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February 19, 2025

Enclosed please find a copy of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide The Housing Authority City of Elkhart (HACE) Lawncare & Snow Removal Services at our various Developments, Properties, and Office Locations. HACE will evaluate the RFP under the competitive proposal method, meaning we will consider both technical costs and factors in awarding the contract.

Please review the enclosed documents and submit a proposal for our consideration to: Housing Authority City of Elkhart

ATTN: Director Comprehensive Improvements

1396 Benham Ave, Elkhart, IN 46516 RE: Proposal for Lawncare & Snow Removal

All proposals must be received by the Housing Authority City of Elkhart no later than 4:00PM (Eastern Time), on **March 14, 2025**. Proposals received or delivered after this date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

**Ordering Instructions:** The Bid Specifications Package can be accessed from HACE’s website at <https://www.ehai.org/open-public-bids.html>or by calling 574-296-6958. **Contact:** Pre-proposal site visits are available by appointment only and can be arranged by contacting Erik Mathavan, Director of Comprehensive Improvements at 574-296-6958.

Erik Mathavan

Director, Comprehensive Improvements

Enclosure: Request for Proposal – Lawncare & Snow Removal Services

Request for Proposal

For

###### Lawncare Services & Snow Removal Services

Various Properties and Offices for The

HOUSING AUTHORITY CITY OF ELKHART RFP 2025-01-LAWNCARE & SNOW REMOVAL

Notice: Contact with members of the HACE Board of Commissioners, or HACE officers and employees other than the contact person listed herein, by any prospective Proposer, after publication of the RFP and prior to the execution of a contract with the successful proposer(s) could result in disqualification of your proposal. In fairness to all prospective proposer(s) during the RFP process, if HACE meets in person with anyone representing a potential provider of these services to discuss this RFP, an addendum will be issued to address all questions to ensure no Proposer has a competitive advantage over another. This does not exclude meetings required to conduct business not related to the RFP, or possible personal presentations after written qualifications have been received and evaluated.

GENERAL INFORMATION

## Agency Background Information

The Housing Authority City of Elkhart (HACE) was established in 1962 to provide safe and affordable housing for qualified low-income persons residing in the Elkhart Area. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as outlined under the United States Housing Act of 1937 and subsequent amendments has direct responsibility for administering low-income housing programs in the United States. HACE was recently ranked as a High Performer, an honor designated by HUD.

The housing authority manages 672 units of conventional housing across (3) high-rise buildings and two (2) scattered sites all within the city limits of Elkhart, Indiana. The following chart provides the property addresses:

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| **PROPERTY NAME** | **TYPE** | **Area in Sq.****Ft. (approx.)** | **UNIT****COUNT** | **FLOORS** | **Community Address** |
| Washington Gardens | Scattered Sites | 83,462 | 198 | 2-Story Quadruplex | 315 Chapman Ave |
| Banneker Heights | Scattered Sites | 75,318 | 9 Quads | Single | 1 Malcolm Dr |
| Rosedale High Rise | High Rise | 80,676 | 102 | 6 | 501 W Indiana Ave |
| Waterfall High Rise | High Rise | 89,100 | 127 | 10 | 303 Waterfall Dr |
| Riverside High Rise | High Rise | 138,290 | 147 | 7 | 181 N Elkhart Ave |
| Administration Bldg. | Office Building | 17,184 | N/A | 1 | 1396 Benham Ave |

## Contract Term

The agreement for Lawncare Services & Snow Removal is for an initial contract term of **1 YEAR**, which may be awarded to one or more proposers with the company(s) that has the highest ordinal bid evaluation score on the primary or any alternative grouping. At the end of each term, HACE may extend the contract for another term up to 4 times; for a total of 5 years before a new Request for Proposal will be required.

## Attachments

The following attachments are herein incorporated by reference for all purposes as part of this

Proposal Solicitation and Scope of Work:

1. Scope of Work
2. Proposed Rates
3. HUD 5369-B
4. HUD form 5370-C 2
5. HUD Maintenance Wage Rates
6. Section 3 Plan
7. Section 3 Compliance & Program Acknowledgement Form
8. HUD 50070-Certification of Drug Free Workplace
9. Profile of Firm Form

## Format of Bid/Forms to Provide

No contract will be awarded without the following forms being completed:

* Proof of Insurance & Contractors must submit a City of Elkhart Business license
* Completion of Pricing Sheet/Bid Form
* Section 3 Compliance & Program Acknowledgement Form
* Financials and/or lines of credit (when requested). The apparent successful bidder will be requested to submit a concise description of its managerial and financial capacity to deliver the proposed services.
* List of at least three (3) references of work completed within the last two (2) years
* HUD Forms
* Company Profile

###### At the time bids are opened, to be considered responsive, bids *must* contain the following:

* Proof of Insurance
* Pricing Sheet/Bid Form(s)

## Conditions

The Housing Authority will not pay any cost incurred in the preparation or submission of any bid or any cost incurred in anticipation of a contract. The Bidder understands that the Executive Director of the Housing Authority shall be the sole authority to legally commit the Housing Authority to any expenditure of public funds for this procurement, subject to

approval by the Board of Commissioners. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality whenever such a rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Housing Authority. This RFP in no way obligates the Housing Authority to award a contract. The contractor shall have staff, qualified by training and experience, to perform the service required. All persons employed by Contractor(s) in the performance of any work under this Agreement shall be agents and employees of Contractor(s) only. Neither Contractor(s) nor any employees or agents of Contractor(s) shall be deemed as employees of HACE for any purpose whatsoever. The contractor is responsible for obtaining identification badges on all his/her employees. Under no circumstances will a crewmember be allowed to work at development site without his/her ID on his/her person at all times. The contractor’s personnel should be neat and conduct all work in a professional manner with minimal disturbance to the Housing Authority. If any of Contractor’s personnel are not satisfactory to the Housing Authority, Contractor(s) shall replace such personnel with satisfactory replacements. The Contractor(s) shall coordinate the work with the Housing Authority as much as possible. Regular reports of progress shall be required.

Contractors may appeal only against deviations from laws, rules, regulations, or procedures. Disagreement with the evaluators’ judgment with the number of points scored is not appealable. The following Appeal Procedure applies to Contractors who wish to appeal a disqualification of Bid or award of contract:

Contractors shall submit a written appeal to the Executive Director at HACE – 1396 Benham Ave, Elkhart, Indiana 46516 RE: APPEALS. Appeals must be received by the Executive Director no later than 4:00PM (local time) on the fifth (5th) business day after the date of the Notice of Award/Non-Award.

