ATTACHMENT A: RESPONDER DECLARATIONS

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

* 1. **Response Contents.** The information provided is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for potential contract award. The submission of inaccurate or misleading information may be grounds for disqualification from the award as well as subject the Responder to suspension or debarment proceedings as well as other remedies available by law
  2. **Authorized Signature.** This Declaration is signed by the appropriate person(s), with the authority to contractually bind the Responder, as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, minutes, and ordinances.
  3. **Non-Collusion Certification.**

The Proposal has been arrived at by the Responder independently and has been submitted without collusion and without any agreement, understanding or planned common course of action with any other vendor designed to limit fair or open competition; and

The contents of the Response have not been communicated by the Responder or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the Responder and will not be communicated to any other individual prior to the due date and time of this Solicitation. Any evidence of collusion among Responders in any form designed to defeat competitive responses will be reported to the Minnesota Attorney General for investigation and appropriate action.

* 1. **Organizational Conflicts of Interest.** To the best of Responder’s knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise disclosed, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest. An organizational conflict of interest exists when, because of existing or planned activities or because of relationships with other persons,

a vendor is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the State;

the vendor’s objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired; or

the vendor has an unfair competitive advantage.

If after award, an organizational conflict of interest is discovered, an immediate and full disclosure in writing must be made to the State’s Chief Procurement Officer which must include a description of the action which the contractor has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. If an organizational conflict of interest is determined to exist, the State may, at its discretion, cancel the contract. In the event the Contractor was aware of an organizational conflict of interest prior to the award of the contract and did not disclose the conflict to OSP, the State may terminate the contract for default. Organizational conflicts of interest terms apply to any subcontractors for this work.

* 1. **Certification Regarding Lobbying.** For State of Minnesota Contracts and Grants over $100,000, the undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying in accordance with its instructions.

The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into and is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

* 1. **Copyrighted Material Waiver.** By signing its Response, the Responder certifies that it has obtained all necessary approvals for the reproduction and distribution of the contents of its response.
  2. **Diverse Spend Reporting.** The Sample Contract contains a clause for Diverse Spend Reporting. When this clause applies, Contractor will be required to register in a free portal to report diverse spend.

Please see [Diverse Spend Reporting Frequently Asked Questions](https://mn.gov/admin/assets/Diverse%20Spend%20Reporting%20FAQ_tcm36-394274.pdf) for additional information.

By signing this form, Responder acknowledges and certifies compliance with all applicable requirements indicated above.

Company Name:

Signature:

Printed Name:

Title:

Date:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

ATTACHMENT B: EXCEPTIONS TO STATE’S TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The State presumes a responder agrees to the terms and conditions of this solicitation unless a responder takes specific exception to one or more of the conditions on this form.

The State reserves the right to reject, negotiate, or accept any exception listed to the State’s terms and conditions (including those found in the attached Sample Contract).

INSTRUCTIONS: A responder must explicitly list all exceptions to State’s terms and conditions, if any (including those found in the attached Sample Contract). Reference the clause number and page number of the State's term and condition for each of a responder’s exceptions. If no exceptions exist, state "NONE" specifically on the form below. Whether or not exceptions are taken, the Responder must sign and date this form and submit it as part of their response. (*Add additional pages if necessary.*)

| **Clause and Page Number** | **Suggested Change to Clause** | **Explanation or Justification** |
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By signing this form, I acknowledge that the above-named responder accepts, without qualification, all terms and conditions stated in this solicitation (including the sample contract) except those clearly outlined as exceptions above.

Signature:

Printed Name:

Title:

Date:

ATTACHMENT C: COST DETAIL

Deliverables Based

Responders must submit Attachment C “Cost Detail” form to submit their Cost Proposal. The **total all-inclusive cost amount** identified in the Cost Proposal must include **all** tasks and deliverables per Shovel Ready Site, including but not limited to travel expenses, mass mailings, fees, commissions, compensation, equipment, and other charges as outlined in Section 2 (1a-n, 2-12) of the RFP. **Do not** separate out the costs for tasks, deliverables, mileage, travel or other related costs.

The State does not make regular payments based solely upon the passage of time; it only pays for services performed or work delivered after it is accomplished. The Contractor will invoice DEED per site after a site has been certified as Shovel Ready as further described in this RFP.

