

PROVISION 4-3 REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (NOVEMBER 2012)

A. Type of Business Organization. The offeror, by checking the applicable blocks, represents that it:

1. Operates as:

a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of _____; or country of _____

if incorporated in a country other than the United States of America.

an individual;

a partnership;

a joint venture;

a limited liability company;

a nonprofit organization; or

an educational institution; and

2. Is (check all that apply)

a small business concern;

a minority business (indicate minority below):

Black American

Hispanic American

Native American

Asian American:

a woman-owned business; or

none of the above entities.

a. A small business concern for the purposes of Postal Service purchasing means a business, including an affiliate, that is independently owned and operated, is not dominant in producing or performing the supplies or services being purchased, and has no more than 500 employees, unless a different size standard has been established by the Small Business Administration (see 13 CFR 121, particularly for different size standards for airline, railroad, and construction companies). For subcontracts of \$50,000 or less, a subcontractor having no more than 500 employees qualifies as a small business without regard to other factors.

b. Minority Business. A minority business is a concern that is at least 51 percent owned by, and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by, one or more members of a socially and economically disadvantaged minority group, namely U.S. citizens who are Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, or Asian Americans. (Native Americans are American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, and Native Hawaiians. Asian Americans are U.S. citizens whose origins are Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Samoan, Laotian, Kampuchean (Cambodian), Taiwanese, in the U.S. Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands or in the Indian subcontinent.)

c. Woman-Owned Business. A woman-owned business is a concern at least 51 percent of which is owned by a woman (or women) who is a U.S. citizen, controls the firm by exercising the power to make policy decisions, and operates the business by being actively involved in day-to-day management.

d. Educational or Other Nonprofit Organization. Any corporation, foundation, trust, or other institution operated for scientific or educational purposes, not organized for profit, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the profits of any private shareholder or individual.

3. Is (check all that apply)

a Postal Service employee or a business organization substantially owned or controlled by such an individual

a spouse of a Postal Service employee or a business organization substantially owned or controlled by such an individual

another family member of a Postal Service employee or a business organization substantially owned or controlled by such an individual

an individual residing in the same household as a Postal Service employee or a business organization substantially owned or controlled by such an individual.

(Note: Offers from any of the sources listed in subparagraph A.3, may not be considered for an award pending review and recommendation by the Postal Service Ethics Office.)



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B. Parent Company and Taxpayer Identification Number

1. A parent company is one that owns or controls the basic business policies of an offeror. To own means to own more than 50 percent of the voting rights in the offeror. To control means to be able to formulate, determine, or veto basic business policy decisions of the offeror. A parent company need not own the offeror to control it; it may exercise control through the use of dominant minority voting rights, proxy voting, contractual arrangements, or otherwise.

2. Enter the offeror's U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) in the space provided. The TIN is the offeror's Social Security number or other Employee Identification Number (EIN) used on the offeror's Quarterly Federal Tax Return, U.S. Treasury Form 941, or as required by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations. Offeror's TIN: _____

3. IRS Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification. You must complete a copy of IRS Form W-9 and attach it to this certification.

4. Check this block if the offeror is owned or controlled by a parent company: ____

5. If the block above is checked, provide the following information about the parent company:

Parent Company's Name: _____

Parent Company's Main Office: _____

Address: _____

No. and Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Parent Company's TIN: _____

6. If the offeror is a member of an affiliated group that files its federal income tax return on a consolidated basis (whether or not the offeror is owned or controlled by a parent company, as provided above) provide the name and TIN of the common parent of the affiliated group:

Name of Common Parent: _____

Common Parent's TIN: _____

C. Certificate of Independent Price Determination

1. By submitting this proposal, the offeror certifies, and in the case of a joint proposal each party to it certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this solicitation:

a. The prices proposed have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to the prices with any other offeror or with any competitor;

b. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices proposed have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror before award of a contract, directly or indirectly to any other offeror or to any competitor; and

c. No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other person or firm to submit or not submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.

2. Each person signing this proposal certifies that:

a. He or she is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for the decision as to the prices being offered herein and that he or she has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraph a above; or

b. He or she is not the person in the offeror's organization responsible for the decision as to the prices being offered but that he or she has been authorized in writing to act as agent for the persons responsible in certifying that they have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraph a

above, and as their agent does hereby so certify; and he or she has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to paragraph a above.

3. Modification or deletion of any provision in this certificate may result in the disregarding of the proposal as unacceptable. Any modification or deletion should be accompanied by a signed statement explaining the reasons and describing in detail any disclosure or communication.

D. Certification of Non-segregated Facilities

1. By submitting this proposal, the offeror certifies that it does not and will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not and will not permit its employees to perform services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The offeror agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in this contract.

2. As used in this certification, segregated facilities means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms or wash rooms, restaurants or other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms or other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment area, transportation, or housing facilities provided for employees that are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise.

3. The offeror further agrees that (unless it has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) it will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors before awarding subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 that are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause; that it will retain these certifications in its files; and that it will forward the following notice to these proposed subcontractors (except when they have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods):

Notice: A certification of non-segregated facilities must be submitted before the award of a subcontract exceeding \$10,000 that is not exempt from the Equal Opportunity clause. The certification may be submitted either for each subcontract or for all subcontracts during a period (quarterly, semiannually, or annually).

E. Certification Regarding Debarment, Proposed Debarment, and Other Matters (This certification must be completed with respect to any offer with a value of \$100,000 or more.)

1. The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it or any of its principals:

a. Are ___ are not ___ presently debarred or proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal, state, or local agency;

b. Have ___ have not ___, within the three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property;

c. Are ___ are not ___ presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subparagraph (b) above;

d. Have ___ have not ___ within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in conjunction with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion or receiving stolen property; and

e. Are ___ are not ___ presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subparagraph (d) above.

2. The offeror has ___ has not ___, within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any Federal, state, or local agency.

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3. "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers, directors, owners, partners, and other persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager, plant manager, head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).
4. The offeror must provide immediate written notice to the contracting officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. A certification that any of the items in E.1 and E.2 of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, the certification will be considered as part of the evaluation of the offeror's capability (see the Conduct Supplier Capability Analysis topic of the Evaluate Proposals task of Process Step 2: Evaluate Sources, in the Postal Service's Supplying Practices). The offeror's failure to furnish a certification or provide additional information requested by the contracting officer will affect the capability evaluation.
6. Nothing contained in the foregoing may be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by E.1 and E.2 of this provision. The knowledge and information of an offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
7. This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under section 1001, Title 18, United States Code.
8. The certification in E.1 and E.2 of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making the award. If it is later determined that the offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Postal Service, the contracting officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.

F. Incorporation by Reference. Wherever in this solicitation or contract a standard provision or clause is incorporated by reference, the incorporated term is identified by its title, its provision or clause number assigned to it, and its date. The text of incorporated terms may be found at <http://about.usps.com/manuals/pm/welcome.htm>.

United States Postal Service Representation and Certification

The Foregoing Representations and Certifications are made by:

Offeror: _____

Signature: _____

Typed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____