a written statement setting forth the nature and cost of such claim. No claim by the Contractor shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this Contract. Failure to agree to an adjustment under this section shall be a dispute under Section

4.5., Disputes. Nothing in this section shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the Contract as changed.

ARTICLE II - TERM

- 2.1. The initial term of this Contract shall be for a period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019.
- 2.2 In addition there shall be two subsequent one-year renewal options, which may be exercised at the sole discretion of the Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee.
- 2.3 The provisions of Sections 4.1 (Liability), 4.5 (Disputes), 4.6 (Maryland Law Prevails), 4.22 (Retention of Records/Audit), 4.26 (Ownership of Documents and Materials), and 4.27 (Patents, Copyrights and Trade Secrets) of this Contract shall survive termination of this Contract for any reason.
- 2.4 After the end of the Contract term, the Contractor shall continue to perform any Contract services that were in process on the expiration date of the Contract and shall receive the payment specified in the Contract for such services. Contractor shall cooperate and assist the Office during any transition period to a new contractor and provide all necessary information and data to any subsequent contractor.

ARTICLE III - CONSIDERATION, PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE

- 3.1 The Office shall be responsible for paying the fees set forth in the attached Contractor's Price Proposal [Best and Final] in Exhibit __, which shall not be adjusted during the term of the Contract including any renewal option periods
- 3.2 Except as provided in Section 3.4. below, payments to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract will be made no later than 30 days after receipt by the Office's Accounts Payable Division of a proper invoice from the Contractor. Each invoice for services rendered must reflect the Contractor's federal tax identification number, which is ______ and shall clearly indicate the specific type of service provided.
- 3.3. All invoices for goods and services shall be submitted to:

June Hornick
Assistant Director, Debt Management
Office of Finance
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076

3.4 Invoices must be submitted either:

- (a) For ongoing services, on a monthly basis for goods or services rendered in the preceding month; or
- (b) For one-time or periodic services, within 30 days of delivery or completion of the goods or services.
- 3.5. Payments to the Contractor may be withheld, without interest or penalty, when in the sole discretion of the State Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee, the Contractor's performance of any of the services under this Contract is unsatisfactory, or does not meet generally accepted industry standards. Notice of such withholding of payment and the reasons therefor shall be promptly provided to the Contractor, who shall be afforded an opportunity to cure any performance deficiencies. Charges for late payment of invoices, other than as prescribed by Title 15, Subtitle 1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as from time to time amended, are prohibited.

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL CONDITIONS

4.1. <u>Liability</u>

The Contractor agrees to assume full responsibility for any and all damage to the property of the Office, both real and personal, which results from or arises in connection with, the performance of this Contract.

The Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Office against all claims, damages, costs, losses and liabilities whatsoever, for any and all injury to persons and property that may arise out of the performance of this Contract.

4.2. <u>Tax Exemption</u>

The State is generally exempt from Federal Excise Taxes, Maryland Sales and Use Taxes, District of Columbia Sales Tax and Transportation Taxes. Exemption certificates shall be completed upon request.

4.3. <u>Subcontracting</u>; Assignment

The Contractor may not subcontract any portion of the services provided under this Contract without obtaining the prior written approval of the State, nor may the Contractor sell, transfer, or otherwise assign its obligations under this Contract, or any portion thereof, or any of its rights or obligations hereunder, without the prior written approval of the State; provided, however, that the Contractor may subcontract services under or make an assignment of this Contract to an affiliate of the Contractor that is fully capable of performing such services if the Contractor retains full responsibility for the Contract. Any such subcontract or assignment shall be subject to any terms and conditions that the Office

deems necessary to protect the interest of the State. The Office shall not be responsible for the fulfillment of the Contractor's obligations to subcontractors.

4.4. <u>Non-Hiring of Officials and Employees</u>

No official or employee of the State of Maryland, as defined under State Government Article, Section 15-102, Annotated Code of Maryland, whose duties as such official or employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this Contract, shall during the pendency and term of this Contract and while serving as an official or employee of the State become or be an employee of the Contractor or any entity that is a subcontractor on this Contract.

4.5. <u>Disputes</u>

This Contract shall be subject to the provisions of Title 15, Subtitle 2 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Dispute Resolution), and COMAR 21.10 (Administrative and Civil Remedies). Pending resolution of a claim, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract in accordance with the Procurement Officer's decision.

4.6. Maryland Law Prevails

The provisions of this Contract shall be governed by the Laws of Maryland.

4.7. Amendments

This Contract, including the Exhibits hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and all other communications prior to its execution, whether written or oral, with reference to the subject matter of this Contract are superseded by this Contract. Any amendment to this Contract must first be approved in writing by the Procurement Officer, subject to any additional approvals required by State law. No amendment to this Contract shall be binding unless so approved and unless it is in writing and signed by the party to be charged.

4.8. Nondiscrimination in Employment

The Contractor agrees: (a) not to discriminate in any manner against an employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry or disability of a qualified individual with a disability; (b) to include a provision similar to that contained in subsection (a), above, in any subcontract except a subcontract for standard commercial supplies or raw materials; and (c) to post and to cause subcontractors to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the substance of this clause.

4.9. Commercial Nondiscrimination Clause

- 4.9.1. As a condition of entering into this Contract, Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with the State's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy, as described under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. As part of such compliance, Contractor may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability or other unlawful forms of discrimination in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or commercial treatment of subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall Contractor retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. Contractor shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that this clause does not prohibit or limit lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the marketplace. Contractor understands that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Contract and may result in termination of this Contract, disqualification of Contractor from participating in State contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party.
- 4.9.2. As a condition of entering into this Contract, upon the Maryland Human Relations Commission's request, and only after the filing of a complaint against Contractor under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, as amended from time to time, Contractor agrees to provide within 60 days after the request a complete list of the names of all subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers that Contractor has used in the past 4 years on any of its contracts that were undertaken within the State of Maryland, including the total dollar amount paid by Contractor on each subcontract or supply contract. Contractor further agrees to cooperate in any investigation conducted by the State pursuant to the State's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as set forth under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and to provide any documents relevant to any investigation that is requested by the State. Contractor understands that violation of this clause is a material breach of this Contract and may result in Contract termination, disqualification by the State from participating in State contracts, and other sanctions.

4.10. <u>Contingent Fee Prohibition</u>

The Contractor, architect, or engineer (as applicable) warrants that it has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent working for the Contractor, architect, or engineer, to solicit or secure this Contract, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of this Contract.

4.11. Living Wage Requirements

A solicitation for services under a State contract valued at \$100,000 or more may be subject to Title 18, State Finance and Procurement (SFP) Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Contractors and Subcontractors subject to the Living Wage Law shall pay each covered employee at least \$13.19 per hour, if State contract services valued at 50% or more of the total value of the contract are performed in the Tier 1 Area. If State contract services valued at 50% or more of the total Contract value are performed in the Tier 2 Area, an Offeror shall pay each covered employee at least \$9.91 per hour. The specific Living Wage rate is determined by whether a majority of services take place in a Tier 1 Area or Tier 2 Area of the State. The Tier 1 Area includes Montgomery, Prince George's, Howard, Anne Arundel, and Baltimore Counties, and Baltimore City. The Tier 2 Area includes any county in the State not included in the Tier 1 Area. In the event employees who perform the services are not located in the State, the head of the unit responsible for a State contract pursuant to §18-102 (d) shall assign the tier based upon where the recipients of the services are located.