PERMITS, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS

The Contractor(s) will secure and pay for all permits, fees, and licenses necessary for the proper execution and completion of services. A copy of the permit will be made available to HACE upon the contractor’s receipt of the permit. Where the Housing Authority chooses to arrange for the issuance of all or part of these permits, fees and licenses, without cost to the Contractor(s), the contract amount shall be reduced accordingly. The Contractor(s) shall observe and comply with all federal, state, county, and city laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations in accomplishing the work. The service performed shall be in conformance with and meet all industry standards. The Contractor(s) shall agree that, in a suit and/or claim in mediation or arbitration to enforce the rights and/or obligations of a Contract under this Bid, should the HACE prevail in the prosecution or defense of said suit and/or claim, the HACE shall be entitled to its reasonable attorney’s fees, court costs and other reasonable litigation expenses, including, but not limited to, expert fees, costs of exhibits, staff time in the preparation for and/or attendance at trial, investigation expenses, and travel expenses. The Contractor(s) shall agree to indemnify and keep, hold and save harmless the Housing Authority from and against any and all liability, penalty, losses, damages, expenses suits and judgments arising from injuries on Housing Authority property premises during the term of the Contract to persons or property of any nature.

COST OF SERVICES

The contractor(s) shall include in his/her Bid the all-inclusive cost to be charged to the Housing Authority for the provision of Lawncare & Snow Removal as defined on the Scope of Work. It MUST accompany any bid for that bid to be responsive. Contractor(s) will provide the required chemicals, supplies, tools, and equipment necessary to fully comply with the Scope of Work listed in Attachment A.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBCONTRACTORS

All requirements for the “Prime” contractor shall also apply to all subcontractors. It is the Prime Contractors’ responsibility to ensure compliance by the subcontractors. Regardless of subcontracting, the Prime Contractor remains liable to HACE for the performance under this RFP or any resulting contract.

The contractor shall perform criminal history checks and drug screening tests on all employees performing work under this RFP and any resulting contract and if requested provide summaries of the results to HACE. Prospective employees whose criminal history checks disclose a misdemeanor or felony conviction involving crimes of moral turpitude or harm to persons or property shall not be used to perform work under this RFP or any resulting contract. The contractor is required to perform drug screening of all employees and to ensure acceptable test results. Criminal history and drug screening checks will be completed at the sole expense of the Contractor.

The contractor shall provide at the contractor’s own expense all equipment, labor, cleaning materials, and tools to perform all the services required under this RFP and any resulting contract.

If any employee of the Contractor is deemed unacceptable by HACE, the Contractor shall immediately replace such personnel with a substitute acceptable to HACE.

## TIME FOR RECEIVING PROPOSALS

All Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “RFP: Lawncare & Snow Removal” with the responder’s name and address on the exterior of the envelope” and received and date and time stamped at the Front Desk of the Housing Authority City of Elkhart, 1396 Benham Ave., Elkhart, Indiana 46516, no later than 4:00PM on **March 14, 2025**. Proposals received after 4:00PM. will NOT be opened and will not be returned to the responder. The determination as to whether a Proposal is timely received will be at the sole discretion of the Housing Authority.

## REQUIRED FORMS

All required forms furnished by HACE as a part of the RFP document issued shall, as instructed, be fully completed, and submitted by the proposer. Such forms may be completed in a legible hand-written fashion, by use of a typewriter, or may be downloaded and completed on a computer. If, during the download, a form becomes changed in any fashion, the proposer must “edit” the form back to its original form (for example, signature lines must appear on the page which the line was originally intended).

HACE intends to retain the successful proposer pursuant to a “Best Value” basis, not a “Low Bid” basis. Therefore, so that HACE can evaluate the proposals received, all proposals submitted in response to this RFP should be formatted in accordance with the sequence noted below.

The Proposal is to contain various categories of information which should be tabbed, sectioned, or distinctly separated so that the information submitted can be easily retrieved.

##### Tab/Section 1, PROFILE OF FIRM FORM AND PROOF OF INSURANCE AND BUSINESS/CONTRACTOR LICENSE

Proposers must be able to provide proof of Insurance & Contractors must submit a business license. The Profile of Firm Form, a one-page Form must be fully completed, executed and submitted under this tab as a part of the proposal submittal by the Proposer and each subcontractor. Also submit the Company Profile as part of this section. See **Attachment I**.

##### Tab/Section 2, BID FORM

These Forms are attached hereto as **Attachment B** to this RFP document. This one-page Form must be fully completed and submitted under this tab as a part of the proposal submittal. The proposed fee section of this form will be intentionally left blank in the proposal submittals.

##### Tab/Section 3, SECTION 3 PLAN

Proposers are required to read thru the HUD Section 3 program. See **Attachment F**.

##### Tab/Section 4, SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE AND PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Proposers are required to agree to the Section 3 compliance and, if desired, submit a business preference concern certification if eligible. See **Attachment G.**

##### Tab/Section 5, PAST PERFORMANCE

The Proposer must submit under this section a concise description of its experience, to include:

1. Firm’s experience with similar projects requiring Lawncare & Snow Removal Services.
2. Firm’s experience in projects of this or greater scope.
3. Length of time Contractor has been providing the services requested by this RFP.

##### Tab/Section 6, HUD FORMS

These Forms are attached hereto as Attachments to this RFP document and must be fully completed, executed where provided thereon and submitted under this tab as a part of the proposal submittal. See **Attachments C, D, and H**.

##### Tab/Section 7, CLIENT INFORMATION

The proposer shall provide three former or current clients, preferably other than HACE, for whom the proposer has performed similar or like services to those being proposed herein. The list shall, at a minimum, include for each reference:

* + The client’s name;
	+ The client’s telephone number and address,
	+ Description of services provided to the client, and
	+ Date of services

## PROPOSED COSTS

##### BASE COSTS

Your proposed fee for each item is inclusive of all necessary costs to provide the proposed services, including, but not limited to: employee costs and benefits (must comply with Attachment E) clerical support; overhead; profit; supplies; materials; licensing; insurance, vehicle fuel, etc. Each fee proposed shall be fully “burdened” with profit and overhead costs. Prices: Your proposed price for each item listed on the Price Sheet shall be inclusive of all expenses incurred to perform the service under this RFP and any resulting contract. Price shall include but not be limited to, employee costs and benefits, clerical support, overhead, profit, supplies, materials, equipment, licensing, insurance, bonding, vehicle fuel, etc. Prices will be utilized to deduct for any work not performed or materials not used.

