

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

**RFP NO. 16-600**

**PROJECT TITLE: *PERFORMANCE AUDIT, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PROGRAMS FUNDED BY A DOCUMENT RECORDING SURCHARGE.***

**PROPOSAL DUE DATE: April 13, 2016, 3:30 Local Time, Olympia, WA**

E-mailed bids will NOT be accepted. Faxed bids will NOT be accepted.

**ESTIMATED TIME PERIOD FOR CONTRACT: May 6, 2016 – December 31, 2016**

The Agency reserves the right to extend the contract for up to two additional one-year periods at the sole discretion of the Agency.

**BIDDER ELIGIBILITY:** This procurement is open to those bidders who satisfy the minimum qualifications stated herein and that are available for work in Washington State.

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

### **PURPOSE:**

The Washington State Office of Financial Management, hereafter called "AGENCY," is initiating this Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from firms interested in participating on a project to conduct a performance audit of housing programs at the Washington State Department of Commerce, hereinafter called "COMMERCE".

### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2014 the Legislature passed [Chapter 200, Laws of 2014](#), an act relating to a surcharge for local homeless housing and assistance. The act requires the AGENCY to contract with an independent auditor to conduct a performance audit of programs funded by document recording surcharge funds collected pursuant to Revised Code of Washington [36.22.178](#), [36.22.179](#), and [36.22.1791](#).

## 1.2. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF WORK

COMMERCE manages three (3) grant programs that are subject to the performance audit:

- a. Consolidated Homeless Grants, including 34 contracts for the following programs:
  - (1) Emergency Housing
  - (2) Emergency Shelter Homelessness Prevention Program
  - (3) Homeless Family Shelters
  - (4) Homeless Housing Program
  - (5) Transitional Housing Operations and Rent Program
- b. Independent Youth Housing Grants, including 9 contracts for the Independent Youth Housing Program.
- c. Operations and Maintenance Grants, including 71 contracts for the operations and maintenance of the state's affordable housing portfolio.

For each program, the performance audit must:

- a. Provide findings to determine if the document recording surcharge funds are being used effectively, efficiently, and for their intended purpose.
- b. Review COMMERCE's performance in meeting all statutory requirements related to document recording surcharge funds including, but not limited to:
  - (1) The data the COMMERCE collects.
  - (2) The timeliness and quality of required reports, and whether the data and required reports provide adequate information and accountability for the use of the document recording surcharge funds.
- c. Include recommendations for policy and operational improvements to the use of document recording surcharges by counties and the COMMERCE.

The successful bidder will have approximately seven (7) months to complete the performance audit and produce the final report to the legislature. During the work period, the successful bidder and the AGENCY will convene periodic project status meetings. The successful bidder will provide the AGENCY with the following:

- Outline of the report due to the AGENCY by September 1, 2016.
- Draft report due to the AGENCY by November 7, 2016.

- Final report due to the AGENCY by November 30, 2016.

We expect the contractor to plan the audit, conduct the audit work and write the audit report outline, draft audit report and final audit report. The contractor will schedule regular project status meetings with AGENCY staff, prepare status meeting materials and immediately report any risks or issues that could delay timely delivery of the final report. All reports, draft and otherwise, shall conform with Exhibit C, The Office of Financial Management Style, Design and Graphics Guidelines for Contractors.

### **1.3 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Minimum qualifications include:

- a. Licensed to do business in the State of Washington or provide a commitment that it will become licensed in Washington within thirty (30) calendar days of being selected as the Apparently Successful Contractor.
- b. The proposer must demonstrate that the staff scheduled to perform the audit work collectively possess:
  - (1) Five (5) years' experience of conducting performance audits of statewide government programs, or government programs within counties with populations of 750,000 or more.
  - (2) Experience conducting performance audits of state, local government or nonprofit services in the areas of homelessness services or affordable housing.

Any Bidder deemed by OFM to not meet all of these minimum requirements shall be considered non-responsive and their proposal will not be evaluated.

### **1.4 FUNDING**

The AGENCY has budgeted an amount not to exceed *three hundred thousand* Dollars (\$ 300,000) for this project. Proposals in excess of \$300,000 will be considered non-responsive and will not be evaluated.

Any contract awarded as a result of this procurement is contingent upon the availability of funding.

### **1.5 CONTRACT**

OFM intends to award one contract to provide the services described in this RFP.

The term of the Contract will be seven (7) months commencing upon the start date or execution date, whichever is later. Amendments extending the period of performance, if any, shall be at the sole discretion of OFM. The term of the contract may be extended by amendment two (2) times for up to one (1) year per amendment.

Additional services that are appropriate to the scope of this RFP, as determined by OFM, may be added to the resulting contract by a written amendment mutually agreed to and executed by both parties.

### **1.6 CONTRACTING WITH CURRENT OR FORMER STATE EMPLOYEES**

Specific restrictions apply to contracting with current or former state employees pursuant to chapter 42.52 of the Revised Code of Washington. Proposers should familiarize themselves with the requirements prior to submitting a proposal that includes current or former state employees.

## 1.7 DEFINITIONS

Definitions for the purposes of this RFP include:

**Agency** – The Office of Financial Management is the agency of the state of Washington that is issuing this RFP.

**Apparent Successful Bidder** – The individual or company selected as the entity to perform the anticipated services, subject to completion of contract negotiations and execution of a written contract.

**Bidder** – Individual or company interested in the RFP and that may or does submit a proposal in order to attain a contract with the AGENCY.

**Contractor** – Individual or company whose proposal has been accepted by the AGENCY and is awarded a fully executed, written contract.

**Department** – The Department of Commerce

**Key Personnel** - Staff being proposed to do the work under this Proposal.

**OFM** – The Washington State Office of Financial Management

**Proposal** – All material prepared and assembled by a Bidder, and which the Bidder submits in response to this RFP.

**Protest** - An objection by the Bidder, in writing, protesting the results of this RFP, and which complies with all requirements of this RFP.

**RCW** - Revised Code of Washington. (All references to RCW chapters or sections shall include any successor, amended, or replacement statute.)

**RFP** - Request for Proposals; i.e., this RFP document.

**RFP Coordinator** - The person named in this RFP as the RFP Coordinator, or the RFP Coordinator's designee within the Office of Financial Management. The sole point of contact within OFM regarding this RFP for potential Bidders and other interested parties.

**Statement of Work** - A statement of the work or services which the Contractor is to perform under any contract awarded, and which is generally in the form of an exhibit attached to the contract.

**Subcontractor** - A person or company not in the employment of the contractor who is performing all or part of those services under this contract under a separate contract with the contractor.

**Submit** - To deliver to the OFM RFP Coordinator any of several documents described in this RFP and in the manner specified in this RFP.

**WAC** – The Washington Administrative Code. All references to WAC chapters or sections shall include any successor, amended, or replacement regulation.)

**WEBS** – Washington's Electronic Business Solution. DSHS encourages all bidders to register with WEBS at <http://www.ga.wa.gov/Webs/>.

## 1.8 ADA

The AGENCY complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Bidders may contact the RFP

Coordinator to receive this Request for Proposals in Braille or on tape.

## 2. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

### 2.1. RFP COORDINATOR

The RFP Coordinator is the sole point of contact in the AGENCY for this procurement. All communication between the Bidder and the AGENCY upon release of this RFP shall be with the RFP Coordinator, as follows:

Name	Bonnie Lindstrom
E-Mail Address	Bonnie.lindstrom@ofm.wa.gov
Mailing Address	PO Box 43113, Olympia, WA 98504-3113
Physical Address for Delivery	302 Syd Snyder Ave. S.W., Third Floor, Olympia, WA 98504
Phone Number	360/902.0568

Any other communication will be considered unofficial and non-binding on the AGENCY. Bidders are to rely on written statements issued by the RFP Coordinator. Communication directed to parties other than the RFP Coordinator may result in disqualification of the Bidder.

### 2.2. PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

The Procurement Schedule outlines the tentative schedule for important action dates and times. All dates after the proposal submission due date are approximate and may be adjusted as conditions indicate, without amending this document. It is the Bidder's sole responsibility to periodically check WEBS at <http://www.ga.wa.gov/Webs/> for amendments to this document.

OFM Issues Request for Proposals	03.17.2016
Bidder may submit written questions until 3:30 pm Local Time, Olympia, WA	03.31.2016
OFM will Issue responses.	04.01.2016
Complaints Due, 3:30 pm Local Time, Olympia, WA	04.06.2016
Bidder must submit Proposal by 3:30 pm Local Time, Olympia, WA	04.13.2016
OFM evaluation of Proposals	04.19.2016
Bidder Oral Presentations if determined to be necessary by OFM	04.12.2016
OFM notifies Apparently Successful Bidder and begins contract negotiations	04.21.2016
OFM notifies unsuccessful Bidders	04.21.2016
Unsuccessful Bidders may request Debriefing until 3:30 pm Local Time, Olympia, WA	04.26.2016
OFM holds debriefing conferences, if requested	04.27.2016
Begin contract work	05.06.2016

The AGENCY reserves the right to revise the above schedule.