This Contract has been deemed to be a Tier 1 contract.

4.12 <u>Liquidated Damages for Non-Compliance</u>

The Contract requires the Contractor to make good faith efforts to comply with the Minority Business Enterprise ("MBE") Program and Contract provisions. The State and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that the State will incur damages, including but not limited to loss of goodwill, detrimental impact on economic development, and diversion of internal staff resources, if the Contractor does not make good faith efforts to comply with the requirements of the MBE Program and MBE Contract provisions. The parties further acknowledge and agree that the damages the State might reasonably be anticipated to accrue as a result of such lack of compliance are difficult to ascertain with precision and that liquidated damages represent a fair, reasonable, and appropriate estimation of damages.

Upon a determination by the State that the Contractor failed to make good faith efforts to comply with one or more of the specified MBE Program requirements or Contract provisions and without the State being required to present any evidence of the amount or character of actual damages sustained, the Contractor agrees to pay liquidated damages to the State at the rates set forth below. Such liquidated damages are intended to represent estimated actual damages and are not intended as a penalty. The Contractor expressly agrees that the State may withhold payment on any invoices as an offset against liquidated damages owed. The Contractor further agrees that for each specified violation, the agreed upon liquidated damages are reasonably proximate to the loss the State is anticipated to incur as a result of such violation.

- 4.12.1. Failure to submit each monthly payment report in full compliance with COMAR 21.11.03.13B (3): \$49.00 per day until the monthly report is submitted as required.
- 4.12.2. Failure to include in its agreements with MBE subcontractors a provision requiring submission of payment reports in full compliance with COMAR 21.11.03.13B (4): \$49.00 per MBE subcontractor.
- 4.12.3. Failure to comply with COMAR 21.11.03.12 in terminating, canceling, or changing the scope of work/value of a Contract with an MBE subcontractor and/or amendment of the MBE participation schedule: the difference between the dollar value of the MBE participation commitment on the MBE participation schedule for that specific MBE firm and the dollar value of the work performed by that MBE firm for the Contract.
- 4.12.4. Failure to meet the Contractor's total MBE participation goal and sub goal commitments: the difference between the dollar value of the total MBE participation commitment on the MBE participation schedule and the MBE participation actually achieved.
- 4.12.5. Failure to promptly pay all undisputed amounts to an MBE subcontractor in full compliance with the prompt payment provisions of this Contract: \$98.00 per day until the undisputed amount due to the MBE subcontractor is paid.

Notwithstanding the use of liquidated damages, the State reserves the right to terminate the contract and exercise all other rights and remedies provided in the Contract or by law."

4.13. <u>Multi-Year Contracts Contingent Upon Appropriations</u>

If the General Assembly fails to appropriate funds or if funds are not otherwise made available for continued performance for any fiscal period of this Contract succeeding the first fiscal period, this Contract shall be cancelled automatically as of the beginning of the fiscal year for which funds were not appropriated or otherwise made available; provided, however, that this will not affect either the State's rights or the Contractor's rights under any termination clause in this Contract. The effect of termination of the Contract hereunder will be to discharge both the Contractor and the State from future performance of the Contract, but not from their rights and obligations existing at the time of termination. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the Contract. The State shall notify the Contractor as soon as it has knowledge that funds may not be available for the continuation of this Contract for each succeeding fiscal period beyond the first.

4.14. Termination for Default

If the Contractor fails to fulfill its obligation under this Contract properly and on time, or otherwise violates any provision of the Contract, the State may terminate the Contract by written notice to the Contractor. The notice shall specify the acts or omissions relied upon

as cause for termination. All finished or unfinished work provided by the Contractor shall, at the State's option, become the State's property. The State shall pay the Contractor fair and equitable compensation for satisfactory performance prior to receipt of notice of termination, less the amount of damages caused by Contractor's breach. If the damages are more than the compensation payable to the Contractor, the Contractor will remain liable after termination and the State can affirmatively collect damages. Termination hereunder, including the determination of the rights and obligations of the parties, shall be governed by the provisions of COMAR 21.07.01.11B.

4.15. Termination for Convenience

The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated by the State in accordance with this clause in whole, or from time to time in part, whenever the State shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the State. The State will pay all reasonable costs associated with this Contract that the Contractor has incurred up to the date of termination and all reasonable costs associated with termination of the Contract. However, the Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits that have not been earned up to the date of termination. Termination hereunder, including the determination of the rights and obligations of the parties, shall be governed by the provisions of COMAR 21.07.01.12A(2).

4.16. Delays and Extensions of Time

The Contractor agrees to prosecute the work continuously and diligently and no charges or claims for damages shall be made by it for any delays or hindrances from any cause whatsoever during the progress of any portion of the work specified in this Contract.

Time extensions will be granted only for excusable delays that arise from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including but not restricted to, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of the State in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the State, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, or delays of subcontractors or suppliers arising from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of either the Contractor or the subcontractors or suppliers.

4.17. <u>Variations in Estimated Quantities</u>

No equitable adjustment shall be permitted in favor of either the State or the Contractor in the event that the quantity of any pay item in this Contract is an estimated quantity and the actual quantity of such pay item varies from the estimated quantity stated in the Contract.

4.18. <u>Suspension of Work</u>

The Procurement Officer unilaterally may order the Contractor in writing to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of its performance for such period of time as the Procurement Officer may determine to be appropriate for the convenience of the State.

4.19. <u>Pre-Existing Regulations</u>

In accordance with the provisions of Section 11-206 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the regulations set forth in Title 21 of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR Title 21) in effect on the date of execution of this Contract are applicable to this Contract.

4. 20. Financial Disclosure

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 13-221 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every business that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland or its agencies during a calendar year under which the business is to receive in the aggregate \$100,000 or more, shall, within 30 days of the time when the aggregate value of these contracts, leases or other agreements reaches \$100,000, file with the Secretary of State of Maryland certain specified information to include disclosure of beneficial ownership of the business.

4.21. <u>Political Contribution Disclosure</u>

The Contractor shall comply with Election Law Article, Sections 14-101—14-108, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State, a county, or an incorporated municipality, or their agencies, during a calendar year in which the person receives in the aggregate \$100,000 or more, shall file with the State Board of Elections a statement disclosing contributions in excess of \$500 made during the reporting period to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election. The statement shall be filed with the State Board of Elections: (1) before a purchase or execution of a lease or contract by the State, a county, an incorporated municipality, or their agencies, and shall cover the preceding two calendar years; and (2) if the contribution is made after the execution of a lease or contract, then twice a year, throughout the contract term, on: (a) February 5, to cover the 6-month period ending January 31; and (b) August 5, to cover the 6-month period ending July 31.

4.22. Retention of Records/Audit

The Contractor shall retain and maintain all records and documents relating to this Contract for three years after final payment by the State hereunder or any applicable statute of limitations, whichever is longer, and shall make them available for inspection and audit by authorized representatives of the State, including the Procurement Officer or designee, at all reasonable times.