## PROPOSAL OPENING RESULTS

It is understood by all proposers/prospective proposers that the proposals are privately opened, and the results will be recorded internally. When HACE has concluded all evaluations, has chosen a final top-rated proposer, has completed the award and is ready to issue such results, HACE shall notify all proposers.

All proposal documents submitted by the proposers are generally a matter of public record unless information is deemed to be proprietary.

##### AWARD OF CONTRACT

The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any minor informalities or irregularities in bids received. The contract shall initially be awarded to the highest scored RFP by a responsible Bidder whose Bid conforms to the RFP and to the specifications described herein, and whose product or service best suits the needs of the HACE. The Contractor shall perform Lawncare & Snow Removal, as specified herein, on “as needed” basis at various HACE Properties per the included scope of work.

The contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws regarding no smoking on HACE properties.

Proposal Prices: Proposers are advised that the Proposal Fee shall be all inclusive and fully burdened by proposer to accomplish the work as specified in this RFP and any resulting contract.

Regulatory: Contractor(s) shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and codes and obtain any licenses or permits required to provide the services

The contractor shall utilize Section 3 residents and businesses to perform the requirements under this proposal to the greatest extent feasible and shall document such efforts quarterly.

##### PROPOSAL EVALUATION

All proposals will be evaluated by Housing Authority representatives. The evaluators may conduct interviews with “short-listed” firms to clarify information provided in the proposals. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Experience and Qualifications-15 points
2. Cost of Service-50 points
3. Capacity to Deliver Specified Service-25 points
4. Quality of References-10 points

**ATTACHMENT A**

## LAWNCARE - SCOPE OF WORK

##### SPRING AND FALL CLEAN-UP

##### Includes trash-pick up, leaves, branches, mulched beds, and other debris from under trees, shrubs, and grass areas throughout the development.

##### As directed by the HA, to occur once in April and once in October.

##### ON-GOING MOWING

##### All turf areas shall be mowed weekly during the growing season from April through October which are to be mowed weekly. Mowing height will typically be 3 to 3½ inches. The HA reserves the right to limit cuts in drought or dry conditions with periods of minimal growth. The HA reserves the right to choose which specific days and times services are provided at each site (and will establish such during negotiations with the successful proposer).

##### All turf areas to be mowed will be cleared of loose trash and debris prior to mowing.

##### All grass clippings will be either removed (vacuumed) or blown back onto turf from sidewalks, parking lots, trash enclosures, porches or other non-grass areas of the housing site, so that it results in a neat appearance.

##### Any damage to electrical and any other property (HA- or tenant-owned) from mowing, or other services performed by the contractor, will be the contractor's sole responsibility to repair in a timely manner.

##### All turf areas inaccessible to mowing equipment will be trimmed prior to mowing as needed to maintain a neat, well-groomed appearance.

##### Trimming of turf will be done around the buildings, porches, all sidewalks, and air conditioning cages which will be performed at time of mowing.

##### WEED CONTROL

##### Weed control will be performed by hand, mechanically or by pre/post-emergent treatments, weekly.

##### PRUNING AND TREE TRIMMING

##### Pruning of bushes/shrubs on property and disposal of ensuing materials.

##### Shrubs and bushes shall be pruned to prevent them from touching physical buildings.

##### Involuntary growth shall be removed from bushes and shrubs.

## SNOW REMOVAL - SCOPE OF WORK (as a separate service, separate pricing sheet provided below)

##### Contractor shall provide snow plowing, a complete clean of snow and ability to “cut a path” to maintain an emergency lane available for emergency service vehicles on the properties designated.

##### Snow plowing of driveways, parking lots, and designated roadways.

##### Snow blowing of sidewalks.

##### Application of de-icing agents (e.g., salt or sand) as requested.

##### Snow removal will commence when snow accumulation reaches 2 inches or as specifically requested by the HA or if 2” is intermittent.

##### Services will be performed during the day unless otherwise directed. Emergency services can be provided upon request for an additional fee.

##### In the event of a continuous snow event, Emergency Lanes will be cut (plowed) at each location to keep them open. Then come back and clean after the snow stops or slows.

##### Definitions: “Plowing” is defined as the clearing of snow on all private roadways and parking lots minus any occupied parking bay; “Complete Clean” is defined as the complete cleanup of private roadways and parking lots including all parking bays; “Emergency path” is defined as a plow width cut path thru the snowed roadway for emergency vehicles.

**LOCATION INFORMATION**

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| **PROPERTY NAME** | **TYPE** | **Community Address** |
| Washington Gardens | Community Site | 315 Chapman Ave |
| Banneker Heights | Community Site | 1 Malcolm Dr |
| Rosedale High Rise | High Rise | 501 W Indiana Ave |
| Waterfall High Rise | High Rise | 303 Waterfall Dr |
| Riverside High Rise | High Rise | 181 N Elkhart Ave |
| Administration Bldg. | Office Building | 1396 Benham Ave |

## PRICING

ENTRY OF PROPOSED FEES

The proposed fees shall be submitted by the proposer and received by the HA where provided in the fields below only. A proposer must enter a proposed fee for each item—a “No Proposal” will not be allowed for any item, though a “No Charge” will be allowed for certain items. The proposed fees submitted by each proposer are inclusive of all necessary costs to provide the proposed services not otherwise provided for herein, including, but not limited to: employee costs and benefits; clerical support; overhead; profit; supplies; materials; licensing; insurance; etc.