### **2.3 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Bidders may fax, e-mail, or mail written questions to the RFP Coordinator. Questions will be accepted until the date set forth in the Procurement Schedule. Early submission of questions is encouraged. Questions and answers will be posted by addenda on WEBS. Bidders may only rely on written statements Issued by the RFP Coordinator. Any oral communications are unofficial and are not binding on OFM.

### **2.4 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS**

Bidders are required to submit five (5) copies of their proposal. One copy must be marked "Original" and the other three (3) marked "Copy". The "Original" must have original signatures and the copies can have photocopied signatures. All copies must be identical in content to the "Original" as the evaluators will only be evaluating the copies. The Bidder must identify on the "Original" and each copy of its proposal the RFP #16-600 and Title, PERFORMANCE AUDIT, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PROGRAMS FUNDED BY A DOCUMENT RECORDING SURCHARGE. Bidder must also submit one (1) soft copy of their entire proposal on a thumb-drive.

The proposal, whether mailed or hand delivered, must arrive at the AGENCY no later than 3:30 PM, Local Time, Olympia, WA, on April 13, 2016.

The proposal is to be sent to the RFP Coordinator at the address noted in Section 2.1. The envelope should be clearly marked to the attention of the RFP Coordinator.

Bidders mailing proposals should allow normal mail delivery time to ensure timely receipt of their proposals by the RFP Coordinator. Bidders assume the risk for the method of delivery chosen. The AGENCY assumes no responsibility for delays caused by any delivery service. Proposals may not be transmitted using facsimile transmission.

Late proposals will not be accepted and will be automatically disqualified from further consideration. All proposals and any accompanying documentation become the property of the AGENCY and will not be returned.

### **2.5 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION/PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

Proposals submitted in response to this competitive procurement shall become the property of the AGENCY. All proposals received shall remain confidential until the contract, if any, resulting from this RFP is signed by the Director of the AGENCY, or his Designee, and the apparent successful Contractor; thereafter, the proposals shall be deemed public records as defined in Chapter 42.56 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

Any information in the proposal that the Bidder desires to claim as proprietary and exempt from disclosure under the provisions of Chapter 42.56 RCW, or other state or federal law that provides for the nondisclosure of your document, must be clearly designated. The information must be clearly identified and the particular exemption from disclosure upon which the Bidder is making the claim must be cited. Each page containing the information claimed to be exempt from disclosure must be clearly identified by the words "Proprietary Information" printed on the lower right hand corner of the page. Marking the entire proposal exempt from disclosure or as Proprietary Information will not be honored.

If a public records request is made for the information that the Bidder has marked as "Proprietary Information," the AGENCY will notify the Bidder of the request and of the date that the records will be released to the requester unless the Bidder obtains a court order enjoining that disclosure. If the Bidder fails to obtain the court order enjoining disclosure, the AGENCY will release the requested information on the date specified. If a Bidder obtains a court order from a court of competent jurisdiction enjoining disclosure pursuant to Chapter 42.56 RCW, or other state or federal law that

provides for nondisclosure, the AGENCY shall maintain the confidentiality of the Bidder's information per the court order.

A charge will be made for copying and shipping, as outlined in RCW 42.56. No fee shall be charged for inspection of contract files, but twenty-four (24) hours' notice to the RFP Coordinator is required. All requests for information should be directed to the RFP Coordinator.

## **2.6 REVISIONS TO THE RFP**

In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, addenda will be provided via e-mail to all individuals, who have made the RFP Coordinator aware of their interest. Addenda will also be published on WEBS at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/webscust>. For this purpose, the published questions and answers and any other pertinent information shall be provided as an addendum to the RFP and will be placed on WEBS.

The AGENCY also reserves the right to cancel or to reissue the RFP in whole or in part, prior to execution of a contract.

## **2.7 MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

In accordance with chapter 39.19 RCW, the state of Washington encourages participation in all of its contracts by firms certified by the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE). Participation may be either on a direct basis in response to this solicitation or on a subcontractor basis. However, no preference will be included in the evaluation of proposals, no minimum level of MWBE participation shall be required as a condition for receiving an award, and proposals will not be rejected or considered non-responsive on that basis.

The established annual procurement participation goals for MBE is 10% and for WBE, 4%, for this type of project. These goals are voluntary. For information on certified firms, Bidders may contact OMWBE at 360/753-9693 or <http://www.omwbe.wa.gov>.

## **2.8 ACCEPTANCE OF RFP TERMS**

The Bidder acknowledges that the submission of a Proposal which includes a signed Bidder Certification and Assurances Form, attached as Exhibit A, constitutes a binding offer that is valid for 60 days from the due date for receipt of proposals.

## **2.9 RESPONSIVENESS**

All proposals will be reviewed by the RFP Coordinator to determine compliance with administrative requirements and instructions specified in this RFP. The Bidder is specifically notified that the AGENCY may reject or withdraw a Proposal at any time as nonresponsive for any of the following reasons:

- a. Incomplete Proposal
- b. Submission of a proposal that proposes services that deviate from the technical requirements set forth in this document
- c. Failure to comply with any part of this RFP or any exhibit to this RFP
- d. Submission of incorrect, misleading, or false information.

The AGENCY also reserves the right at its sole discretion to waive minor administrative irregularities.

## **2.10 MOST FAVORABLE TERMS**

The AGENCY reserves the right to make an award without further discussion of the proposal submitted. Therefore, the proposal should be submitted initially on the most favorable terms which

the Bidder can propose. There will be no best and final offer procedure. The AGENCY does reserve the right to contact a Bidder for clarification of its proposal.

The Apparent Successful Bidder should be prepared to accept this RFP for incorporation into a contract resulting from this RFP. Contract negotiations may incorporate some or all of the Bidder's proposal. It is understood that the proposal will become a part of the official procurement file on this matter without obligation to the AGENCY.

## **2.11 CONTRACT AND GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

The apparent successful contractor will be expected to enter into a contract which is substantially the same as the sample contract and its general terms and conditions attached as Exhibit B. In no event is a Bidder to submit its own standard contract terms and conditions in response to this solicitation. The Bidder may submit exceptions as allowed in the Certifications and Assurances form, Exhibit A to this solicitation. All exceptions to the contract terms and conditions must be submitted as an attachment to Exhibit A, Certifications and Assurances form. The AGENCY will review requested exceptions and accept or reject the same at its sole discretion.

## **2.12 COSTS TO PREPARE PROPOSAL**

The AGENCY will not be liable for any costs incurred by the Bidder in preparation of a proposal submitted in response to this RFP, in conduct of a presentation, or any other activities related to responding to this RFP

## **2.13 NO OBLIGATION TO CONTRACT**

This RFP does not obligate the state of Washington or the AGENCY to contract for services specified herein.

## **2.14 REJECTION OF PROPOSALS**

The AGENCY reserves the right at its sole discretion to reject any and all proposals received without penalty and not to issue a contract as a result of this RFP.

## **2.15 COMMITMENT OF FUNDS**

The Director of the AGENCY or his delegate is the only individual who may legally commit the AGENCY to the expenditures of funds for a contract resulting from this RFP. No cost chargeable to the proposed contract may be incurred before receipt of a fully executed contract.

## **2.16 ELECTRONIC PAYMENT**

The state of Washington prefers to utilize electronic payment in its transactions. The successful contractor will be provided a form to complete with the contract to authorize such payment method.

## **2.17 INSURANCE COVERAGE**

The Contractor is to furnish the Agency with a certificate(s) of insurance executed by a duly authorized representative of each insurer, showing compliance with the insurance requirements set forth below.

The Contractor shall, at its own expense, obtain and keep in force insurance coverage which shall be maintained in full force and effect during the term of the contract. The Contractor shall furnish evidence in the form of a Certificate of Insurance that insurance shall be provided, and a copy shall be forwarded to the Agency within fifteen (15) days of the contract effective date.

### **Liability Insurance**

- 1) **Commercial General Liability Insurance:** Contractor shall maintain commercial general liability (CGL) insurance and, if necessary, commercial umbrella insurance, with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per each occurrence. If CGL insurance contains aggregate limits, the General Aggregate limit shall be at least twice the “each occurrence” limit. CGL insurance shall have products-completed operations aggregate limit of at least two times the “each occurrence” limit. CGL insurance shall be written on ISO occurrence from CG 00 01 (or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage). All insurance shall cover liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract), and contain separation of insureds (cross liability) condition.

Additionally, the Contractor is responsible for ensuring that any subcontractors provide adequate insurance coverage for the activities arising out of subcontracts.