4.23. <u>Compliance With Laws</u>

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that:

- 4.23.1. It is qualified to do business in the State of Maryland and that it will take such action as, from time to time hereafter, may be necessary to remain so qualified;
- 4.23.2. It is not in arrears with respect to the payment of any monies due and owing the State of Maryland, or any department or unit thereof, including but not limited to the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and that it shall not become so in arrears during the term of this Contract;
- 4.23.3. It shall comply with all federal, State and local laws, regulations and ordinances applicable to its activities and obligations under this Contract; and
- 4.23.4. It shall obtain, at its expense, all licenses, permits, insurance, and governmental approvals, if any, necessary to the performance of its obligations under this Contract.

4.24. Liability for Loss of Data

In the event of loss of any data or records necessary for the performance of this Contract where such loss is due to the error or negligence of the Contractor, the Contractor shall be responsible, irrespective of cost to the Contractor, for recreating such lost data or records.

4.25. Cost and Price Certification

- 4.25.1. The Contractor by submitting cost or price information certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, the information submitted is accurate, complete, and current as of a mutually determined specified date prior to the conclusion of any price discussions or negotiations for:
 - (a) A negotiated contract, if the total contract price is expected to exceed \$100,000, or a smaller amount set by the Procurement Officer; or
 - (b) A change order or contract modification, expected to exceed \$100,000, or a smaller amount set by the procurement officer.
- 4.25.2. The price under this Contract and any change order or modification hereunder, including profit or fee, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant price increases occurring because the Contractor furnished cost or price information which, as of the date agreed upon between the parties, was inaccurate, incomplete, or not current.

4.26. Ownership of Documents and Materials

The Contractor agrees that all documents and materials including, but not limited to, reports, drawings, studies, specifications, estimates, maps, photographs, designs, graphics, mechanical, artwork, and computations prepared by or for it under the terms of this Contract shall at any time during the performance of the services be made available to the State upon request by the State and shall become and remain the exclusive property of the State upon termination or completion of the services. The State shall have the right to use same without restriction or limitation and without compensation to the Contractor other than that provided by this Contract. The State shall be the owner for purposes or copyright, patent or trademark registration.

4.27. Patents, Copyrights and Trade Secrets

- 4.27.1. If the Contractor furnishes any design, device, material, process or other item, which is covered by a patent, or copyright or which is proprietary to or a trade secret of another, Contractor shall obtain the necessary permission or license to use such item.
- 4.27.2. Contractor will defend or settle, at its own expense, any claim or suit against the State alleging that any such item furnished by Contractor infringes any patent, trademark, copyright, or trade secret. Contractor also will pay all damages and costs that by final judgment may be assessed against the State due to such infringement and all attorney fees and litigation expenses reasonably incurred by the State to defend against such a claim or suit. The obligations of this paragraph are in addition to those stated in paragraph 4.27.3 below.
- 4.27.3. If any product(s) furnished by Contractor become, or in Contractor's opinion are likely to become, the subject of a claim of infringement, Contractor will, at its option: (1) procure for the State the right to continue using the applicable item; (2) replace the product with a non-infringing product substantially complying with the item's specifications; or (3) modify the item so it becomes non-infringing and performs in a substantially similar manner to the original item.

4.28. <u>Confidentiality</u>

To the extent permitted by Maryland Law, including the Maryland Public Information Act and any other applicable laws, all confidential or proprietary information and documentation relating to either party (including without limitation, any information or data stored within the Contractor's computer systems) shall be held in absolute confidence by the other party. Each party shall, however, be permitted to disclose relevant confidential information to its officers, agents and employees to the extent that such disclosure is necessary for the performance of their duties under this Contract, provided the data may be collected, used, disclosed, stored and disseminated only as provided by and consistent with the law and the confidentiality provisions of the RFP. The provisions of this section shall not apply to information that (a) is lawfully in the public domain; (b) has

been independently developed by the other party without violation of this Contract; (c) was already in the possession of such party; (d) was supplied to such party by a third party lawfully in possession thereof and legally permitted to further disclose the information; or (e) which such party is required to disclose by law.

ARTICLE V - NOTICES

5.1. Except as provided in Section 5.2 below, all notices required to be given by one party to the other hereunder shall be in writing and shall be addressed as follows:

If to the Office:
Procurement Officer
State Treasurer's Office
Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building
80 Calvert Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Copy to:
June Hornick
Assistant Director, Debt Management
Office of Finance
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, Maryland 21076

If to the Contractor:

[Name and Address]

5.2 All invoices and all correspondence and inquiries relating to invoices or payments shall be addressed to:

June Hornick Assistant Director, Debt Management Office of Finance Maryland Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive Hanover, Maryland 21076

ARTICLE VI - ADMINISTRATION

6.1. The work to be accomplished under this Contract shall be performed under the direction of the Contract Officer, June Hornick, Assistant Director, Debt Management, Maryland Department of Transportation. All matters relating to the administration of this Contract shall be referred to the Procurement Officer for determination.

ARTICLE VII - REPRESENTATIONS

7.1 Each party to this Contract represents and warrants to the other that it has full right, power, and authority to execute this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract as of the date hereinabove set forth.

ATTEST:	[Contractor's Legal Name]
	By: [Signatory] [Title]
WITNESS:	MARYLAND STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE
	By: Bernadette T. Benik Chief Deputy Treasurer
	Acknowledged and Accepted: Maryland Department of Transportation
	By: June Hornick Assistant Director, Debt Management Office of Finance
Approved for form and legal sufficiency for the Maryland State Treasurer's Office:	
David P. Chaisson Assistant Attorney General	

MBE ATTACHMENT G-1A: MBE UTILIZATION AND FAIR SOLICITATION AFFIDAVIT & MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

INSTRUCTIONS PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING THIS DOCUMENT

This form includes Instructions and the MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit & MBE Participation Schedule which must be submitted with the bid/proposal. If the bidder/offeror fails to accurately complete and submit this Affidavit and Schedule with the bid or proposal as required, the Procurement Officer shall deem the bid non-responsive or shall determine that the proposal is not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

- 1. Contractor shall structure its procedures for the performance of the work required in this Contract to attempt to achieve the minority business enterprise (MBE) subcontractor participation goal stated in the Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals. Contractor agrees to exercise good faith efforts to carry out the requirements set forth in these Instructions, as authorized by the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 21.11.03.
- 2. MBE Goals and Sub goals: Please review the solicitation for information regarding the Contract's MBE overall participation goals and sub goals. After satisfying the requirements for any established sub goals, the Contractor is encouraged to use a diverse group of subcontractors and suppliers from any/all of the various MBE classifications to meet the remainder of the overall MBE participation goal.
- 3. MBE means a minority business enterprise that is certified by the Maryland Department of Transportation ("MDOT"). <u>Only entities certified by MDOT may be counted for purposes of achieving the MBE participation goals</u>. In order to be counted for purposes of achieving the MBE participation goals, the MBE firm, including a MBE prime, must be MDOT-certified for the services, materials or supplies that it is committed to perform on the MBE Participation Schedule.
- 4. Please refer to the MDOT MBE Directory at www.mdot.state.md.us to determine if a firm is certified with the appropriate North American Industry Classification System ("NAICS") Code and the product/services description (specific product that a firm is certified to perform). For more general information about NAICS, please visit www.naics.com. Only those specific products and/or services for which a firm is certified in the MDOT Directory can be used for purposes of achieving the MBE participation goals. warning the firm's NAICS Code is in graduated status, such services/products may not be counted for purposes of achieving the MBE participation goals. A NAICS Code is in the graduated status if the term "Graduated" follows the Code in the MDOT MBE Directory.