**ATTACHMENT B – PRICING**

**LAWNCARE PRICING**

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| **Property** | **Address** | **Cost per Week (Lawn Service)** |
| **Washington Gardens** | 315 Chapman Ave | $ |
| **Banneker Heights** | 1 Malcolm Dr | $ |
| **Rosedale High Rise** | 501 W Indiana Ave | $ |
| **Waterfall High Rise** | 303 Waterfall Dr | $ |
| **Riverside High Rise** | 181 N Elkhart Ave | $ |
| **Administration Bldg.** | 1396 Benham Ave | $ |
| **Grand Total for all Properties per Month** |  | $ |

**SNOW REMOVAL PRICING**

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| **Property** | **Address** | **Plowing** | **Complete Clean** | **Cut Path for Emergency Lane** | **Snow blow all Sidewalks** |
| **Washington Gardens** | 315 Chapman Ave – Entire Community | N/A | N/A | N/A | $ |
| **Banneker Heights** | 1 Malcolm Dr | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| **Rosedale High Rise** | 501 W Indiana Ave | $ | $ | $ | N/A |
| **Waterfall High Rise** | 303 Waterfall Dr | $ | $ | $ | N/A |
| **Riverside High Rise** | 181 N Elkhart Ave | $ | $ | $ | N/A |
| **Grand Total for all Properties per Month** |  | $ | $ | $ | $ |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE PRICING ITEMS:

* 1. QUANTITIES: As may be further detailed herein, the HA does not guarantee any minimum or maximum amount of work as a result of any award ensuing from this RFP, as the ensuing contract will be a Requirements Contract, in that the HA shall retain one contractor only and shall retain the right to order from that contractor (successful proposer), on a task order basis, any amount of services the HA requires.
1. SUPERVISOR: The contractor’s assigned skilled staff person who has responsibility to supervise the work at the HA site. This person may, while supervising, also perform work typically assigned to the Technician. It is understood that a Supervisor position will be paid by the HA only if there are 3 or more persons working on the site at the same time; if there is less than 3 persons working at the site at the same time, then the HA will only pay for such staff at the level they are actually working (i.e. Technician).
2. TECHNICIAN: The contractor’s assigned skilled staff person who typically performs

the required work.

* 1. PRICE ESCALATION: At the discretion of the CO, at the end of the first one-year contract period (and at the end of any ensuing extended contract period), there may be an escalation of labor costs allowed in the same amount of any escalation that occurs pertaining to the corresponding or most similar (a) State of Indiana Prevailing Wage Rates,

(b) Davis-Bacon Wage Rates, or (c) HUD Maintenance Wage Rate Determination (MWRD) for the HA (either used at the HA’s discretion), if the Contractor’s labor rates match the corresponding minimum rates in Attachment E. For example, if, at the end of the first contract period the listed Prevailing/Davis-Bacon/MWRD wage rates increase 5% as compared with the listed rates on the date of contract execution, then the Contractor may be entitled to a 5% increase in the labor rates that he/she submitted in response to this RFP. Similarly, for ensuing years, the end-date of the previous contract period shall be the base-line date to determine the previously listed wage rate.

a) NOTIFICATION MUST BE RECEIVED FROM THE CONTRACTOR: The Contractor must notify the CO, in writing, of such desired escalation at least 60 days prior to the end of the noted contract period(s). Such escalations may occur no more than once in any 12 -month period without the express written consent of the CO.

* 1. OVERTIME: Pursuant to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, overtime shall be not less than time and one half for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week. The HA shall consider regular-time to be Monday-Friday (excluding holidays), 8:00AM – 5:00PM. Accordingly, the HA will pay a rate of 1.5 of the listed hourly rates within Lot No. 1-2 (or any increased rate that increased per Section 3 herein) for any work the HA requires the successful proposer to work specifically during non-regular-time hours (however, the HA shall NOT be responsible to pay the successful proposer for any work that the successful proposer CHOOSES to work during non-regular-time hours).
	2. HUD MAINTENANCE WAGE RATES DETERMINATION (MWRD): HUD has determined that the HA must ensure that contractors do not pay its employees that perform such work for the HA at a rate less than the rates listed on the HUD MWRD. Therefore, by submitting a proposal, each proposer is thereby agreeing that he/she will not pay his/her employees at rates less than detailed within the following table. Please note that, as detailed within Section 10.10 of HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2 (most specifically within Section 10.10.E therein), the contractor will not be required to submit certified payrolls; however, the contractor must make its payroll records available to either the HA or HUD on request, and failure on the part of the contractor to comply with this requirement will be the sole responsibility of the contractor, including any ensuing penalties, court costs, or wages due to employees as a result of the contractor’ s failure to comply.

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| **Work Classification** | **HUD-Determined Rate** |
| General Maintenance | $13.00 |
| Maintenance Supervisor | $15.38 |

I (we) propose to furnish services in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications embodied herein, all which terms, conditions and specifications are hereby accepted and made a part of this proposal which are described on the proposal sheet herein and opposite of which prices have been entered, at the prices quoted. It is understood and agreed that the present price in this proposal shall remain open and valid for sixty (60) days, and this proposal shall constitute an offer which, when accepted by HACE, and subject to the terms and conditions of such acceptance, shall constitute a valid and binding contract between the undersigned and contractor and HACE.

Date:

By:

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Seal if Bid is by a Corporation

(To Be Completed and Signed By Contractor)

###### ATTACHMENT C

HUD 5369-B



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###### ATTACHMENT D

HUD FORM 5370-C PART 2

**General Conditions for Non-Construction U.S. Department of Housing and Urban**

**Contracts**

Section II – (With Maintenance Work)

**Development**

Office of Public and Indian Housing Office of Labor Relations

 OMB Approval No. 2577-0157 (exp. 11/30/2023)

Public Reporting Burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions,s earching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and an applicant is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Applicability. This form HUD-5370C has 2 Sections. These Sections must be inserted into non-construction contracts as described below:**

1. Non-construction contracts (*without* maintenance) greater than $250,000 - use Section I;
2. Maintenance contracts (including nonroutine maintenance as defined at 24 CFR 905.200) greater than $2,000 but not more than $250,000 - use Section II; and
3. Maintenance contracts (including nonroutine maintenance), greater than $250,000 – use Sections I and II.

**Section II – Labor Standard Provisions for all Maintenance Contracts greater than $2,000**

1. **Minimum Wages**
	1. All maintenance laborers and mechanics employed under this Contract in the operation of the project(s) shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than semi-monthly, and without subsequent deduction (except as otherwise provided by law or regulations), the full amount of wages due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill. Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein; provided, that the employer’s payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination, including any additional classifications and wage rates approved by HUD under subparagraph 1(b), shall be posted at all times by the Contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily

seen by the workers.

* 1. (i) Any class of laborers or mechanics which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the Contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. HUD shall approve an additional classification and wage rate only when the following criteria have been met:
		1. The work to be performed by the classification

in the classification under this Contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

1. **Withholding of funds**

The Contracting Officer, upon his/her own action or upon request of HUD, shall withhold or cause to be withheld from the Contractor under this Contract or any other contract subject to HUD-determined wage rates, with the same prime Contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics employed by the Contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by this clause. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic employed under this Contract all or part of the wages required under this Contract, the Contracting Officer or HUD may, after written notice to the Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment or advance until such violations have ceased. The Public Housing Agency or HUD may, after written notice to the Contractor, disburse such amounts withheld for and on account of the Contractor or subcontractor to the respective employees to whom they are due.