- 2) **Business Auto Policy:** As applicable, the Contractor shall maintain business auto liability and, if necessary, commercial umbrella liability insurance with a limit not less than \$1,000,000 per accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of “Any Auto.” Business auto coverage shall be written on ISO form CA 00 01, 1990 or later edition, or substitute liability form providing equivalent coverage.

**Employers Liability (“Stop Gap”) Insurance:** In addition, the Contractor shall buy employers liability insurance and, if necessary, commercial umbrella liability insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident or \$1,000,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease.

#### **Additional Provisions**

Above insurance policy shall include the following provisions:

1. **Additional Insured.** The state of Washington, [agency name], its elected and appointed officials, agents and employees shall be named as an additional insured on all general liability, excess, umbrella and property insurance policies. All insurance provided in compliance with this contract shall be primary as to any other insurance or self-insurance programs afforded to or maintained by the state.
2. **Cancellation.** State of Washington, [agency name], shall be provided written notice before cancellation or non-renewal of any insurance referred to therein, in accord with the following specifications. Insurers subject to 48.18 RCW (Admitted and Regulation by the Insurance Commissioner): The insurer shall give the state 45 days advance notice of cancellation or non-renewal. If cancellation is due to non-payment of premium, the state shall be given 10 days advance notice of cancellation. Insurers subject to 48.15 RCW (Surplus lines): The state shall be given 20 days advance notice of cancellation. If cancellation is due to non-payment of premium, the state shall be given 10 days advance notice of cancellation.
3. **Identification.** Policy must reference the state’s contract number and the agency name.
4. **Insurance Carrier Rating.** All insurance and bonds should be issued by companies admitted to do business within the state of Washington and have a rating of A-, Class VII or better in the most recently published edition of Best’s Reports. Any exception shall be reviewed and approved by [Agency Name] Risk Manager, or the Risk Manager for the state of Washington, before the contract is accepted or work may begin. If an insurer is not admitted, all insurance policies and procedures for issuing the insurance policies must comply with Chapter 48.15 RCW and 284-15 WAC
5. **Excess Coverage.** By requiring insurance herein, the state does not represent that coverage and limits will be adequate to protect Contractor, and such coverage and limits shall not limit Contractor’s liability under the indemnities and reimbursements granted to the state in this contract.

#### **Workers’ Compensation Coverage**

The Contractor will at all times comply with all applicable workers' compensation, occupational disease, and occupational health and safety laws, statutes, and regulations to the full extent applicable. The state will not be held responsive in any way for claims filed by the Contractor or their employees for services performed under the terms of this contract.

## **2.18 COMPLAINTS**

This procedure is available to potential Bidders who are contemplating submitting a bid in response to this RFQQ. Only complaints concerning the following subjects shall be considered:

- A claim that the solicitation unnecessarily restricts competition;
- A claim the solicitation evaluation or scoring process is unfair or flawed, or
- A claim the solicitation requirements are inadequate or insufficient to prepare a response.

Bidders complaining about this procurement shall follow the procedures described below. Complaints that do not follow these procedures shall not be considered. If a Bidder registers a complaint against this solicitation, the complaint cannot be raised again during the protest period.

All complaints must be in writing and signed by the complaining party or an authorized Agent. The complaint must be sent to the Procurement Coordinator, or designee, by 3:30 Local Time, Olympia, WA on the date designated in Section 2.2 of this RFP, and must clearly articulate the basis for the complaint. The submitting the complaint must also include a proposed remedy.

Upon receipt of a complaint, a complaint review will be held by the AGENCY. The AGENCY procurement coordinator will respond to complaints in writing and the AGENCY director will be notified of all complaints and provided a copy of the AGENCY'S response. A copy of the response to the complaint, including any changes to the solicitation, will also be posted to WEBS.

The complaint process does not include an appeal process.

### 3. PROPOSAL CONTENTS

Proposals must be written in English and submitted on eight and one-half by eleven inch (8 ½" x 11") paper with tabs separating the major sections of the proposal. The four major sections of the proposal are to be submitted in the order noted below:

- a. Administrative Requirements including Letter of Submittal and signed Certifications and Assurances (Exhibit A to this RFP)
- b. Technical Proposal
- c. Management Proposal; and,
- d. Cost Proposal

Proposals must provide information in the same order as presented in this document with the same headings. This will not only be helpful to the evaluators of the proposal, but should assist the Bidder in preparing a thorough response.

#### 3.1. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS (Section 1 of Proposal)

- a. Letter of Submittal. Bidders must include a signed Letter of Submittal on Bidder's official business letterhead as the first page. Signing the Letter of Submittal indicates that the Bidder accepts the terms and conditions of the RFP.
  - (1) Name, address, principal place of business, telephone number, and fax number/e-mail address of legal entity or individual with whom contract would be written.
  - (2) The name of the contact person for this RFP.
  - (3) Name, address, and telephone number of each principal officer (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, etc.)
  - (4) Legal status of the Bidder (sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, etc.) and the year the entity was organized to do business as the entity now substantially exists.
  - (5) Federal Employer Tax Identification number or Social Security number and the Washington Uniform Business Identification (UBI) number issued by the state of Washington Department of Revenue. If the Bidder does not have a UBI number, the Bidder must state that it will become licensed in Washington within thirty (30) calendar days of being selected as the Apparently Successful Contractor.
  - (6) Location of the facility from which the Bidder would operate.
  - (7) Identify any state employees or former state employees employed or on the firm's governing board as of the date of the proposal. Include their position and responsibilities within the Bidder's organization. If following a review of this information, it is determined by the AGENCY that a conflict of interest exists, the Bidder may be disqualified from further consideration for the award of a contract.
  - (8) A list of all RFP addenda downloaded by the Bidder from WEBS and listed in order by addenda number and date. If there are no RFP addenda, the Bidder must include a statement to that effect.
  - (9) A statement substantiating that the person who signs the letter is authorized to contractually bind the Bidder's firm.
  - (10) A statement substantiating that the Bidder meets all of the Minimum Qualifications as listed in Section 1.3, Minimum Qualifications.
  - (11) Identification of the page numbers on the Bidder's Proposal that are marked "Proprietary Information".

- (12) If the Bidder or any subcontractor contracted with the state of Washington during the past 24 months, indicate the name of the agency, the contract number and project description and/or other information available to identify the contract.
- (13) If the Bidder's staff or subcontractor's staff was an employee of the state of Washington during the past 24 months, or is currently a Washington State employee, identify the individual by name, the agency previously or currently employed by, job title or position held and separation date.
- (14) If the Bidder has had a contract terminated for default in the last five years, describe such incident. Termination for default is defined as notice to stop performance due to the Bidder's non-performance or poor performance and the issue of performance was either (a) not litigated due to inaction on the part of the Proposer, or (b) litigated and such litigation determined that the Bidder was in default.
- (15) Submit full details of the terms for default including the other party's name, address, and phone number. Present the Bidder's position on the matter. The AGENCY will evaluate the facts and may, at its sole discretion, reject the proposal on the grounds of the past experience. If no such termination for default has been experienced by the Bidder in the past five years, so indicate.

b. Bidder Certification and Assurances Form

Bidders must submit a completed Bidder Certification and Assurances Form, Exhibit A. Please sign and include any attachments that are necessary. Failure to submit a signed Bidder Certification and Assurances Form shall result in disqualification of the bid/proposal.

c. Reference Section

List names, addresses, telephone numbers, and fax numbers/e-mail addresses of three (3) business references for the Bidder and three (3) business references for the lead staff person for whom work has been accomplished and briefly describe the type of service provided. Do not include current AGENCY staff as references. By submitting a proposal in response to this Work Request, the Bidder and team members grant permission to AGENCY to contact these references and others, who from AGENCY's perspective, may have pertinent information. AGENCY may or may not, at AGENCY's discretion, contact references. The AGENCY may evaluate references at the AGENCY'S discretion.

d. OMWBE Certification

If you are certified as a minority-owned firm and/or women-owned firm, include proof of certification issued by the Washington State Office of Minority and Womens Business Enterprises (OMWBE).

### 3.2 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (Section 2 of Proposal)

The Technical Proposal must contain a comprehensive description of services including the following elements:

General Requirements: In this section of the Proposal, the Bidder is to provide a description of the Proposal which is consistent with the goals and objectives of the project and demonstrates the Bidder's understanding of the skills and resources required to successfully accomplish the objectives of the project and assure timely completion of deliverables.

Numbering of Responses. Please number each response so that it corresponds to the question number. The response must begin with a restatement of the question followed by the Bidder's response to the question. A reference to another section will not suffice, each answer must stand alone.

Attachments. Attachments must be labeled and tabbed and the question number to which it responds must be indicated.

Points Awarded for Responses. The number in parentheses after each question or requirement represents the maximum number of points that may be awarded for the Bidder's response to that question or requirement.