5. **NOTE: New Guidelines Regarding MBE Prime Self-Performance.** Please note that when a certified MBE firm participates as a prime contractor on a contract, a procurement agency may count the distinct, clearly defined portion of the work of the contract that the certified MBE firm performs with its own forces toward fulfilling up to fifty-percent (50%) of the MBE participation goal (overall) and up to one hundred percent (100%) of not more than one of the MBE participation sub goals, if any, established for the contract. In order to receive credit for self-performance, an MBE prime must list its firm in Section 4A of the MBE Participation Schedule, including the certification category under which the MBE prime is self-performing and include information regarding the work it will self-perform. For the remaining portion of the overall goal and the sub goals, the MBE prime must also identify other certified MBE subcontractors (see Section 4B of the MBE Participation Schedule) used to meet those goals or request a waiver. For example, for a construction contract that has a 27% MBE overall participation goal and sub goals of 7% for African American firms and 4% for Asian American firms, subject to Section 4 above and this Section 5, a certified African American MBE prime can self-perform (a) up to 13.5 % of the overall goal and (b) up to 7% of the African American sub goal. The remainder of the overall goal and sub goals would have to be met with other certified MBE firms or a waiver request.

For a services contract with a 30% percent MBE participation goal (overall) and sub goals of 7% for African-American firms, 4% for Asian American firms and 12% for women-owned firms, subject to Sections 4 above and this Section 5, a dually-certified Asian American/Woman MBE prime can self-perform (a) up to 15% of the overall goal and (b) up to four percent (4%) of the Asian American sub goal <u>OR</u> up to twelve percent (12%) of the women sub goal. Because it is dually-certified, the company can be designated as only ONE of the MBE classifications (Asian American or women) but can self-perform up to one hundred percent (100%) of the stated sub goal for the single classification it selects.

- 6. Subject to the restrictions stated in Section 5 above, when a certified MBE that performs as a participant in a joint venture, a procurement agency may count a portion of the total dollar value of the contract equal to the distinct, clearly-defined portion of the work of the contract that the certified MBE performs with its own forces toward fulfilling the contract goal, and not more than one of the contract sub goals, if any. For example, if a MBE firm is a joint venture partner and the State determines that it is performing with its own forces 35 percent of the work in the contract, it can use this portion of the work towards fulfilling up to fifty percent (50%) of the overall goal and up to one hundred percent (100%) of one of the stated sub goals, if applicable.
- 7. As set forth in COMAR 21.11.03.12-1, once the Contract work begins, the work performed by a certified MBE firm, including an MBE prime, can only be counted towards the MBE participation goal(s) if the MBE firm is performing a commercially useful function on the Contract. Please refer to COMAR 21.11.03.12-1 for more information regarding these requirements.

- 8. If you have any questions as to whether a firm is certified to perform the specific services or provide specific products, please contact MDOT's Office of Minority Business Enterprise at 1-800-544-6056 or via email to mbe@mdot.state.md.us sufficiently prior to the submission due date.
- 9. Worksheet: The percentage of MBE participation, calculated using the percentage amounts for all of the MBE firms listed on the Participation Schedule MUST at least equal the MBE participation goal <u>and</u> sub goals (if applicable) set forth in the solicitation. If a bidder/offeror is unable to achieve the MBE participation goal and/or any sub goals (if applicable), the bidder/offeror must request a waiver in Item 1 of the MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit (Attachment G-1A) or the bid will be deemed not responsive, or the proposal determined to be not susceptible of being selected for award. You may wish to use the Sub goal summary below to assist in calculating the percentages and confirm that you have met the applicable MBE participation goal and sub goals, if any.

Sub goals (if applicable)

Total African American MBE Participation:	%
Total Asian American MBE Participation:	%
Total Hispanic American MBE Participation:	%
Total Women-Owned MBE Participation:	%
Overall Goal	
Total MBE Participation (include all categories):	%

MBE UTILIZATION AND FAIR SOLICITATION AFFIDAVIT & MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

This MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit and MBE Participation Schedule must be included with the bid/proposal. If the bidder/offeror fails to accurately complete and submit this Affidavit and Schedule with the bid or proposal as required, the Procurement Officer shall deem the bid non-responsive or shall determine that the proposal is not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

In connection with the bid/proposal submitted in response to Solicitation No. MDOT-FA-02172016 I affirm the following:

1. MBE Participation (PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE)
☐ I acknowledge and intend to meet the overall certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation goal of 15 percent (for category B of Section 3.03 of the RFP). Therefore, I am not seeking a waiver pursuant to COMAR 21.11.03.11.
<u>OR</u>
☐ I conclude that I am unable to achieve the MBE participation goal and/or sub goals. I hereby request a waiver, in whole or in part, of the overall goal and/or sub goals. Within 10 Working days
of receiving notice that our firm is the apparent awardee or as requested by the Procurement
Officer, I will submit the completed Good Faith Efforts Documentation to Support Waiver Request
(Attachment G-1C) and all required waiver documentation in accordance with COMAR 21.11.03.

2. Additional MBE Documentation

I understand that if I am notified that I am the apparent awardee or as requested by the Procurement Officer, I must submit the following documentation within 10 business days of receiving notice of the potential award or from the date of conditional award (per COMAR 21.11.03.10), whichever is earlier:

- (a) Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement (Attachment G-2);
- (b) MBE Subcontractor/MBE Prime Project Participation Statement (Attachments G-3A and 3B);
- (c) Any other documentation, including waiver documentation if applicable, required by the Procurement Officer to ascertain bidder or offeror responsibility in connection with the certified MBE participation goal and sub goals, if any.

I understand that if I fail to return each completed document within the required time, the Procurement Officer may determine that I am not responsible and therefore not eligible for contract award. If the contract has already been awarded, the award is voidable.

3. Information Provided to MBE firms

In the solicitation of subcontract quotations or offers, MBE firms were provided not less than the same information and amount of time to respond as were non-MBE firms.

4. MBE Participation Schedule

Set forth below are the (i) certified MBEs I intend to use, (ii) the percentage of the total Contract amount allocated to each MBE for this project and, (iii) the items of work each MBE will provide under the Contract. I have confirmed with the MDOT database that the MBE firms identified below are performing work activities for which they are MDOT certified.

Prime Contractor	Project Description	Project/Contract Number

LIST INFORMATION FOR EACH CERTIFIED MBE FIRM YOU AGREE TO USE TO ACHIEVE THE MBE PARTICIPATION GOAL AND SUBGOALS, IF ANY. <u>MBE PRIMES</u>: PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SECTIONS A AND B BELOW.