1. **Records**
	1. The Contractor and each subcontractor shall make and maintain for three (3) years from the completion of the work records containing the following for each laborer and mechanic:
2. Name, address and Social Security Number;
3. Correct work classification or classifications;
4. Hourly rate or rates of monetary wages paid;
5. Rate or rates of any fringe benefits provided;
6. Number of daily and weekly hours worked;
7. Gross wages earned;
8. Any deductions made; and
9. Actual wages paid.
	1. The Contractor and each subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 3(a) available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of HUD or the HA and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the Contractor or any subcontractor fails to make the required records available, HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance or guarantee of funds.

required is not performed by a classification in the **4. Apprentices and Trainees**

wage determination;

* + 1. The classification is utilized in the area by the industry; and
		2. The proposed wage rate bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the
1. Apprentices and trainees will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they perform when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in:

wage determination.

1. The wage rate determined pursuant to this paragraph shall be paid to all workers performing work

(i)

A bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Office of

(ii)

Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services (OATELS), or with a state apprenticeship agency recognized by OATELS, or if a person is employed in his/her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by OATELS or a state apprenticeship agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice; A trainee program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the

U.S. Department of Labor, ETA; or

(ii)

forth those findings that are in dispute and the reasons, including any affirmative defenses, with respect to the violations. The request shall be directed to the appropriate HA or HUD official in accordance with instructions contained in the notice of findings or, if the notice does not specify to whom a request should be made, to the Regional Labor Relations Officer (HUD). The HA or HUD official shall, within 60 days (unless otherwise indicated in the notice of findings) after receipt of a timely request for reconsideration, issue a written decision on the findings of violation. The written decision on reconsideration shall

1. A training/trainee program that has received prior approval by HUD.
2. Each apprentice or trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered or approved program for the apprentice’s/trainee’s level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices and trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the registered or approved program. If the program does not specify fringe benefits,

apprentices/trainees must be paid the full amount of fringe

benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable (iii) classification.

1. The allowable ratio of apprentices or trainees to journeyman on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the employer as to the entire work force under the approved program.
2. Any worker employed at an apprentice or trainee wage rate who is not registered in an approved program, and any apprentice or trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the approved program, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually

contain instructions that any appeal of the decision shall be addressed to the Regional Labor Relations Officer by letter postmarked within 30 calendar days after the date of the decision. In the event that the Regional Labor Relations Officer was the deciding official on reconsideration, the appeal shall be directed to the Director, Office of Labor Relations (HUD). Any appeal must set forth the aspects of the decision that are in dispute and the reasons, including any affirmative defenses, with respect to the violations. The Regional Labor Relations Officer shall, within 60 days (unless otherwise indicated in the decision on reconsideration) after receipt of a timely appeal, issue a written decision on the findings. A decision of the Regional Labor Relations Officer may be appealed to the Director, Office of Labor Relations, by letter postmarked within 30 days of the Regional Labor Relations Officer’s decision. Any appeal to the Director must set forth the aspects of the prior decision(s) that are in dispute and the reasons. The decision of the Director, Office of Labor Relations, shall be

performed. final.

1. In the event OATELS, a state apprenticeship agency (b) Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of

recognized by OATELS or ETA, or HUD, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship or trainee program, the employer will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices/trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

1. **Disputes concerning labor standards**

paragraph 6 shall not be subject to paragraph 5(a) of this form HUD-5370C. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the U.S. Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR Parts 5, 6 and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this paragraph 5(b) include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the HA, HUD, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

* 1. Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions **6. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act**

contained in Section II of this form HUD-5370-C, other than

those in Paragraph 6, shall be subject to the following procedures. Disputes within the meaning of this paragraph include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the HA, or HUD, or the employees or their representatives, concerning payment of prevailing wage rates or proper classification. The procedures in this section may be initiated upon HUD’s own motion, upon referral of the HA, or upon request of the Contractor or subcontractor(s).

* + 1. A Contractor and/or subcontractor or other interested party desiring reconsideration of findings of violation by the HA or HUD relating to the payment of straight-time prevailing wages or classification of work shall request such reconsideration by letter postmarked within 30 calendar days of the date of notice of findings issued by the HA or HUD. The request shall set

The provisions of this paragraph 6 are applicable only where the amount of the prime contract exceeds $100,000. As used in this paragraph, the terms “laborers” and “mechanics” includes watchmen and guards.

1. **Overtime requirements.** No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the Contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of 40 hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of

40 hours in such workweek.

1. **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.** In the event of any violation of the provisions set forth in paragraph 6(a), the Contractor and any

subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to the District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the provisions set forth in paragraph (a) of this clause, in the sum of $10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of 40 hours without payment of the overtime wages required by provisions set forth in paragraph (a) of this clause.

1. **Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.** HUD or its designee shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the U.S. Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor under any such Contract or any federal contract with the same prime Contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Contractor such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the provisions set forth in paragraph (b) of this clause.
2. **Subcontracts**

The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts all the provisions contained in this Section II and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these provisions in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the provisions contained in these clauses.

1. **Non-Federal Prevailing Wage Rates**

Any prevailing wage rate (including basic hourly rate and any fringe benefits), determined under state law to be prevailing, with respect to any employee in any trade or position employed under the Contract, is inapplicable to the contract and shall not be enforced against the Contractor or any subcontractor, with respect to employees engaged under the contract whenever such non-Federal prevailing wage rate, exclusive of any fringe benefits, exceeds the applicable wage rate determined by the Secretary of HUD to be prevailing in the locality with respect to such trade or position.