- a. **Project Approach/Methodology.** Include a complete description of your proposed approach and methodology for gathering data, performing the analysis, and preparing the report. This section should convey your understanding of the proposed project and describe your expertise in developing policy and program improvement recommendations.  
*(20 points possible)*
- b. **Work Plan** - Include all project requirements and the proposed tasks, services, activities, etc. necessary to accomplish the scope of the project defined in this RFP. This section of the technical proposal must contain sufficient detail to convey to members of the evaluation team your knowledge of the subjects and skills necessary to successfully complete the project. Include any required involvement of AGENCY staff. The Bidder may also present any creative approaches that might be appropriate and may provide any pertinent supporting documentation.  
*(20 points possible)*
- c. **Project Schedule** - Include a project schedule indicating when the elements of the work will be completed. Project schedule must ensure that any deliverables requested are met.  
*(15 points possible)*
- d. **Outcomes and Performance Measurement** – Describe the impacts/outcomes the Bidders propose to achieve as a result of the delivery of these services including how these outcomes would be monitored, measured and reported to the state agency.  
*(15 points possible)*
- e. **Risks** –Identify potential risks that are considered significant to the success of the project. Include how the risks will be effectively monitored and managed, including reporting of risks to the AGENCY'S contract manager.  
*(15 points possible)*
- f. **Deliverables** – Fully describe the content and format of the deliverables to be submitted under the proposed contract. Deliverables must support the requirements set forth in Section 1.2, Objectives and Scope of Work.  
*(15 points possible)*

### 3.3 MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL (Section 3 of Proposal)

General Requirements: In this section of the proposal, the Bidder is to discuss project organization and the knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience of the proposed team members. The contract resulting from this procurement will require that any change in key staff (as identified in Bidder's response to this procurement) will be subject to prior OFM acceptance. The contract will also provide that OFM may request that Bidder remove selected staff on one (1) day's notice and provide replacement staff without impacting the schedule.

Numbering of Responses. Please number each response so that it corresponds to the question number. The response must begin with a restatement of the question followed by the Bidder's response to the question. A reference to another section will not suffice, each answer must stand alone.

Attachments. Attachments must be labeled and tabbed and the question number to which it responds must be indicated.

Points Awarded for Responses. The number in parentheses after each question or requirement represents the maximum number of points that may be awarded for the Bidder's response to that question or requirement.

#### a. Experience and Qualifications

- (1) Project Team Structure/Internal Controls** - Provide a description of the proposed project team structure and internal controls to be used during the course of the project, including any subcontractors. Provide an organizational chart of your firm indicating lines of authority for personnel involved in performance of this potential contract and relationships of this staff to other programs or functions of the firm. This chart must also show lines of authority to the next senior level of management. Include who within the firm will have prime responsibility and final authority for the work.

*(20 points possible)*

- (2) Staff Qualifications/Experience** - Identify staff, including subcontractors, who will be assigned to the potential contract, indicating the responsibilities and qualifications of such personnel, and include the amount of time each will be assigned to the project. Provide resumes' for the named staff. Include experience and significant accomplishments relative to:

- (a) Conducting performance audits or program evaluation of government housing and homelessness programs;
- (b) Using data and information gathered during an audit or program evaluation to develop recommendations for operational and policy improvements; and,
- (c) Working effectively with state and local government agencies or not-for-profit organizations that provide direct services to the public.

The bidder must commit that staff, including subcontractors, identified in its proposal will actually perform the assigned work. Any staff substitution must have the prior approval of the AGENCY. Indicate the experience any subcontractors have in the following areas:

*(25 points possible)*

**b. Experience of the Bidder and Subcontractors**

- (1) Provide other experience that indicates the qualifications of the bidder and any subcontractors relevant to the performance of this contract.

*(15 points possible)*

- (2) Include a list of contracts the bidder and subcontractor have had during the last five years that relate to the ability to perform the services needed under this RFP. Include the period of performance for each contract.

*(20 points possible)*

### 3.4 COST PROPOSAL (Section 4 of Proposal)

General Requirements: Identify all costs required for performing the tasks and requirements necessary to accomplish the objectives and scope of work of the contract. The response shall include a brief narrative that reflects any cost assumptions and other relevant information that will assist in evaluating the cost proposal.

Numbering of Responses. Number each response to correspond to the question. Begin with a restatement of the question followed by your response. A reference to another section will not suffice - each answer must stand alone.

Attachments. Attachments must be labeled and tabbed, and indicate the question number to which it responds.

Content of Response. Bidders should provide only the information requested. Additional information or documents submitted as part of the bidder's response, but which are not responsive to the question, are not required to be considered. Evaluators may award a lower score for a response if additional information or material provided by the bidder is not responsive to the question.

Points Awarded for Responses. The total number of points for the cost proposal is **80**. The final score for the cost proposal will be computed as follows:

0-50 points will be awarded based on the bidder's provision of a sufficiently detailed budget which is consistent with the instructions in Section 3.4.a.

The remaining 30 points will be awarded for the cost proposal by dividing the lowest responsive net financial cost by the Bidder's net financial cost. The result of these calculations will be multiplied by the remaining 30 financial points available. For example:

Lowest bid	= \$100,000
Bidder's bid	= \$125,000
$\$100,000$ divided by $\$125,000 = 0.80$	
$0.80 \times 30$ points possible = 24 points	
24 points are added to the points awarded for the total cost proposal score.	

#### a. Identification of Costs

Identify all costs in U.S. dollars including expenses to be charged for performing the services necessary to accomplish the objectives of the contract. Your fully-detailed budget should include a breakout of staffing costs by project personnel, including – to the extent possible – estimated total number of hours, various hourly rates, and administrative/overhead expenses. Bidder can use a format of their own choice. Bidders are required to collect and pay Washington state sales and use taxes, as applicable.

In addition to the costs, your response should include a brief narrative that reflects the cost assumptions and other relevant information.

Costs for subcontractors are to be broken out separately. Please note if any subcontractors are certified by the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises.

**b. Computation**

The score for the cost proposal will be computed by dividing the lowest cost bid received by the Bidder's total cost. Then the resultant number will be multiplied by the maximum possible points for the cost section.

## 4. EVALUATION AND CONTRACT AWARD

### 4.1. EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Responsive proposals will be evaluated strictly in accordance with the requirements stated in this solicitation and any addenda issued. The evaluation of proposals shall be accomplished by an evaluation team(s), to be designated by the AGENCY, which will determine the ranking of the proposals.

AGENCY, at its sole discretion, may elect to select the top-scoring firms as finalists for an oral presentation.

The RFP Coordinator may contact the Bidder for clarification of any portion of the Bidder's proposal.

### 4.2. EVALUATION WEIGHTING AND SCORING

The maximum number of evaluation points available is 260. The Administrative Requirements are evaluated on a pass/fail basis. The following points will be assigned to the Proposal for evaluation purposes:

#### **WRITTEN PROPOSAL**

Technical Proposal	100 Points
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Management Proposal	80 Points
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Cost Proposal	80 Points
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Sub-Total (for Written Proposal)	260 Points
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<b>Oral Presentations [optional]</b>	<b>100 Points</b>
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TOTAL	360 Points
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Scores from the written evaluations of Sections 3.2. Technical Proposal, 3.3 Management Proposal, and 3.4.a Cost Proposal will be consensus scored by evaluators. Scores for Section 3.4.b Cost Proposal will be added to the evaluator's total scores. If OFM elects to conduct Oral Presentations, the highest-scoring bidder(s) as a result of the Written Evaluations will be invited to make an Oral Presentation.

### 4.3 FINAL DETERMINATION OF APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL BIDDER

OFM program staff and/or management may conduct a final review of the evaluation and scoring of finalist(s).

In this final review, OFM may consider past or current performance of any OFM contracts by a finalist(s), and any experience of the program or OFM in working with a finalist(s) under any past or current contract with OFM.

OFM management shall make the final determination as to which Bidder, initially designated as a finalist, shall be officially selected and notified as the Apparently Successful Bidder.

In doing so, OFM management shall be guided, but not bound, by the scores awarded by the evaluators. Program staff and OFM management shall determine which Proposals reviewed during this final selection process will best meet the needs of OFM and, specifically, the needs of OFM.

Any Bidder who would be an Apparently Successful Bidder based on the scores awarded by the evaluators, and who is not selected, shall be provided, upon request, the reasons why OFM selected a Bidder with a lower final score.

#### **4.3. NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS**

The AGENCY will notify the Apparently Successful Bidder of their selection in writing upon completion of the evaluation process. Individuals or firms whose proposals were not selected for further negotiation or award will be notified separately by e-mail or facsimile.