SECTION A: For MBE Prime Contractors ONLY (including MBE Primes in a Joint Venture)

MBE Prime Firm Name:	Percentage of total Contract Value to be performed with own forces and counted towards the MBE overall participation goal (up to 50% of the overall goal):%
(If dually certified, check only one box.) African American-Owned Hispanic American-Owned Asian American-Owned	Percentage of total Contract Value to be performed with own forces and counted towards the sub goal, if any, for my MBE classification (up to 100% of not more than one sub goal):%
☐ Women-Owned ☐ Other MBE Classification	Description of the Work to be performed with MBE prime's own forces:

SECTION B: For all Contractors (including MBE Primes in a Joint Venture) MBE Firm Name:_____ Percentage of Total Contract to be performed by this MBE: _____% MBE Certification Number: Description of the Work to be Performed: (If dually certified, check only one box.) African American-Owned Hispanic American-Asian American-Owned Women-Owned Other MBE Classification MBE Firm Name:_____ Percentage of Total Contract to be performed by this MBE: _____% MBE Certification Number: _____ Description of the Work to be Performed: (If dually certified, check only one box.) African American-Owned Hispanic American-Asian American-Owned Women-Owned Other MBE Classification MBE Firm Name:_____ Percentage of Total Contract to be provided by this MBE: _____% MBE Certification Number: _____ Description of the Work to be Performed: (If dually certified, check only one box.) African American-Owned Hispanic American-Owned Asian American-Owned Women-Owned Other MBE Classification **CONTINUE ON SEPARATE PAGE IF NEEDED** I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that I have reviewed the instructions for the MBE Utilization & Fair Solicitation Affidavit and MBE Schedule and that the information included in the Schedule is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Bidder/Offeror Name Signature of Authorized (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE) Representative Address Printed Name and Title City, State and Zip Code Date

SUBMIT THIS AFFIDAVIT WITH BID/PROPOSAL

MBE ATTACHMENT G-1B WAIVER GUIDANCE

GUIDANCE FOR DOCUMENTING GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO MEET MBE PARTICIPATION GOALS

In order to show that it has made good faith efforts to meet the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation goal (including any MBE sub goals) on a contract, the bidder/offeror must either (1) meet the MBE Goal(s) and document its commitments for participation of MBE Firms, or (2) when it does not meet the MBE Goal(s), document its Good Faith Efforts to meet the goal(s).

I. Definitions

MBE Goal(s) - "MBE Goal(s)" refers to the MBE participation goal and MBE participation sub goal(s).

Good Faith Efforts – The "Good Faith Efforts" requirement means that when requesting a waiver, the bidder/offeror must demonstrate that it took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve the MBE Goal(s), which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient MBE participation, even if those steps were not fully successful. Whether a bidder/offeror that requests a waiver made adequate good faith efforts will be determined by considering the quality, quantity, and intensity of the different kinds of efforts that the bidder/offeror has made. The efforts employed by the bidder/offeror should be those that one could reasonably expect a bidder/offeror to take if the bidder/offeror were actively and aggressively trying to obtain MBE participation sufficient to meet the MBE contract goal and sub goals. Mere *pro forma* efforts are not good faith efforts to meet the MBE contract requirements. The determination concerning the sufficiency of the bidder's/offeror's good faith efforts is a judgment call; meeting quantitative formulas is not required.

Identified Firms – "Identified Firms" means a list of the MBEs identified by the procuring agency during the goal setting process and listed in the procurement as available to perform the Identified Items of Work. It also may include additional MBEs identified by the bidder/offeror as available to perform the Identified Items of Work, such as MBEs certified or granted an expansion of services after the procurement was issued. If the procurement does not include a list of Identified Firms, this term refers to all of the MBE Firms (if State-funded) the bidder/offeror identified as available to perform the Identified Items of Work and should include all appropriately certified firms that are reasonably identifiable.

Identified Items of Work – "Identified Items of Work" means the bid items identified by the procuring agency during the goal setting process and listed in the procurement as possible items of work for performance by MBE Firms. It also may include additional portions of items of work the bidder/offeror identified for performance by MBE Firms to increase the likelihood that the MBE Goal(s) will be achieved. If the procurement does not include a list of Identified Items of Work, this term refers to all of the items of work the bidder/offeror identified as possible items of work for performance by MBE Firms and should include all reasonably identifiable work opportunities.

MBE Firms – "MBE Firms" refers to a firm certified by the Maryland Department of Transportation ("MDOT") under COMAR 21.11.03. Only MDOT-certified MBE Firms can participate in the State's MBE Program.

II. Types of Actions Agency will Consider

The bidder/offeror is responsible for making relevant portions of the work available to MBE subcontractors and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available MBE subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate MBE participation. The following is a list of types of actions the procuring agency will consider as part of the bidder's/offeror's Good Faith Efforts when the bidder/offeror fails to meet the MBE Goal(s). This list is not intended to be a mandatory checklist, nor is it intended to be exclusive or exhaustive. Other factors or types of efforts may be relevant in appropriate cases.

A. Identify Bid Items as Work for MBE Firms

- 1. Identified Items of Work in Procurements
- (a) Certain procurements will include a list of bid items identified during the goal setting process as possible work for performance by MBE Firms. If the procurement provides a list of Identified Items of Work, the bidder/offeror shall make all reasonable efforts to solicit quotes from MBE Firms to perform that work.
- (b) Bidders/Offerors may, and are encouraged to, select additional items of work to be performed by MBE Firms to increase the likelihood that the MBE Goal(s) will be achieved.
 - 2. Identified Items of Work by Bidders/Offerors
- (a) When the procurement does not include a list of Identified Items of Work or for additional Identified Items of Work, bidders/offerors should reasonably identify sufficient items of work to be performed by MBE Firms.
- (b) Where appropriate, bidders/offerors should break out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate MBE participation, rather than perform these work items with their own forces. The ability or desire of a prime contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the bidder/offeror of the responsibility to make Good Faith Efforts.

B. Identify MBE Firms to Solicit

- 1. MBE Firms Identified in Procurements
- (a) Certain procurements will include a list of the MBE Firms identified during the goal setting process as available to perform the items of work. If the procurement provides a list of Identified MBE Firms, the bidder/offeror shall make all reasonable efforts to solicit those MBE firms.
- (b) Bidders/offerors may, and are encouraged to, search the MBE Directory to identify additional MBEs who may be available to perform the items of work, such as MBEs certified or granted an expansion of services after the solicitation was issued.

2. MBE Firms Identified by Bidders/Offerors

- (a) When the procurement does not include a list of Identified MBE Firms, bidders/offerors should reasonably identify the MBE Firms that are available to perform the Identified Items of Work.
- (b) Any MBE Firms identified as available by the bidder/offeror should be certified to perform the Identified Items of Work.

C. Solicit MBEs

- 1. Solicit <u>all</u> Identified Firms for all Identified Items of Work by providing written notice. The bidder/offeror should:
- (a) provide the written solicitation at least 10 days prior to bid opening to allow sufficient time for the MBE Firms to respond;
- (b) send the written solicitation by first-class mail, facsimile, or email using contact information in the MBE Directory, unless the bidder/offeror has a valid basis for using different contact information; and
- (c) provide adequate information about the plans, specifications, anticipated time schedule for portions of the work to be performed by the MBE, and other requirements of the contract to assist MBE Firms in responding. (This information may be provided by including hard copies in the written solicitation or by <u>electronic means</u> as described in C.3 below.)
- 2. "All" Identified Firms includes the MBEs listed in the procurement and any MBE Firms you identify as potentially available to perform the Identified Items of Work, but it does not include MBE Firms who are no longer certified to perform the work as of the date the bidder/offeror provides written solicitations.
- 3. "<u>Electronic Means</u>" includes, for example, information provided *via* a website or file transfer protocol (FTP) site containing the plans, specifications, and other requirements of the contract. If an interested MBE cannot access the information provided by electronic means, the bidder/offeror must make the information available in a manner that is accessible to the interested MBE.
- 4. Follow up on initial written solicitations by contacting MBEs to determine if they are interested. The follow up contact may be made:
- (a) by telephone using the contact information in the MBE Directory, unless the bidder/offeror has a valid basis for using different contact information; or
- (b) in writing *via* a method that differs from the method used for the initial written solicitation.
- 5. In addition to the written solicitation set forth in C.1 and the follow up required in C.4, use all other reasonable and available means to solicit the interest of MBE Firms certified to perform the work of the contract. Examples of other means include:

- (a) attending any pre-bid meetings at which MBE Firms could be informed of contracting and subcontracting opportunities; and
- (b) if recommended by the procurement, advertising with or effectively using the services of at least two minority focused entities or media, including trade associations, minority/women community organizations, minority/women contractors' groups, and local, state, and federal minority/women business assistance offices listed on the MDOT Office of Minority Business Enterprise website.