###### ATTACHMENT E

HUD MAINTENANCE WAGE RATES

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Maintenance Wage Rate Decision** | **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development****Office of Labor Relations** |  | **HUD FORM 52158** |
|  | **(06/2006)** |
| Agency Name:**Elkhart HA****1396 Benaham Ave****Elkhart IN 46516** | LR 2000 Agency ID No:**IN026A** | Wage Decision Type:**Routine Maintenance Nonroutine Maintenance** |
| Effective Date:**April 1, 2023** | Expiration Date:**March 31, 2025** |
| **The following wage rate determination is made pursuant to Section 12(a) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, (public housing agencies), or pursuant to Section 104(b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-determination Act of 1996, as amended, (Indian housing agencies). The agency and its contractors may pay to maintenance laborers and mechanics no less than the wage rate(s) indicated for the type of work they actually perform.** |
|  **Loretta Szweduik /s/, CIRS**  |  |  |  **2-25-21**  |  |  |
| **HUD Labor Relations** |  |  | **Date** |  |  |
| **(Name, Title, Signature)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **WORK CLASSIFICATION(S)** | **HOURLY WAGE RATES** |
| **BASIC WAGE** | **FRINGE BENEFIT(S) (if any)** |
| Maintenance Supervisor HVACGeneral Maintenance Hi-Rise Custodian GroundskeeperOffice Custodian-Part-time Painter | $15.38$14.00$13.00$10.50$10.31$10.00$11.00 | As defined by the HA As defined by the HA As defined by the HA As defined by the HA As defined by the HA n/aAs defined by the HA |
| The agency employee benefit program has been determined by HUD to be acceptable for meeting the prevailing fringe benefit requirements.(HUD Labor Relations: If applicable, check box and initial below.)LR Staff Initial |
|  | **FOR HUD USE ONLY LR2000:** |
| **Log in:** |
| **Log out:** |
| **PREVIOUS EDITION IS OBSOLETE** |  |  |  |  | **Form HUD-52158 (06/2006)** |


###### ATTACHMENT F

**Section 3 Plan**

1. **Overview of Section 3 Requirements**

**A. WHAT IS SECTION 3?**

Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) that is regulated by the provisions of 24 CFR 75. Section 3 regulations ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, State and local laws and regulations, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.

**B. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

This plan outlines how the Housing Authority City of Elkhart (HACE) and its subrecipients, contractors and subcontractors will comply with HUD’s Section 3 requirements in implementing HUD funded programs. Bidder will, to the greatest extent feasible, ensure that employment and other economic opportunities are directed to low- and very low-income persons (Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers) and to eligible businesses (Section 3 Businesses) and requires the same of its contractors.

Housing Authority City of Elkhart may amend its Section 3 Policies and Procedures document as necessary to ensure continued compliance with HUD’s requirements and/or to reflect updated Section 3 guidance and outreach strategies.

**C. APPLICABILITY**

For public housing financial assistance, all funding is covered, regardless of the amount of expenditure or size of a contract. This plan applies to development assistance, operating funds, capital funds, and all mixed-finance development.

For housing and community development financial assistance, this plan applies to housing rehabilitation, housing construction, and other public construction projects that exceed $200,000 or more of housing and community development financial assistance from one or more HUD programs. Applicability is determined at the project level.

For projects funded with Lead and Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Programs, this plan applies to projects that exceed $100,000.

This plan also applies to projects that include multiple funding sources. Multiple funding source projects include projects that include public housing financial assistance, housing and community development financial assistance for single or multiple recipients, and the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program.

Section 3 requirements **do not** apply to: 1) Material Supply Contracts - § 75.3(b), 2) Indian and Tribal Acknowledgments - § 75.3(c), and 3) Other HUD assistance and other Federal assistance not subject to Section 3 §75.3 (d). However, for financial assistance that is not subject to Section 3, recipients are encouraged to consider ways to support the purpose of Section 3.

**Section 3 Coordinator**

Housing Authority City of Elkhart Section 3 Coordinator serves as the central point of contact for Section 3 compliance for the PHA and its subrecipients, contractors and subcontractors supporting the program. Subrecipients, contractors, subcontractors and others are encouraged to reach out to the HACE Section 3 Coordinator with questions regarding Section 3 compliance:

**Erik Mathavan**
Director, Comprehensive Improvements
Erik.Mathavan@ehai.org

1. **Employment, Training, and Contracting Goals**

**A. SAFE HARBOR COMPLIANCE**

Bidder will be considered to have complied with the Section 3 requirements and met safe harbor, if they certify that they followed the required prioritization of effort and met or exceeded the Section 3 benchmarks, absent evidence of the contrary.

Prior to the beginning of work, contractors and subcontractors will be required to certify that they will follow the required prioritization of effort for Section 3 workers, Targeted Section 3 workers, and Section 3 business concerns as outlined below in Section C. After completion of the project, on the Section 3 Cumulative Report, contractors and subcontractors will be required to certify that they followed the prioritization of effort requirements.

If the contractor and subcontractor does not meet the safe harbor requirements, they must provide evidence that they have made qualitative efforts to assist low and very low-income persons with employment and training opportunities.

**B. SAFE HARBOR BENCHMARKS**

Bidder has established employment and training goals that subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors should meet to comply with Section 3 requirements outlined in 24 CFR Part 75.9 - for public housing financial assistance. The safe harbor benchmark goals are as follows:

1. Twenty-five (25) percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers employed with public housing financial assistance in the PHA’s fiscal year are Section 3 workers;

Section 3 Labor Hours/Total Labor Hours = 25%

And

1. Five (5) percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers employed with public housing financial assistance in the PHA’s fiscal year are Targeted Section 3 workers, as defined at 24 CFR Part 75.11.

Targeted Section 3 Labor Hours/Total Labor Hours = 5%

HUD establishes and updates Section 3 benchmarks for Section 3 workers and/or Targeted Section 3 workers through a document published in the Federal Register, not less frequently than once every 3 years. Given that the Section 3 benchmarks are subject to change every three years or sooner, Housing Authority City of Elkhart will review and update the Section 3 Plan every 6 years/months, as needed.

It is the responsibility of contractors to implement efforts to achieve Section 3 compliance. Any contractor that does not meet the Section 3 benchmarks must demonstrate why meeting the benchmarks was not feasible. All contractors submitting bids or proposals to the Housing Authority City of Elkhart are required to certify that they will comply with the requirements of Section 3.

## C. CERTIFICATION OF PRIORITIZATION OF EFFORT FOR EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND CONTRACTING

##### EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Under the HACE Section 3 Program, contractors and subcontractors should make best efforts to provide employment and training opportunities to Section 3 workers in the priority order listed below:

1. To residents of the public housing projects for which the public housing financial assistance is expended;
2. To residents of other public housing projects managed by the PHA that is providing the assistance or for residents of Section 8-assisted housing managed by the PHA;
3. To participants in YouthBuild programs; and
4. To low- and very low-income persons residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the assistance is expended.