#### **4.4. DEBRIEFING OF UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS**

Any Bidder who has submitted a proposal and been notified that they were not selected for contract award may request a debriefing. The request for a debriefing conference must be received by the RFP Coordinator no later than 3:30 PM, local time, in Olympia, Washington on the date specified in Section 2.2.

Discussion at the debriefing conference will be limited to the following:

- Evaluation and scoring of the firm's proposal;
- Critique of the proposal based on the evaluation;
- Review of proposer's final score in comparison with other final scores without identifying the other firms.

Comparisons between proposals or evaluations of the other proposals will not be allowed. Debriefing conferences may be conducted in person or on the telephone and will be scheduled for a maximum of one hour.

#### **4.5. PROTEST PROCEDURE**

Protests may be made only by Unsuccessful Bidders who submitted a response to this solicitation document and who have participated in a debriefing conference. Upon completing the debriefing conference, the Bidder is allowed five (5) business days to file a protest of the acquisition with the RFP Coordinator. Protests must be received by the RFP Coordinator no later than 3:30 PM, local time, Olympia, WA, on the fifth business day following the debriefing. Protests may be submitted by e-mail or facsimile, but must then be followed by the document with an original signature.

Bidders protesting this procurement shall follow the procedures described below. Protests that do not follow these procedures shall not be considered. This protest procedure constitutes the sole administrative remedy available to Bidders under this procurement.

All protests must be in writing, addressed to the RFP Coordinator, and signed by the protesting party or an authorized Agent. The protest must state the RFP number, the grounds for the protest with specific facts and complete statements of the action(s) being protested. A description of the relief or corrective action being requested should also be included.

Only protests stipulating an issue of fact concerning the following subjects shall be considered:

- A matter of bias, discrimination or conflict of interest on the part of an evaluator;
- Errors in computing the score;
- Non-compliance with procedures described in the procurement document or AGENCY policy.

Protests not based on procedural matters will not be considered. Protests will be rejected as without merit if they address issues such as: 1) an evaluator's professional judgment on the quality of a proposal, or 2) AGENCY'S assessment of its own and/or other agencies needs or requirements.

Upon receipt of a protest, a protest review will be held by the AGENCY. The AGENCY Director or an employee delegated by the Director who was not involved in the procurement will consider the record and all available facts and issue a decision within five (5) business days of receipt of the protest. If additional time is required, the protesting party will be notified of the delay.

In the event a protest may affect the interest of another Bidder that also submitted a proposal, such Bidder will be given an opportunity to submit its views and any relevant information on the protest to the RFP Coordinator.

The final determination of the protest shall:

- Find the protest lacking in merit and uphold the AGENCY's action; or
- Find only technical or harmless errors in the AGENCY's acquisition process and determine the AGENCY to be in substantial compliance and reject the protest; or
- Find merit in the protest and provide the AGENCY options which may include:
  - Correct the errors and re-evaluate all proposals, and/or
  - Reissue the solicitation document and begin a new process, or
  - Make other findings and determine other courses of action as appropriate.

If the AGENCY determines that the protest is without merit, the AGENCY will enter into a contract with the apparently successful bidder. If the protest is determined to have merit, one of the alternatives noted in the preceding paragraph will be taken.

**EXHIBIT A**

**CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES**

I/we make the following certifications and assurances as a required element of the proposal to which it is attached, understanding that the truthfulness of the facts affirmed here and the continuing compliance with these requirements are conditions precedent to the award or continuation of the related contract:

1. I/we declare that all answers and statements made in the proposal are true and correct.
2. The prices and/or cost data have been determined independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement with others for the purpose of restricting competition. However, I/we may freely join with other persons or organizations for the purpose of presenting a single proposal.
3. The attached proposal is a firm offer for a period of 60 days following receipt, and it may be accepted by the AGENCY without further negotiation (except where obviously required by lack of certainty in key terms) at any time within the 60-day period.
4. In preparing this proposal, I/we have not been assisted by any current or former employee of the state of Washington whose duties relate (or did relate) to this proposal or prospective contract, and who was assisting in other than his or her official, public capacity. If there are exceptions to these assurances, I/we have described them in full detail on a separate page attached to this document.
5. I/we understand that the AGENCY will not reimburse me/us for any costs incurred in the preparation of this proposal. All proposals become the property of the AGENCY, and I/we claim no proprietary right to the ideas, writings, items, or samples, unless so stated in this proposal.
6. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices and/or cost data which have been submitted have not been knowingly disclosed by the Proposer and will not knowingly be disclosed by him/her prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other Proposer or to any competitor.
7. I/we agree that submission of the attached proposal constitutes acceptance of the solicitation contents and the attached sample contract and general terms and conditions. If there are any exceptions to these terms, I/we have described those exceptions in detail on a page attached to this document.
8. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Proposer to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
9. I/we grant the AGENCY the right to contact references and others, who may have pertinent information regarding the ability of the bidder, subcontractor or the lead staff person to perform the services contemplated by this RFP.
10. If any staff member(s) who will perform work on this contract has retired from the State of Washington under the provisions of the 2008 Early Retirement Factors legislation, his/her name(s) is noted on a separately attached page.

We (circle one) **are / are not** submitting proposed Contract exceptions. (See Section 2.10, Contract and General Terms and Conditions.) If Contract exceptions are being submitted, I/we have attached them to this form.

**On behalf of the Bidder submitting this proposal, my name below attests to the accuracy of the above statement. *If electronic, also include:* We are submitting a scanned signature of this form with our proposal.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Proposer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**EXHIBIT B**

**CONTRACT BETWEEN  
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
AND**

This Contract is made and entered into by and between the state of Washington, <Insert Agency Name>, hereinafter referred to as the "AGENCY", and the below named firm, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR,"

(Contractor Name)

(Address)

(City, State Zip)

Phone: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Federal ID No.: [redacted]

WA State UBI No.: [redacted]

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this contract is to

**SCOPE OF WORK**

The CONTRACTOR will provide services, and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work, as set forth below:

*Option 1: Identify all tasks, work elements and objectives of the contract, and timetables by which major parts of the work are to be completed. The scope of work may be included within the text of the contract or attached as a separate exhibit as shown in Option 2 below.*

*Option 2: as included in the CONTRACTOR's Proposal dated \_\_\_\_\_ attached as Exhibit B, and the AGENCY'S Request for Proposals attached as Exhibit C.*

Exhibit A contains the General Terms and Conditions governing work to be performed under this contract, the nature of the working relationship between the AGENCY and the CONTRACTOR, and specific obligations of both parties.

The CONTRACTOR shall produce the following written reports or other written documents (deliverables) by the dates indicated below:

All written reports required under this contract must be delivered to \_\_\_\_\_, the Contract Manager, in accordance with the schedule above.

**PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

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Subject to other contract provisions, the period of performance under this contract will be from \_\_\_\_\_ or date of execution, whichever is later, through \_\_\_\_\_, unless sooner terminated or extended as provided herein.

**COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT**

AGENCY shall pay an amount not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) for the performance of all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work as set forth in the Scope of Work. CONTRACTOR'S compensation for services rendered shall be based on the following rates or in accordance with the following terms:

**Expenses:** CONTRACTOR shall receive reimbursement for travel and other expenses as identified below or as authorized in advance by the AGENCY as reimbursable. The maximum amount to be paid to the CONTRACTOR for authorized expenses shall not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_, which amount is included in the contract total above. Such expenses may include: airfare (economy or coach class only), other transportation expenses, and lodging and subsistence necessary during periods of required travel. CONTRACTOR shall receive compensation for travel expenses at current state travel reimbursement rates.

**BILLING PROCEDURES AND PAYMENT**

AGENCY will pay CONTRACTOR upon receipt of properly completed invoices, which shall be submitted to the Contract Manager not more often than monthly. The invoices shall describe and document to the AGENCY'S satisfaction a description of the work performed, the progress of the project, and fees. To receive reimbursement, CONTRACTOR must provide a detailed breakdown of authorized expenses, identifying what was expended and when. A receipt must accompany any single expenses in the amount of \$50.00 or more in order to receive reimbursement.

Payment shall be considered timely if made by the AGENCY within thirty (30) days after receipt of properly completed invoices. Payment shall be sent to the address designated by the CONTRACTOR.

The AGENCY may, in its sole discretion, terminate the contract or withhold payments claimed by the CONTRACTOR for services rendered if the CONTRACTOR fails to satisfactorily comply with any term or condition of this contract.

No payments in advance or in anticipation of services or supplies to be provided under this contract shall be made by the AGENCY.

**CONTRACT MANAGEMENT**

The Contract Manager for each of the parties shall be the contact person for all communications and billings regarding the performance of this Contract.