D. Negotiate With Interested MBE Firms

Bidders/Offerors must negotiate in good faith with interested MBE Firms.

- 1. Evidence of negotiation includes, without limitation, the following:
- (a) the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MBE Firms that were considered;
- (b) a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting and the means used to provide that information; and
- (c) evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for MBE Firms to perform the work.
- 2. A bidder/offeror using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including MBE subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as contract goals into consideration.
- 3. The fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using MBE Firms is not in itself sufficient reason for a bidder's/offeror's failure to meet the contract MBE goal(s), as long as such costs are reasonable. Factors to take into consideration when determining whether a MBE Firm's quote is excessive or unreasonable include, without limitation, the following:
- (a) the dollar difference between the MBE subcontractor's quote and the average of the other subcontractors' quotes received by the bidder/offeror;
- (b) the percentage difference between the MBE subcontractor's quote and the average of the other subcontractors' quotes received by the bidder/offeror;
- (c) the percentage that the MBE subcontractor's quote represents of the overall contract amount;
 - (d) the number of MBE firms that the bidder/offeror solicited for that portion of the work;
- (e) whether the work described in the MBE and Non-MBE subcontractor quotes (or portions thereof) submitted for review is the same or comparable; and
 - (f) the number of quotes received by the bidder/offeror for that portion of the work.

- 4. The above factors are not intended to be mandatory, exclusive, or exhaustive, and other evidence of an excessive or unreasonable price may be relevant.
- 5. The bidder/offeror may not use its price for self-performing work as a basis for rejecting a MBE Firm's quote as excessive or unreasonable.
- 6. The "average of the other subcontractors' quotes received" by the bidder/offeror refers to the average of the quotes received from all subcontractors. Bidder/offeror should attempt to receive quotes from at least three subcontractors, including one quote from a MBE and one quote from a Non-MBE.
- 7. A bidder/offeror shall not reject a MBE Firm as unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of the firm's capabilities. For each certified MBE that is rejected as unqualified or that placed a subcontract quotation or offer that the bidder/offeror concludes is not acceptable, the bidder/offeror must provide a written detailed statement listing the reasons for this conclusion. The bidder/offeror also must document the steps taken to verify the capabilities of the MBE and Non-MBE Firms quoting similar work.
- (a) The factors to take into consideration when assessing the capabilities of a MBE Firm, include, but are not limited to the following: financial capability, physical capacity to perform, available personnel and equipment, existing workload, experience performing the type of work, conduct and performance in previous contracts, and ability to meet reasonable contract requirements.
- (b) The MBE Firm's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations (for example union vs. non-union employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids in the efforts to meet the project goal.

E. Assisting Interested MBE Firms

When appropriate under the circumstances, the decision-maker will consider whether the bidder/offeror:

- 1. made reasonable efforts to assist interested MBE Firms in obtaining the bonding, lines of credit, or insurance required by the procuring agency or the bidder/offeror; and
- 2. made reasonable efforts to assist interested MBE Firms in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.

III. Other Considerations

In making a determination of Good Faith Efforts the decision-maker may consider engineering estimates, catalogue prices, general market availability and availability of certified MBE Firms in the area in which the work is to be performed, other bids or offers and subcontract bids or offers substantiating significant variances between certified MBE and Non-MBE costs of participation, and their impact on the overall cost of the contract to the State and any other relevant factors.

The decision-maker may take into account whether a bidder/offeror decided to self-perform subcontract work with its own forces, especially where the self-performed work is Identified Items

of Work in the procurement. The decision-maker also may take into account the performance of other bidders/offerors in meeting the contract. For example, when the apparent successful bidder/offeror fails to meet the contract goal, but others meet it, this reasonably raises the question of whether, with additional reasonable efforts, the apparent successful bidder/offeror could have met the goal. If the apparent successful bidder/offeror fails to meet the goal, but meets or exceeds the average MBE participation obtained by other bidders/offerors, this, when viewed in conjunction with other factors, could be evidence of the apparent successful bidder/offeror having made Good Faith Efforts.

IV. Documenting Good Faith Efforts

At a minimum, a bidder/offeror seeking a waiver of the MBE Goal(s) or a portion thereof must provide written documentation of its Good Faith Efforts, in accordance with COMAR 21.11.03.11, within 10 business days after receiving notice that it is the apparent awardee. The written documentation shall include the following:

A. Items of Work (Complete Good Faith Efforts Documentation Attachment G-1C, Part 1)

A detailed statement of the efforts made to select portions of the work proposed to be performed by certified MBE Firms in order to increase the likelihood of achieving the stated MBE Goal(s).

B. Outreach/Solicitation/Negotiation

- 1. The record of the bidder's/offeror's compliance with the outreach efforts prescribed by COMAR 21.11.03.09C(2)(a). (Complete Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement Attachment G-2).
 - 2. A detailed statement of the efforts made to contact and negotiate with MBE Firms including:
- (a) the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the MBE Firms who were contacted, with the dates and manner of contacts (letter, fax, email, telephone, etc.) (Complete Good Faith Efforts Attachment G-1C- Part 2, and submit letters, fax cover sheets, emails, etc. documenting solicitations); and
- (b) a description of the information provided to MBE Firms regarding the plans, specifications, and anticipated time schedule for portions of the work to be performed and the means used to provide that information.

C. Rejected MBE Firms (Complete Good Faith Efforts Attachment G-1C, Part 3)

- 1. For each MBE Firm that the bidder/offeror concludes is not acceptable or qualified, a detailed statement of the reasons for the bidder's/offeror's conclusion, including the steps taken to verify the capabilities of the MBE and Non-MBE Firms quoting similar work.
- 2. For each certified MBE Firm that the bidder/offeror concludes has provided an excessive or unreasonable price, a detailed statement of the reasons for the bidder's/offeror's conclusion, including the quotes received from all MBE and Non-MBE firms bidding on the same or comparable work. (Include copies of all quotes received.)

3. A list of MBE Firms contacted but found to be unavailable. This list should be accompanied by a MBE Unavailability Certificate (see Exhibit A to this Part 1) signed by the MBE contractor or a statement from the bidder/offeror that the MBE contractor refused to sign the MBE Unavailability Certificate.

D. Other Documentation

- 1. Submit any other documentation requested by the Procurement Officer to ascertain the bidder's/offeror's Good Faith Efforts.
- 2. Submit any other documentation the bidder/offeror believes will help the Procurement Officer ascertain its Good Faith Efforts.