Low and very low-income within Elkhart County, IN, is defined as residents within the following income levels for FY 2024 (Median Income = $82,000):

 **[Table No. 1]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Income Limit Category** | **(1)****Person** | **(2)****Persons** | **(3)****Persons** | **(4)****Persons** | **(5)****Persons** | **(6)****Persons** | **(7)****Persons** | **(8)****Persons** |
| **Very Low (50%)** | 28,700 | 32,800 | 36,900 | **41,000** | 44,300 | 47,600 | 50,850 | 54,150 |
| **Extremely Low****(30%)** | 17,250 | 20,440 | 25,820 | **31,200** | 36,580 | 41,960 | 47,340 | 52,720 |
| **Low (80%)** | 45,950 | 52,500 | 59,050 | **65,600** | 70,850 | 76,100 | 81,350 | 86,600 |

**Income Limit figures are based on FY2024 Fair Market Rent (FMR). For a detailed account of how these limits are derived, please see our associated FY2024 FMR documentation.**

##### CONTRACTING

Under the HACE Section 3 Program, contractors and subcontractors must make their best efforts to award contracts and subcontracts to business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers in the following order or priority:

1. Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities for residents of public housing projects for which the assistance is provided;
2. Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities for residents of other public housing projects or Section-8 assisted housing managed by the PHA that is providing assistance;
3. YouthBuild programs; and
4. Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the assistance is provided.

Contractors and subcontractors will be required to certify that they will and have made best efforts to follow the prioritization of effort requirements prior to the beginning work and after work is completed.

# Section 3 Eligibility and Certifications

Individuals and businesses that meet Section 3 criteria may seek Section 3 acknowledgement from HACE or its contractors/subcontractors for training, employment, or contracting opportunities generated by public housing financial assistance. To qualify as a Section 3 worker, Targeted Section 3 worker, or a Section 3 business concern, each must self-certify that they meet the applicable criteria.

Businesses who misrepresent themselves as Section 3 business concerns and report false information to HACE may have their contracts terminated as default and be barred from ongoing and future considerations for contracting opportunities.

## A. SECTION 3 WORKER AND TARGETED SECTION 3 WORKER CERTIFICATION

A Section 3 worker seeking certification shall submit self-certification documentation to the recipient contractor or subcontractor, that the person is a Section 3 worker or Targeted Section 3 worker as defined in 24 CFR Part 75. For the purposes of Section 3 worker eligibility, HACE will use individual income rather than family/household income to determine eligibility. The income limits will be determined annually using the guidelines published at <https://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html>.

Persons seeking the Section 3 worker acknowledgment shall demonstrate that it meets one or more of the following criteria currently or when hired within the past five years, as documented:

1. A low or very low-income resident (the worker’s income for the previous or annualized calendar year is below the income limit established by HUD); or
2. Employed by a Section 3 business concern; or
3. A YouthBuild participant.

Persons seeking the **Targeted** Section 3 worker acknowledgment shall demonstrate that it meets one or more of the following criteria:

Employed by a Section 3 business concern or

1. Currently meets or when hired met at least one of the following categories as documented within the past five years:
	1. A resident of public housing; or
	2. A resident of other public housing projects or Section 8-assisted housing; or
	3. A YouthBuild participant.

The individual must contact the Housing Authority City of Elkhart or developer from which they are seeking employment or contracting opportunities. They should identify themselves as a Section 3 worker or Targeted Section 3 worker and provide the documentation required for certification procedures. Prospective Section 3 workers may self-certify that they meet the requirements as defined in the regulations.

There are many ways that a worker can be certified as either a Section 3 Worker or Targeted Section 3 Worker under 24 CFR part 75:

(1) For a worker to qualify as a Section 3 worker, one of the following must be maintained:

(i) A worker’s self-certification that their income is below the income limit from the prior calendar year;

(ii) A worker’s self-certification of participation in a means-tested program such as public housing or Section 8-assisted housing;

(iii) Certification from a PHA, or the owner or property manager of project-based Section 8- assisted housing, or the administrator of tenant-based Section 8-assisted housing that the worker is a participant in one of their programs;

(iv) An employer’s certification that the worker’s income from that employer is below the income limit when based on an employer’s calculation of what the worker’s wage rate would translate to if annualized on a full-time basis; or

(v) An employer’s certification that the worker is employed by a Section 3 business concern.

(2) For a worker to qualify as a Targeted Section 3 worker, one of the following must be maintained:

(i) A worker’s self-certification of participation in public housing or Section 8-assisted housing programs;

(ii) Certification from a PHA, or the owner or property manager of project-based Section 8- assisted housing, or the administrator of tenant-based Section 8-assisted housing that the worker is a participant in one of their programs;

(iii) An employer’s certification that the worker is employed by a Section 3 business concern; or

(iv) A worker’s certification that the worker is a YouthBuild participant.

The documentation must be maintained for the period required for record retentions in accordance with applicable program regulations or, in the absence of applicable program regulations, in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.334, Retention Requirements for Records (www.ecfr.gov/cgibin/retrieveECFR?n=se2.1.200\_1334), which provides for retaining records for at least three years, as described in detail in that regulation. HACE or Bidder may report on Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers for five years from when their certification as a Section 3 worker or Targeted Section 3 worker is established.

HUD does not prescribe any specific forms of evidence to establish Section 3 eligibility. Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to the following:

• Proof of residency in a public housing project; or

• Evidence of participation in the YouthBuild program.

**B. SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERN CERTIFICATION**

Businesses that believe they meet the Section 3 Business requirements can/may self-register in the HUD Business registry, here: [http://www.hud.gov/Sec3Biz](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/section3businessregistry) as well as the HACE website here: <https://www.ehai.org/business-concern-certification---section-3.html>. Businesses may seek Section 3 Business Concern acknowledgment by demonstrating that it meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. At least 51 percent of the business is owned and controlled by low- or very low-income persons; or
2. At least 51 percent of the business is owned and controlled by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing; or
3. Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three-month period are performed by Section 3 workers.

Businesses that seek Section 3 acknowledgment shall certify, or demonstrate to the Housing Authority City of Elkhart, contractors, or subcontractors, that they meet the definitions provided in the above. Businesses may demonstrate eligibility by submitting the Section 3 Business Concern Certification Form attached.