<b>CONTRACTOR Contract Manager</b>	<b>AGENCY Contract Manager</b>
Enter Contract Manager's Name Enter Name of CONTRACTOR Enter CONTRACTOR Address Enter City, State & Zip Code  Phone : ( ) Fax: ( )	Enter Contract Manager's Name Enter Name of AGENCY Enter AGENCY Address Enter City, State & Zip Code  Phone: ( ) Fax: ( )

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

## **INSURANCE**

The CONTRACTOR shall provide insurance coverage as set out in this section (or as set forth in the Request for Proposals No. [REDACTED]). The intent of the required insurance is to protect the state should there be any claims, suits, actions, costs, damages or expenses arising from any negligent or intentional act or omission of the CONTRACTOR or subcontract, or agents of either, while performing under the terms of this contract.

The CONTRACTOR shall provide insurance coverage which shall be maintained in full force and effect during the term of this Contract, as follows:

1. Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy – Provide a Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy, including contractual liability, in adequate quantity to protect against legal liability arising out of contract activity but no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Additionally, the CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring that any subcontractors provide adequate insurance coverage for the activities arising out of subcontracts.
2. Automobile Liability – In the event that services delivered pursuant to this contract involve the use of vehicles, either owned or unowned by the CONTRACTOR, automobile liability insurance shall be required. The minimum limit for automobile liability is:

\$1,000,000 per occurrence, using a Combined Single Limit for bodily injury and property damage

3. The insurance required shall be issued by an insurance company/ies authorized to do business within the state of Washington, and shall name the state of Washington, its agents and employees as additional insureds under the insurance policy/ies. All policies shall be primary to any other valid and collectable insurance. CONTRACTOR shall instruct the insurers to give AGENCY 30 days advance notice of any insurance cancellation.

CONTRACTOR shall submit to AGENCY within fifteen days of the contract effective date, a certificate of insurance which outlines the coverage and limits defined in the Insurance section. CONTRACTOR shall submit renewal certificates as appropriate during the term of the contract.

## **ASSURANCES**

AGENCY and the CONTRACTOR agree that all activity pursuant to this contract will be in accordance with all the applicable current federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations.

## **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

Each of the exhibits listed below is by this reference hereby incorporated into this contract. In the event of an inconsistency in this contract, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- Applicable federal and state of Washington statutes and regulations
- Special Terms and Conditions as contained in this basic contract instrument
- Exhibit A – General Terms and Conditions
- Exhibit B - Request for Proposals No. 16-600
- Exhibit C – Contractor's Proposal dated [REDACTED]
- Any other provision, term or material incorporated herein by reference or otherwise incorporated

## **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

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This contract including referenced exhibits represents all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other statements or representations, written or oral, shall be deemed a part hereof.

**CONFORMANCE**

If any provision of this contract violates any statute or rule of law of the state of Washington, it is considered modified to conform to that statute or rule of law.

**APPROVAL**

This contract shall be subject to the written approval of the AGENCY'S authorized representative and shall not be binding until so approved. The contract may be altered, amended, or waived only by a written amendment executed by both parties.

THIS CONTRACT, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ pages and \_\_\_\_\_ attachment(s), is executed by the persons signing below who warrant that they have the authority to execute the contract.

**[CONTRACTOR'S NAME]**

**[AGENCY NAME]**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Contractor Information:**

Did you retire from a Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) covered employer under the Early Retirement Factors (ERF) 2008?

Yes  No

Is your business a Small, Mini, or Micro Business, per RCW 39.26.101?

Yes  No

**Small Business** means an in-state business, including a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, that:

(a) Certifies, under penalty of perjury, that it is owned and operated independently from all other businesses and has either:

(I) Fifty or fewer employees; or

(II) A gross revenue of less than seven million dollars annually as reported on its federal income tax return or its return filed with the department of revenue over the previous three consecutive years; or

(b) Is certified with the office of women and minority business enterprises under chapter 39.19 RCW

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**Mini Business** means any business entity, including a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, that:

- (a) Is owned and operated independently from all other businesses; and
- (b) has a gross revenue of less than three million dollars, but one million dollars or more annually as reported on its federal tax return or on its return filed with the department of revenue.

**Micro business** means any business entity, including a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity, that:

- (a) Is owned and operated independently from all other businesses; and
- (b) has a gross revenue of less than one million dollars annually as reported on its federal tax return or on its return filed with the department of revenue.

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**1. DEFINITIONS**

As used throughout this contract, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

- a. "AGENCY" shall mean the Office of Financial Management of the State of Washington, any division, section, office, unit or other entity of the AGENCY, or any of the officers or other officials lawfully representing that AGENCY.
- b. "AGENT" shall mean the Director, and/or the delegate authorized in writing to act on the Director's behalf.
- c. "CONTRACTOR" shall mean that firm, provider, organization, individual or other entity performing service(s) under this contract, and shall include all employees of the CONTRACTOR.
- d. "SUBCONTRACTOR" shall mean one not in the employment of the CONTRACTOR, who is performing all or part of those services under this contract under a separate contract with the CONTRACTOR. The terms "SUBCONTRACTOR" and "SUBCONTRACTORS" means SUBCONTRACTOR(s) in any tier.

**2. ACCESS TO DATA**

In compliance with RCW 39.26.180(2), the CONTRACTOR shall provide access to data generated under this contract to AGENCY, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee, and the State Auditor at no additional cost. This includes access to all information that supports the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the CONTRACTOR'S reports, including computer models and methodology for those models.

**3. ADVANCE PAYMENTS PROHIBITED**

No payments in advance of or in anticipation of goods or services to be provided under this contract shall be made by the AGENCY.

**4. AMENDMENTS**

This contract may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties.

**5. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1990, PUBLIC LAW 101-336, also referred to as the "ADA" 28 CFR Part 35**

The CONTRACTOR must comply with the ADA, which provides comprehensive civil rights protection to individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, state and local government services, and telecommunications.

#### **6. ASSIGNMENT**

Neither this contract, nor any claim arising under this contract, shall be transferred or assigned by the CONTRACTOR without prior written consent of the AGENCY.

#### **7. ATTORNEYS' FEES**

In the event of litigation or other action brought to enforce contract terms, each party agrees to bear its own attorney fees and costs.

#### **8. CONFIDENTIALITY/SAFEGUARDING OF INFORMATION**

The CONTRACTOR shall not use or disclose any information concerning the AGENCY, or information that may be classified as confidential, for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of this contract, except with prior written consent of the AGENCY, or as may be required by law.

#### **9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Notwithstanding any determination by the Executive Ethics Board or other tribunal, the AGENCY may, in its sole discretion, by written notice to the CONTRACTOR terminate this contract if it is found after due notice and examination by the AGENT that there is a violation of the Ethics in Public Service Act, Chapter 42.52 RCW; or any similar statute involving the CONTRACTOR in the procurement of, or performance under this contract.

In the event this contract is terminated as provided above, the AGENCY shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the CONTRACTOR as it could pursue in the event of a breach of the contract by the CONTRACTOR. The rights and remedies of the AGENCY provided for in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law. The existence of facts upon which the AGENT makes any determination under this clause shall be an issue and may be reviewed as provided in the "Disputes" clause of this contract.

#### **10. COPYRIGHT PROVISIONS**

Unless otherwise provided, all materials produced under this contract shall be considered "works for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act and shall be owned by the AGENCY. The AGENCY shall be considered the author of such materials. In the event the materials are not considered "works for hire" under the U.S. Copyright laws, CONTRACTOR hereby irrevocably assigns all right, title, and interest in materials, including all intellectual property rights, to the AGENCY effective from the moment of creation of such materials.

Materials means all items in any format and includes, but is not limited to, data, reports, documents, pamphlets, advertisements, books, magazines, surveys, studies, computer programs, films, tapes,

and/or sound reproductions. Ownership includes the right to copyright, patent, register and the ability to transfer these rights.

For materials that are delivered under the contract, but that incorporate pre-existing materials not produced under the contract, CONTRACTOR hereby grants to the AGENCY a nonexclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable license (with rights to sublicense others) in such materials to translate, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works, publicly perform, and publicly display. The CONTRACTOR warrants and represents that CONTRACTOR has all rights and permissions, including intellectual property rights, moral rights and rights of publicity, necessary to grant such a license to the AGENCY.

The CONTRACTOR shall exert all reasonable effort to advise the AGENCY, at the time of delivery of materials furnished under this contract, of all known or potential invasions of privacy contained therein and of any portion of such document that was not produced in the performance of this contract.

The AGENCY shall receive prompt written notice of each notice or claim of infringement received by the CONTRACTOR with respect to any data delivered under this contract. The AGENCY shall have the right to modify or remove any restrictive markings placed upon the data by the CONTRACTOR.

#### **11. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

The CONTRACTOR warrants that no person or selling agent has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established agents maintained by the CONTRACTOR for securing business.