Exhibit A

MBE Subcontractor Unavailability Certificate

1. It is hereb	y certified that the fi	rm of		
located at		(Nam	e of Minority firm)	
iocateu at	(Number)	(Street)		
	(City)		(State)	(Zip)
was offered a	an opportunity to bid	d on Solicitation No	·	
in	County by			CN CD :
Contractor's	Firm)			(Name of Prime
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Signature of	f Minority Firm's	Date	MBE Representativ	ve Title
MDOT Certif	ication #		Telepho	one #
3. To be con	mnleted by the prime	e contractor if Sect	ion 2 of this form is <u>no</u>	t completed by the
minority		c contractor if sect	1011 2 01 till3 101 ill 13 <u>110</u>	completed by the
unavailable f	for the work/service	for this project, is		ness Enterprise is either d, or did not respond to a is submittal.
Signature of	Prime Contractor		 Title	 Date

MBE ATTACHMENT G-1C

GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST

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Prime Contractor	Project Description	Solicitation Number

PARTS 1, 2, AND 3 MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS CERTIFICATE ALONG WITH ALL DOCUMENTS SUPPORTING YOUR WAIVER REQUEST.

I affirm that I have reviewed Attachment G-1B, perjury that the contents of Parts 1, 2, and 3 of to Documentation Form are true to the best of my	
Company Name	Signature of Representative
Address	Printed Name and Title
City, State and Zip Code	Date

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Part ${\bf 1}$ – identified items of work bidder/offeror made available to MBE firms

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Prime Contractor	Project Description	Solicitation Number

Identify those items of work that the bidder/offeror made available to MBE Firms. This includes, where appropriate, those items the bidder/offeror identified and determined to subdivide into economically feasible units to facilitate the MBE participation. For each item listed, show the anticipated percentage of the total contract amount. It is the bidder's/offeror's responsibility to demonstrate that sufficient work to meet the goal was made available to MBE Firms, and the total percentage of the items of work identified for MBE participation equals or exceeds the percentage MBE goal set for the procurement. Note: If the procurement includes a list of bid items identified during the goal setting process as possible items of work for performance by MBE Firms, the bidder/offeror should make all of those items of work available to MBE Firms or explain why that item was not made available. If the bidder/offeror selects additional items of work to make available to MBE Firms, those additional items should also be included below.

Identified Items of Work	Was this work listed in the procurement?	Does bidder/offeror normally self- perform this work?	Was this work made available to MBE Firms? If no, explain why?
	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No
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PART 2 – IDENTIFIED MBE FIRMS AND RECORD OF SOLICITATIONS PAGE __ OF ___

Prime Contractor	Project Description	Solicitation Number

Identify the MBE Firms solicited to provide quotes for the Identified Items of Work made available for MBE participation. Include the name of the MBE Firm solicited, items of work for which bids/quotes were solicited, date and manner of initial and follow-up solicitations, whether the MBE provided a quote, and whether the MBE is being used to meet the MBE participation goal. MBE Firms used to meet the participation goal must be included on the MBE Participation Schedule. Note: If the procurement includes a list of the MBE Firms identified during the goal setting process as potentially available to perform the items of work, the bidder/offeror should solicit all of those MBE Firms or explain why a specific MBE was not solicited. If the bidder/offeror identifies additional MBE Firms who may be available to perform Identified Items of Work, those additional MBE Firms should also be included below. Copies of all written solicitations and documentation of follow-up calls to MBE Firms must be attached to this form. This list should be accompanied by a Minority Contractor Unavailability Certificate signed by the MBE contractor or a statement from the bidder/offeror that the MBE contractor refused to sign the Minority Contractor Unavailability Certificate (see Exhibit A to MBE Attachment 1-B). If the bidder/offeror used a Non-MBE or is self-performing the identified items of work, Part 4 must be completed.

Name of Identified MBE Firm & MBE Classification	Describe Item of Work Solicited	Initial Solicitatio n Date & Method	Follow-up Solicitatio n Date & Method	Details for Follow-up Calls	Quo te Rec' d	Quo te Use d	Reason Quote Rejected
MBE Classification (Check only if requesting waiver of MBE sub goal.) African American Owned Hispanic American Owned Asian American Owned Women Owned Owned Owned Classification		Date: Mail Facsimile Email	Date: □ Phone □ Mail □ Facsimile □ Email	Time of Call: Spoke With: Left Message	Yes No	Yes No	□ Used Other MBE □ Used Non-MBE □ Self- performing

Name of Identified MBE Firm & MBE Classification	Describe Item of Work Solicited	Initial Solicitatio n Date & Method	Follow-up Solicitatio n Date & Method	Details for Follow-up Calls	Quo te Rec' d	Quo te Use d	Reason Quote Rejected
MBE Classification (Check only if requesting waiver of MBE sub goal.) African American- Owned Hispanic American- Owned Asian American- Owned Women- Owned Owned Owned		Date: Date: Mail Facsimile Email	Date: □ Phone □ Mail □ Facsimile □ Email	Time of Call: Spoke With: Left Message	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	□ Used Other MBE □ Used Non-MBE □ Self- performing
Classification							

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PART 3 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING REJECTED MBE QUOTES

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Prime Contractor	Project Description	Solicitation Number

This form must be completed if Part 1 indicates that a MBE quote was rejected because the bidder/offeror is using a Non-MBE or is self-performing the Identified Items of Work. Provide the Identified Items Work, indicate whether the work will be self-performed or performed by a Non-MBE, and if applicable, state the name of the Non-MBE. Also include the names of all MBE and Non-MBE Firms that provided a quote and the amount of each quote.

Describe Identified Items of Work Not Being Performed by MBE (Include spec/section number from bid)	Self-performing or Using Non- MBE (Provide name)	Amount of Non- MBE Quote	Name of Other Firms who Provided Quotes & Whether MBE or Non-MBE	Amount Quoted	Indicate Reason Why MBE Quote Rejected & Briefly Explain
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	□ Self- performing □ Using Non- MBE	\$ -	□ MBE □ Non- MBE	\$ -	□ Price □ Capabilities □ Other
	□ Self- performing □ Using Non- MBE	\$	□ MBE □ Non- MBE	\$ -	□ Price □ Capabilities □ Other

Describe Identified Items of Work Not Being Performed by MBE (Include spec/section number from bid)	Self-performing or Using Non- MBE (Provide name)	Amount of Non- MBE Quote	Name of Other Firms who Provided Quotes & Whether MBE or Non-MBE	Amount Quoted	Indicate Reason Why MBE Quote Rejected & Briefly Explain
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	□ Self- performing □ Using Non- MBE	\$	□ MBE □ Non- MBE	\$	□ Price □ Capabilities □ Other
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MBE Attachment G-2 OUTREACH EFFORTS COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Complete and submit this form within 10 working days of notification of apparent award or actual award, whichever is earlier.