Section 3 Business Concern Certification Forms must be submitted at the time of bid/proposal. If the HACE previously approved the business concern to be Section 3 certified, then the certification can be submitted along with the bid, as long as the form is submitted within the prescribed expiration date. The Section 3 Business Concern Certification Form will expire after 12 months. Establishing a 12 month certification of eligibility period allows the HACE the ability to assess contractor performance to ensure the business is striving to meet the required goals.

###### ATTACHMENT G

**Section 3 Compliance and Business Concern Acknowledgement Explanation**

**A. IS PARTICIPATION IN SECTION 3 OPTIONAL?**

* Except for purchases or contracts solely for commodities and equipment, as a part of the solicitation the Housing Authority City of Elkhart (HACE) will offer all bidders and proposers the option of an Acknowledgement.
* In response to a competitive solicitation (quotes; bids; RFP's), bidders and proposers are not required to respond to the HACE with a claim of an Acknowledgement (meaning, such claim is optional and failure to respond with a claim of an Acknowledgement will not cause the bidder or proposer to be deemed non-responsive); however, if a bidder or proposer does claim an Acknowledgement, then the HACE will consider, investigate, and determine the validity of each such claim for an Acknowledgement.
* Regardless of whether or not a bidder or proposer claims an Acknowledgement in response to a solicitation, the recipient of the award will be required to, "to the greatest extent feasible," implement the requirements of Section 3 during the ensuing awarded contract term.

**B. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARD**

* A Business which obtains the Business Concern Certification will be recognized for their outstanding effort and achievement amongst our community.
* Certification shall serve as a tiebreaker in the event of two or more firms equally qualified sharing the same lowest winning bid.
* To apply for Business Concern Certification, go to ehai.org, under Comprehensive Improvements, select Business Concern Certification – Section 3 or go to the following link: <https://www.ehai.org/business-concern-certification---section-3.html>
	+ Certification form must be completed by time of sealed bid submission.

**C. SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE & PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT\***

**\*(The following must be signed regardless of Business Concern certification/eligibility)**

I have read the Section 3 Plan provided. I am aware that an award as the result of this competitive solicitation, even though I may not receive a Acknowledgement from the HACE because of my Business Concern status, I am still required to, to the greatest extent feasible, provide training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities to low and very low-income persons, especially recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses/subcontractors that provide economic opportunities to low and very low-income persons.

Whether or not I apply for Section 3 Business Concern Certification for Contracting, I may be required to provide HACE an estimate number of Section 3 Labor Hours to arise as a result of my business participation on this project.

Print Name:
Signature: Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ATTACHMENT H

HUD 50070-CERTIFICATION OF DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

#### Certification for

**a Drug-Free Workplace**

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Applicant Name

Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding

Acting on behalf of the above named Applicant as its Authorized Official, I make the following certifications and agreements to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the sites listed below:

I certify that the above named Applicant will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the un- lawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Applicant's work- place and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.
2. Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees ---
	1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
	2. The Applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
	3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
	4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph a.;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by para- graph a. that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will ---
	1. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
	2. Notify the employer in writing of his or her convic- tion for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2) from an em- ployee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, includ- ing position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federalagency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted ---
	1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
	2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfacto- rily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program ap- proved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug- free workplace through implementation of paragraphs a. thru f.

**2. Sites for Work Performance.** The Applicant shall list (on separate pages) the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the HUD funding of the program/activity shown above: Place of Performance shall include the street address, city, county, State, and zip code. Identify each sheet with the Applicant name and address and the program/activity receiving grant funding.)

Check here if there are workplaces on file that are not identified on the attached sheets.

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate.

**Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Name of Authorized Official

Title

Signature

Date

X

form **HUD-50070** (3/98)

ref. Handbooks 7417.1, 7475.13, 7485.1 & .3

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL -** RFP 2025-01-LAWNCARE & SNOW REMOVAL

**PROFILE OF FIRM FORM**

**(Attachment I)**

**(This Form must be fully completed and submitted to the Agency when notified to do so by the Agency after the submittal deadline.)**

###### Prime  Sub-contractor  (This form must be completed by and for each).

1. **Name of Firm:**

**Telephone:**

**Fax:**

**Email:**

1. **Street Address, City, State, Zip:**
2. **Please attached a brief biography/resume of the company, including the following information: (a) Year Firm Established; (b) Year Firm Established in Indiana; (c) Former Name and Year Established (if applicable); (d) Name of Parent Company and Date Acquired (if applicable).**
3. **Identify Principals/Partners in Firm (submit under Tab No. 5 a brief professional resume for each):**

**[Table No. 1]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **(1)****Name** | **(2)****Title** | **(3)****% of Ownership** |
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###### Identify the individual(s) that will act as project manager and any other supervisory personnel that will work on project; please submit under Tab No. 5 a brief resume for each. (Do not duplicate any resumes required above):

**[Table No. 2]**

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**ELKHART HOUSING AUTHORITY, IN**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL -** RFP 2025-01-LAWNCARE & SNOW REMOVAL

**PROFILE OF FIRM FORM**

**(Attachment I)**

**(This Form must be fully completed and submitted to the Agency when notified to do so by the Agency after the submittal deadline.)**

######  Bidder Diversity Statement. You must mark all the following that apply to the ownership of this firm and enter where provided enter the correct percentage (%) of ownership of each:

** Caucasian  Public-Held  Government  Non-Profit American (Male) Corporation Agency Organization**

 **% % % %**

**Resident- (RBE), Minority- (MBE), or Woman-Owned (WBE) Business Enterprise (Qualifies by virtue of 51% or more ownership and active management by one or more of the following):**

**Resident- African Native Hispanic Asian/Pacific Hasidic Asian/Indian Owned\* American American American American Jew American**

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**Woman-Owned Woman-Owned Disabled Other (Specify): (MBE) (Caucasian) Veteran**

 **% % % %**

###### WMBE Certification Number:

**Certified by (What Agency):**

**(NOTE: A CERTIFICATION/NUMBER IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROPOSE – ENTER IF AVAILABLE)**

###### Federal Tax ID No.:

1. **Local Business License No. (if applicable):**
2. **State of Indiana License Type and No. (if applicable):**
3. **Federal License Type and No. (if applicable):**
4. **Worker’s Compensation Insurance Carrier:**

**Policy No.:**

**Expiration Date:**

1. **General Liability Insurance Carrier: Policy No.**

**Expiration Date:**

1. **Automobile Liability Insurance Carrier: Policy No.**

**Expiration Date:**

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