The AGENCY shall have the right, in the event of breach of this clause by the CONTRACTOR, to annul this contract without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the contract price or consideration or recover by other means the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

#### **12. DEBARMENT: CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION OR INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION—PRIMARY AND LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

- a. Contractor, defined as the primary participant and its principals, certifies by signing these General Terms and Conditions that to the best of its knowledge and belief that they:
- 1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.
  - 2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this Contract, 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 or private agreement or transaction, violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice;

- 3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of federal Executive Order 12549; and
  - 4) Have not within a three-year period preceding the signing of this Contract had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause of default.
- b. Where the Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this Contract, the Contractor shall attach an explanation to this Contract.
  - c. The Contractor agrees by signing this Contract that it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by AGENCY.
  - d. The Contractor further agrees by signing this Contract that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," as follows, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions:

#### LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

- 1) The lower tier contractor certifies, by signing this Contract that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
  - 2) Where the lower tier contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this Contract, such contractor shall attach an explanation to this Contract.
- e. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, person, primary covered transaction, principal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this section, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact AGENCY for assistance in obtaining a copy of these regulations.

#### 13. DISALLOWED COSTS

The Contractor is responsible for any audit exceptions or disallowed costs incurred by its own organization or that of its Subcontractors.

#### 14. DISPUTES

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, when a dispute arises between the parties and it cannot be resolved by direct negotiation, either party may request a dispute hearing with AGENT.

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- a. The request for a dispute hearing must:
  - Be in writing;
  - State the disputed issue(s);
  - State the relative positions of the parties;
  - State the CONTRACTOR'S name, address, and contract number; and
  - Be mailed to the AGENT and the other party's (respondent's) contract manager within 3 working calendar days after the parties agree that they cannot resolve the dispute.
- b. The respondent shall send a written answer to the requester's statement to both the agent and the requester within 5 working calendar days.
- c. The AGENT shall review the written statements and reply in writing to both parties within 10 working days. The AGENT may extend this period if necessary by notifying the parties.
- d. The parties agree that this dispute process shall precede any action in a judicial or quasi-judicial tribunal.

Nothing in this contract shall be construed to limit the parties' choice of a mutually acceptable alternate dispute resolution method in addition to the dispute resolution procedure outlined above.

#### **15. DUPLICATE PAYMENT**

The AGENCY shall not pay the CONTRACTOR, if the CONTRACTOR has charged or will charge the State of Washington or any other party under any other contract or agreement, for the same services or expenses.

#### **16. GOVERNING LAW**

This contract shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, and the venue of any action brought hereunder shall be in the Superior Court for Thurston County.

#### **17. INDEMNIFICATION**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless State, agencies of State and all officials, agents and employees of State, from and against all claims for injuries or death arising out of or resulting from the performance of the contract. "Claim," as used in this contract, means any financial loss, claim, suit, action, damage, or expense, including but not limited to attorney's fees, attributable for bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting therefrom.

CONTRACTOR'S obligations to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless includes any claim by CONTRACTORS' agents, employees, representatives, or any subcontractor or its employees.

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CONTRACTOR expressly agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State for any claim arising out of or incident to CONTRACTOR'S or any subcontractor's performance or failure to perform the contract. CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State shall not be eliminated or reduced by any actual or alleged concurrent negligence of State or its agents, agencies, employees and officials.

CONTRACTOR waives its immunity under Title 51 RCW to the extent it is required to indemnify, defend and hold harmless State and its agencies, officials, agents or employees.

**18. INDEPENDENT CAPACITY OF THE CONTRACTOR**

The parties intend that an independent contractor relationship will be created by this contract. The CONTRACTOR and his or her employees or agents performing under this contract are not employees or agents of the AGENCY. The CONTRACTOR will not hold himself/herself out as or claim to be an officer or employee of the AGENCY or of the State of Washington by reason hereof, nor will the CONTRACTOR make any claim of right, privilege or benefit that would accrue to such employee under law. Conduct and control of the work will be solely with the CONTRACTOR.

**19. INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE COVERAGE**

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of Title 51 RCW, Industrial Insurance. If the CONTRACTOR fails to provide industrial insurance coverage or fails to pay premiums or penalties on behalf of its employees, as may be required by law, AGENCY may collect from the CONTRACTOR the full amount payable to the Industrial Insurance accident fund. The AGENCY may deduct the amount owed by the CONTRACTOR to the accident fund from the amount payable to the CONTRACTOR by the AGENCY under this contract, and transmit the deducted amount to the Department of Labor and Industries, (L&I) Division of Insurance Services. This provision does not waive any of L&I's rights to collect from the CONTRACTOR.

**20. LICENSING, ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION**

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal licensing, accreditation and registration requirements/standards, necessary for the performance of this contract.

**21. LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY**

Only the AGENT or AGENT'S delegate by writing (delegation to be made prior to action) shall have the express, implied, or apparent authority to alter, amend, modify, or waive any clause or condition of this contract. Furthermore, any alteration, amendment, modification, or waiver or any clause or condition of this contract is not effective or binding unless made in writing and signed by the AGENT.

**22. NONCOMPLIANCE WITH NONDISCRIMINATION LAWS**

In the event of the CONTRACTOR'S non-compliance or refusal to comply with any nondiscrimination law, regulation, or policy, this contract may be rescinded, canceled or terminated in whole or in part,

and the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further contracts with the AGENCY. The CONTRACTOR shall, however, be given a reasonable time in which to cure this noncompliance. Any dispute may be resolved in accordance with the "Disputes" procedure set forth herein.

**23. NONDISCRIMINATION**

During the performance of this contract, the CONTRACTOR shall comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination laws, regulations and policies.

**24. PRIVACY**

Personal information including, but not limited to, "Protected Health Information," collected, used, or acquired in connection with this contract shall be protected against unauthorized use, disclosure, modification or loss. CONTRACTOR shall ensure its directors, officers, employees, subcontractors or agents use personal information solely for the purposes of accomplishing the services set forth herein. CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors agree not to release, divulge, publish, transfer, sell or otherwise make known to unauthorized persons personal information without the express written consent of the agency or as otherwise required by law.

Any breach of this provision may result in termination of the contract and the demand for return of all personal information. The CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the AGENCY for any damages related to the CONTRACTOR'S unauthorized use of personal information.

**25. PUBLICITY**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to submit to the AGENCY all advertising and publicity matters relating to this contract wherein the AGENCY'S name is mentioned or language used from which the connection of the AGENCY'S name may, in the AGENCY'S judgment, be inferred or implied. The CONTRACTOR agrees not to publish or use such advertising and publicity matters without the prior written consent of the AGENCY.

**26. RECORDS MAINTENANCE**

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain books, records, documents, data and other evidence relating to this contract and performance of the services described herein, including but not limited to accounting procedures and practices that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this contract.

CONTRACTOR shall retain such records for a period of six years following the date of final payment. At no additional cost, these records, including materials generated under the contract, shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review or audit by the AGENCY, personnel duly authorized by the AGENCY, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal and state officials so authorized by law, regulation or agreement.

If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the six (6) year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

**27. REGISTRATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

The CONTRACTOR shall complete registration with the Washington State Department of Revenue and be responsible for payment of all taxes due on payments made under this contract.

**28. RIGHT OF INSPECTION**

The CONTRACTOR shall provide right of access to its facilities to the AGENCY, or any of its officers, or to any other authorized agent or official of the state of Washington or the federal government, at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance under this contract.

**29. SAVINGS**

In the event funding from state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this contract and prior to normal completion, the AGENCY may terminate the contract under the "Termination for Convenience" clause, without the ten-day notice requirement, subject to renegotiation at the AGENCY'S discretion under those new funding limitations and conditions.

**30. SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this contract are intended to be severable. If any term or provision is illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the contract.

**31. SITE SECURITY**

While on AGENCY premises, CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees, or subcontractors shall conform in all respects with physical, fire or other security policies or regulations.

**32. SUBCONTRACTING**

Neither the CONTRACTOR nor any SUBCONTRACTOR shall enter into subcontracts for any of the work contemplated under this contract without obtaining prior written approval of the AGENCY. In no event shall the existence of the subcontract operate to release or reduce the liability of the contractor to the Department for any breach in the performance of the contractor's duties. This clause does not include contracts of employment between the contractor and personnel assigned to work under this contract.

Additionally, the CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring that all terms, conditions, assurances and certifications set forth in this agreement are carried forward to any subcontracts. CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors agree not to release, divulge, publish, transfer, sell or otherwise make known to

unauthorized persons personal information without the express written consent of the agency or as provided by law.

### **33. TAXES**

All payments accrued because of payroll taxes, unemployment contributions, any other taxes, insurance or other expenses for the CONTRACTOR or its staff shall be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

### **34. TERMINATION DUE TO CHANGE IN FUNDING**

If the funds OFM relied upon to establish this Contract are withdrawn or reduced, or if additional or modified conditions are placed on such funding, OFM may immediately terminate this Contract by providing written notice to the Contractor. The termination shall be effective on the date specified in the notice of termination.