In conjunction with the bid/proposal st following:	ubmitted in response to Solicitation No, I state the
Bidder/Offeror identified subcontra	cting opportunities in these specific work categories:
2. Attached to this form are copies of w used to solicit certified MBE firms for the	vritten solicitations (with bidding/proposal instructions)
3. Bidder/Offeror made the following a MBE firms:	
 4. Please Check One: This project does not involve bondin Bidder/Offeror assisted MDOT-certific requirements. (DESCRIBE EFFORTS) 	g requirements. Fied MBE firms to fulfill or seek waiver of bonding S):
5. Please Check One: □ Bidder/Offeror did attend the pre-bi □ No pre-bid/pre-proposal meeting/co □ Bidder/Offeror did not attend the pr	d/pre-proposal conference. onference was held.
Company Name	Signature of Representative
Address	Printed Name and Title
City, State and Zip Code	Date

MBE Attachment G-3A MBE SUBCONTRACTOR PROJECT PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ONE FORM FOR EACH CERTIFIED MBE FIRM LISTED ON THE MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE (ATTACHMENT _-1A) WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS OF NOTIFICATION OF APPARENT AWARD. IF THE BIDDER/OFFEROR FAILS TO RETURN THIS AFFIDAVIT WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY DETERMINE THAT THE BIDDER/OFFEROR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE AND THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONTRACT AWARD.

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	the MBE firm (MBE Nam	
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Amount for perfe	orming the following products/services for	the Contract:
NAICS CODE	WORK ITEM, SPECIFICATION	DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC PRODUCTS
	NUMBER, LINE ITEMS OR WORK	AND/OR SERVICES
	CATEGORIES (IF APPLICABLE)	

Each of the Contractor and Subcontractor acknowledges that, for purposes of determining the accuracy of the information provided herein, the Procurement Officer may request additional information, including, without limitation, copies of the subcontract agreements and quotes. Each of the Contractor and Subcontractor solemnly affirms under the penalties of perjury that: (i) the information provided in this MBE Subcontractor Project Participation Affidavit is true to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, and (ii) has fully complied with the State Minority Business Enterprise law, State Finance and Procurement Article §14-308(a)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland which provides that, except as otherwise provided by law, a contractor may not identify a certified minority business enterprise in a Bid/Proposal and:

- (1) fail to request, receive, or otherwise obtain authorization from the certified minority business enterprise to identify the certified Minority Business Enterprise in its Bid/Proposal;
- (2) fail to notify the certified Minority Business Enterprise before execution of the Contract of its inclusion of the Bid/Proposal;
- (3) fail to use the certified Minority Business Enterprise in the performance of the Contract; or
- (4) pay the certified Minority Business Enterprise solely for the use of its name in the Bid/Proposal.

PRIME CONTRACTOR	SUBCONTRACTOR
Signature of Representative:	Signature of Representative:
-	Printed Name and Title:
Printed Name and Title:	Firm's Name:
Firm's Name:	Federal Identification Number:
Federal Identification Number:	Address:
Address:	
Telephone:	Telephone:
Date:	Date:

MBE Attachment G-3B MBE PRIME - PROJECT PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM TO ATTEST EACH SPECIFIC ITEM OF WORK THAT YOUR MBE FIRM HAS LISTED ON THE MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE (ATTACHMENT __-1A) FOR PURPOSES OF MEETING THE MBE PARTICIPATION GOALS. THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS OF NOTIFICATION OF APPARENT AWARD. IF THE BIDDER/OFFEROR FAILS TO RETURN THIS AFFIDAVIT WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY DETERMINE THAT THE BIDDER/OFFEROR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE AND THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONTRACT AWARD.

Provided	that	(Prime Contractor's Name) with	ı Certification
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MBE Prim	ne Contractor intends to perform wit	th its own forces at least \$ which e	quals to% of the
Total Con	tract Amount for performing the foll	owing products/services for the Contract:	
NAICS CODE	WORK ITEM, SPECIFICATION	DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC	VALUE OF THE WORK
	NUMBER, LINE ITEMS OR	PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES	
	WORK CATEGORIES (IF		
	APPLICABLE). FOR		
	CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS,		
	GENERAL CONDITIONS MUST		
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MBE PRIME CONTRACTOR
Signature of Representative:
Printed Name and Title:
Firm's Name:
Federal Identification Number:
Address:
Telephone:
Date:

MBE Attachment G-4A

(Department) Minority Business Enterprise Participation Prime Contractor Paid/Unpaid MBE Invoice Report

Report #:	Contract #:			
	Contracting Unit:			
Reporting Period (Month/Year):	Contract Amount:			
	MBE Subcontract Amt:			
Prime Contractor: Report is due to the MBE Liaison by				
the 10 th of the month following the month the services				
were provided.	Services Provided:			
Note: Please number reports in sequence				
Prime Contractor:	Contact Person:			
Address:	Contact i erson.			
Additess.				
City:	State: ZIP:			
Phone: Fax:	E-mail:			
MBE Subcontractor Name:	Contact Person:			
Phone: Fax:				
Subcontractor Services Provided:				
List all payments made to MBE subcontractor named	List dates and amounts of any outstanding			
above	invoices:			
during this reporting period:	Invoice # Amount			
Invoice# Amount 1.	Invoice # Amount 1.			
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(Required)				
Contract Monitor				
Contracting Unit				
(Department)				
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Signature:(Required)	Date:			
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Sample MBE ATTACHMENT G-5

Minority Business Enterprise Participation Subcontractor Paid/Unpaid MBE Invoice Report

Report#:		ract # racting Unit:	
Reporting Period (Month/Year):	MBE	MBE Subcontract Amount:	
		Project Begin Date:	
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month the services were performed.	Services Provided:		
MBE Subcontractor Name:			
MDOT Certification #:			
Contact Person:	E-mail:		
Address:			
City:	_	State:	ZIP:
Phone:	Fax:		
Subcontractor Services Provided:			
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MBE Attachment G-4B

(Department) Minority Business Enterprise Participation MBE Prime Contractor Report

MBE Prime Contractor: Certification Number:			Cont	tracting Un	it:		
Report #:			Cont	tract Amou	ınt:		
Reporting Period (Month/Year):					the Work to the Self-		
MBE Prime Contractor: Repor					eeting the MBE parti	cipation goal/sub	
by the _ of the month following	g the month	the services	goal	goals:			
were provided.			Proj	Project Begin Date:			
Note: Please number reports i	n sequence		Proj	ect End Da	te:		
Contact Person:							
Address:				T			
City:				State:		ZIP:	
Phone:		Fax:			E-mail:		
Invoice Number	Value of th Work	ne NAICS Co	ode		Description of the	e Work	
Return one copy (hard or or signature and date is prefe	erred):		the follo	wing add	resses (electronic c	copy with	
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	ract Monitor						
	tracting Uni	t					
(Department)							
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MBE ATTACHMENT G-5 Minority Business Enterprise Participation Subcontractor Paid/Unpaid MBE Invoice Report

Report#:	Contract #		
	Contractin	g Unit:	
Reporting Period (Month/Year):	MBE Subco	ontract Amount:	
	Project Be	gin Date:	
Report is due by the of the month following the	Project En	d Date:	
month the services were performed.	Services Pi	ovided:	
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MBE Subcontractor Name:			
MDOT Certification #:			
Contact Person:	E-n	nail:	
Address:	Г		T
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City:	State): -	ZIP:
Phone: F	ax:		
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Subcontractor Services Provided:		1	
List all payments received from Prime Contractor	over 30 da	and amounts of any	unpaid invoices
during reporting period indicated above.	I OVER 311 da	VC AIA	
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