Submit the Attachment C: Cost Proposal as a separate document(s) from your technical response for all copies of the Proposal. Do not include any cost information in the Technical Proposal part of the response. The Proposal must be open for acceptance until a contract is executed, the Solicitation is cancelled, or 180 days after the due date and time of the Solicitation, whichever comes first.

**TOTAL ALL-INCLUSIVE COST PER SHOVEL READY SITE: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

ATTACHMENT D: RESPONDER FORMS

**Workforce and Equal Pay Declaration Page**

This form is **required for all businesses** executing government contracts under the following:

# Select one:

Businesses executing a contract with **State or Metropolitan agencies** in excess of $100,000 ([Workforce Certificate](https://mn.gov/mdhr/certificates/workforce-certificate/)) and if applicable $500,000 ([Equal Pay Certificate](https://mn.gov/mdhr/certificates/equalpay/))

Businesses executing a contract with **University of Minnesota** for general obligation bond funded capital projects in excess of $100,000 ([Workforce Certificate](https://mn.gov/mdhr/certificates/workforce-certificate/)) and if applicable $500,000 ([Equal Pay Certificate](https://mn.gov/mdhr/certificates/equalpay/))

Businesses executing a contract with **Political Subdivisions** for general obligation bond funded capital projects in excess of $250,000 ([Workforce Certificate](https://mn.gov/mdhr/certificates/workforce-certificate/)) and if applicable $1,000,000 ([Equal Pay Certificate](https://mn.gov/mdhr/certificates/equalpay/))

Select all that apply:

1. **We are a Certificate holder:**

Workforce Certificate under the name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Equal Pay Certificate under the name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **We are applying/have applied for the following certificate(s):**

Workforce Certificate Application date (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Equal Pay Certificate Application date (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **We have not applied for one or both certificates:**

Our Company does not yet have a Workforce Certificate or Equal Pay Certificate. We acknowledge that a Workforce and, if applicable, Equal Pay Certificate, or approved exemption by MDHR is required before a contract can be executed.

1. **We are Exempt:**

We attest to MDHR that we have not employed 40 or more employees on a single day during the prior 12 months in Minnesota or the state in where we have our primary place of business. MDHR may request the names of our employees during the previous 12 months, the date of separation, if applicable, and the current employment status and count.

1. **Business Information**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Vendor/Supplier ID** | **Business Name** | **Name of Contracting Agency** |
|  |  |  |
| **Authorized Signatory Name** | **Title** | **Date** |
|  |  |  |
| **Signature** | **Email** | **Phone** |

For assistance with this form, email the Minnesota Department of Human Rights **Compliance.MDHR@state.mn.us**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**VETERAN-OWNED PREFERENCE FORM**

Unless a greater preference is applicable and allowed by law, in accordance with Minn. Stat. §16C.16, subd. 6a, the Commissioner of Administration will award up to a 12% preference on state procurement to certified small businesses that are majority owned and operated by veterans.

Veteran-Owned Preference Requirements - *See* Minn. Stat. § 16C.19(d):

1. The business has been certified by the Office of Equity in Procurement (OEP) as being a veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business.

**or**

1. The principal place of business is in Minnesota AND the United States Department of Veterans Affairs verifies the business as being a veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business under Public Law 109-461 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 13, part 128.

Statutory requirements and appropriate documentation must be met **by the solicitation response due date and time** to be awarded the veteran-owned preference.

**Claim the Preference**

**By signing below, I confirm that:**

My company is claiming the veteran-owned preference afforded by Minn. Stat. § 16C.16, subd. 6a. By making this claim, I verify that:

* + - The business has been certified by the Office of Equity in Procurement (OEP) as being a veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business.

**or**

* + - My company’s principal place of business is in Minnesota **and** the U.S. Small Business Administration verifies my company as being a veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business.

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sign and return this form with your solicitation response to claim the veteran-owned preference.**

ATTACHMENT E: REFERENCE FORM

Responder/Company Name:

Contact Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone Number:

1. Description of project(s):

2. Dates of Engagement:

3. Were the project(s) completed on budget? If not, please explain.

4. Were the project(s) complete on time? If not, please explain.

5. What went well with the project(s)?

6. What could have gone better with the project(s)?