### **35. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

In the event the AGENCY determines the CONTRACTOR has failed to comply with the conditions of this contract in a timely manner, the AGENCY has the right to suspend or terminate this contract. Before suspending or terminating the contract, the AGENCY shall notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of the need to take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken within 30 calendar days, the contract may be terminated or suspended.

In the event of termination or suspension, the CONTRACTOR shall be liable for damages as authorized by law including, but not limited to, any cost difference between the original contract and the replacement or cover contract and all administrative costs directly related to the replacement contract, e.g., cost of the competitive bidding, mailing, advertising and staff time.

The AGENCY reserves the right to suspend all or part of the contract, withhold further payments, or prohibit the CONTRACTOR from incurring additional obligations of funds during investigation of the alleged compliance breach and pending corrective action by the CONTRACTOR or a decision by the AGENCY to terminate the contract. A termination shall be deemed a "Termination for Convenience" if it is determined that the CONTRACTOR: (1) was not in default; or (2) failure to perform was outside of his or her control, fault or negligence.

The rights and remedies of the AGENCY provided in this contract are not exclusive and are, in addition to any other rights and remedies, provided by law.

### **36. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, the AGENCY may, by 10 calendar days written notice, beginning on the second day after the mailing, terminate this contract, in whole or in part. If this contract is so terminated, the AGENCY shall be liable only for payment required under the terms of this contract for services rendered or goods delivered prior to the effective date of termination.

### **37. TERMINATION PROCEDURES**

Upon termination of this contract, the AGENCY, in addition to any other rights provided in this contract, may require the CONTRACTOR to deliver to the AGENCY any property specifically produced or acquired for the performance of such part of this contract as has been terminated. The provisions of the "Treatment of Assets" clause shall apply in such property transfer.

The AGENCY shall pay to the CONTRACTOR the agreed upon price, if separately stated, for completed work and services accepted by the AGENCY, and the amount agreed upon by the CONTRACTOR and the AGENCY for (i) completed work and services for which no separate price is stated, (ii) partially completed work and services, (iii) other property or services that are accepted by the AGENCY, and (iv) the protection and preservation of property, unless the termination is for default, in which case the AGENT shall determine the extent of the liability of the AGENCY. Failure to agree with such determination shall be a dispute within the meaning of the "Disputes" clause of this contract. The AGENCY may withhold from any amounts due the CONTRACTOR such sum as the AGENT determines to be necessary to protect the AGENCY against potential loss or liability.

The rights and remedies of the AGENCY provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

After receipt of a notice of termination, and except as otherwise directed by the AGENT, the CONTRACTOR shall:

- a. Stop work under the contract on the date, and to the extent specified, in the notice;
- b. Place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities except as may be necessary for completion of such portion of the work under the contract that is not terminated;
- c. Assign to the AGENCY, in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the AGENT, all of the rights, title, and interest of the CONTRACTOR under the orders and subcontracts so terminated, in which case the AGENCY has the right, at its discretion, to settle or pay any or all claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subcontracts;
- d. Settle all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of such termination of orders and subcontracts, with the approval or ratification of the AGENT to the extent AGENT may require, which approval or ratification shall be final for all the purposes of this clause;
- e. Transfer title to the AGENCY and deliver in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the AGENT any property which, if the contract had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to the AGENCY;
- f. Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by the AGENT; and

- g. Take such action as may be necessary, or as the AGENT may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to this contract, which is in the possession of the CONTRACTOR and in which the AGENCY has or may acquire an interest.

### **38. TREATMENT OF ASSETS**

- a. Title to all property furnished by the AGENCY shall remain in the AGENCY. Title to all property furnished by the CONTRACTOR, for the cost of which the CONTRACTOR is entitled to be reimbursed as a direct item of cost under this contract, shall pass to and vest in the AGENCY upon delivery of such property by the CONTRACTOR. Title to other property, the cost of which is reimbursable to the CONTRACTOR under this contract, shall pass to and vest in the AGENCY upon (i) issuance for use of such property in the performance of this contract, or (ii) commencement of use of such property in the performance of this contract, or (iii) reimbursement of the cost thereof by the AGENCY in whole or in part, whichever first occurs.
- b. Any property of the AGENCY furnished to the CONTRACTOR shall, unless otherwise provided herein or approved by the AGENCY, be used only for the performance of this contract.
- c. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for any loss or damage to property of the AGENCY that results from the negligence of the CONTRACTOR or which results from the failure on the part of the CONTRACTOR to maintain and administer that property in accordance with sound management practices.
- d. If any AGENCY property is lost, destroyed or damaged, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the AGENCY and shall take all reasonable steps to protect the property from further damage.
- e. The CONTRACTOR shall surrender to the AGENCY all property of the AGENCY prior to settlement upon completion, termination or cancellation of this contract
- f. All reference to the CONTRACTOR under this clause shall also include CONTRACTOR'S employees, agents or SUBCONTRACTORS.

### **39. U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control**

The agency complies with U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) payment rules. OFAC prohibits financial transactions with individuals or organizations, which have been placed on the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) and Blocked Persons sanctions list located at <http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/index.html>. Compliance with OFAC payment rules ensures that the agency does not conduct business with individuals or organizations that have been determined to be supporters of terrorism and international drug dealing or that pose other dangers to the United States.

Prior to making payment to individuals or organizations, the agency will download the current OFAC SDN file and compare it to agency and statewide vendor files. In the event of a positive match, the

agency reserves the right to: (1) make a determination of “reasonability” before taking the positive match to a higher authority, (2) seek assistance from the Washington State Office of the State Treasurer (OST) for advanced assistance in resolving the positive match, (3) comply with an OFAC investigation, if required, and/or (4) if the positive match is substantiated, notify the contractor in writing and terminate the contract according to the Termination for Convenience provision without making payment. The agency will not be liable for any late payment fees or missed discounts that are the result of time required to address the issue of an OFAC match.

**40. WAIVER**

Waiver of any default or breach shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent default or breach. Any waiver shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this contract unless stated to be such in writing and signed by authorized representative of the AGENCY.

## EXHIBIT C

# The Office of Financial Management Style, Design and Graphics Guidelines for Contractors

**Contractors are required to submit materials that adhere to the Office of Financial Management's style guides and to the following standards.** Materials that deviate from the style guide will not be accepted. We use these guidelines to assure quality and consistency among the many reports we distribute and post online on behalf of the Governor's Office and the Office of Financial Management. OFM's style guides can be found at [ofm.wa.gov/reports/OFM\\_style\\_guide.pdf](http://ofm.wa.gov/reports/OFM_style_guide.pdf) and [ofm.wa.gov/reports/OFM\\_graphics\\_guide.pdf](http://ofm.wa.gov/reports/OFM_graphics_guide.pdf).

OFM uses **Microsoft** and **Adobe** computer products. All final documents must be submitted in those formats. All source files become the property of OFM and will be provided to OFM staff upon request.

### ADA compliant format

Information posted on public websites is required to meet federal Americans with Disabilities Act standards (see <http://www.ada.gov> for more information) and must be submitted to OFM in an accessible (ADA-complaint) format. Image files (.jpg, .tiff, .png) are not accessible; neither are text or graphic files that are created by scanning.

### Design guidelines

Please follow these instructions:

- Use standard Microsoft fonts. OFM's preferred fonts are:
  - » Garamond font, 12 font size, for body of text.
  - » Arial narrow font, 10 font size, for tables and charts.
  - » Arial narrow font, 16 and 14 font size bold, for headings, titles and subtitles.
- Keep tables and graphs on one page — do not split among pages if they can be kept intact.
- The use of photos, drawings, illustrations and other images is discouraged. They create file bloat and are not accessible (see section on **ADA compliant format** for more information).
- Do not use bullets for single items.

### Graphic guidelines

The goal of any communication is that the reader/viewer gets the intended message. This can be achieved by keeping three things in mind:

- Consider your readers and what they need or want to know;
- Choose the right type of chart for your data and message; and
- Reduce “chart junk” such as grid lines, background colors, shadowing, 3D, tick marks, borders, excess zeroes, several decimal places and unnecessary text to improve your message delivery.

Charts should be created in PowerPoint, Excel or Illustrator and imported into your Word document in an accessible format. Tables can either be created in Word or imported from Excel in an accessible format. Importing a screen shot is not acceptable as it is not accessible.

Pictures increase file sizes substantially so should be used sparingly and never for decoration.

**Logo**

Your firm's logo can appear on the front cover, title page and/or back cover pages only. Logos will not be allowed on the inside pages or in headers and footers because they unnecessarily increase file size. As your materials will be posted on OFM's website, size is an important consideration.