



**ADDENDUM #3**

*June 3, 2024*

**TO: ALL POTENTIAL SUBMITTERS**

**FROM: RON VENTURELLA, BUNCOMBE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: ADDENDUM #3 FOR IFB RENEWABLE ENERGY PROCUREMENT & INSTALLATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

The following changes, revisions, additions, and/or clarifications to the plans and/or specifications are hereby made a part of the original documents.

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**\*Rebid Announcement\***

The date for the rebid opening will be Tuesday June 11, 2024. Bids will be received until 11:00am, at 200 College Street, Asheville, NC 28801 by Jeremiah Leroy. At which time bids will be opened and read aloud.

Bidders are reminded to include a bid bond or deposit, and Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) forms, with their bids.

Note: if using subcontractors complete MBE Form 1 and Affidavit A; if self-performing all work use Affidavit B.

Attached: MBE Forms (9 pages)

**END OF ADDENDUM #3**

**IFB RENEWABLE ENERGY PROCUREMENT & INSTALLATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

## **MBE SUBCONTRACT GOALS:**

**The goals for participation by Minority firms as subcontractors for construction and repair projects have been set by the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter Board) at 12%.**

The bidder must identify on MBE Form 1, the businesses that will be utilized on the project with corresponding total dollar value of the bid and affidavit (Affidavit A) listing good faith efforts **or** affidavit (Affidavit B) of self-performance of work, if bidder will perform work under contract by its own workforce, as required by G.S. 143-128.2(c) and G.S. 143-128.2(f).

The lowest responsible, responsive bidder must provide Affidavit C, that includes a description of the portion of work to be executed by minority businesses, expressed as a percentage of the total contract price, which is equal to or more than the applicable goal.

**OR**

Provide Affidavit C, that includes a description of the portion of work to be executed by minority businesses, expressed as a percentage of the total contract price, **with documentation of Good Faith Effort, if the percentage is not equal to the applicable goal.**

**OR**

Provide Affidavit B, which includes sufficient information for the State to determine that the bidder does not customarily subcontract work on this type project.

**The above information must be provided as required. Failure to provide this evidence may result in rejection of the bid and award to the next low bidder.**

## **MINIMUM COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

If the MBE subcontract goals are not achieved, the Bidder shall provide the following documentation to the Board.

1. MBE Utilization Commitment (MBE Form 1) with the bid.

2. Documentation of the Bidder's good faith efforts to meet the goals set forth in these provisions (upon request prior to award). This documentation shall include the following evidence:
  - A. Copies of solicitations for quotes to at least three (3) MBE firms from the source list provided by the Minority -Business Development Agency of the Small Business Development Division, North Carolina Department of Economic & Community Development (hereinafter Minority Business Development Agency) for each subcontract to be let under this contract (if 3 or More firms are shown on the source list). Each solicitation shall contain a specific description of the work to be subcontracted, location where bid documents can be reviewed, representative of the Prime Bidder to contact, and location, date and time when quotes must be received.
  - B. Copies of quotes or responses received from each firm responding to the solicitation.
  - C. A telephone log of follow-up calls to each firm sent a solicitation.
  - D. For subcontracts where an MBE firm is not considered to be the lowest responsible sub-bidder, copies of quotes received from all firms submitting quotes for that particular subcontract.
  - E. Documentation of any contacts, correspondence or conversation with MBE firms made in an attempt to meet the goals.

Note: If the Bidder provides sufficient evidence (listed in #1) that the goals stated in the contract documents have been met, or awards all subcontracts to MBE'S, the documentation listed in #2 will not be required.

Upon being named apparent low bidder, the Bidder shall provide a Letter of Intent (MBE) Form 3), complete with a description of the scope of services and dollar value from each MBE firm proposed for use in this contract. Failure to provide the documentation as listed in these provisions may result in rejection of the bid and award to the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder. The Board reserves the right to waive any irregularities in MBE documentation if they can be resolved prior to award of the contract, and the Board finds it to be in its best interest to do so and award the contract.

#### SUBCONTRACTOR PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

North Carolina General Statute 143-134. 1, states that the percentage of retainage on payment made by the prime contractor to the subcontractor shall not exceed the percentage of retainage on payments made by the Board to the prime contractor. Failure to comply with this provision shall be considered a breach of the contract, and the contract may be terminated in accordance with the termination provisions of the contract.

The Contractor shall provide an itemized statement of payments to each MBE subcontractor with each request for payment or before final payment is processed.

**PROGRAM COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

All written statements, certification or intentions made by the Bidder shall become a part of the agreement between the Contractor and the Board for performance of this contract. Failure to comply with any of these states, certifications, or intentions, or with the MBE Guidelines shall constitute a breach of the contract. A finding by the Board that any information submitted either prior to award of the contract or during the performance of the contract is inaccurate, false or incomplete, shall also constitute a breach of the contract. Any such breach may result in termination of the contract in accordance with the termination provisions contained in the contract. It shall be solely at the option of the Board whether to terminate the contract for breach.

In determining whether a contractor has made good faith efforts, the Board will evaluate all efforts made by the Contractor and will determine compliance in regard to quantity, intensity, and results of there efforts. The Board may take into account any or all of the following:

1. Whether the Bidder attended any prebid meetings that were scheduled by the Board;
2. Whether the Bidder advertised in general circulation, trade association, and minority-focus media concerning the subcontracting opportunities;
3. Whether the Bidder provided written notice to a minimum of three MBE's for each portion of the work subcontract, that their interest in the contract was being solicited in sufficient time to allow the MBE's to participate effectively;
4. Whether the Bidder followed up initial solicitations of interest by contacting MBE's to determine with certainty whether the MBE's were interested;
5. Whether the Bidder selected portions of the work to be performed by MBE's in order to increase the likelihood of meeting MBE goals (including, where appropriate, breaking down contracts into economically feasible units to facilitate MBE participation);
6. Whether the Bidder provided interested MBE's with adequate information about the plans, specifications and requirements of the contract;
7. Whether the Bidder negotiated in good faith with interested MBE's not rejecting MBE's as unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities.



# State of North Carolina AFFIDAVIT A – Listing of Good Faith Efforts

County of \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Bidder)

Affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_

I have made a good faith effort to comply under the following areas checked:

**Bidders must earn at least 50 points from the good faith efforts listed for their bid to be considered responsive.** (1 NC Administrative Code 30 I.0101)

- 1 – (10 pts)** Contacted minority businesses that reasonably could have been expected to submit a quote and that were known to the contractor, or available on State or local government maintained lists, at least 10 days before the bid date and notified them of the nature and scope of the work to be performed.
- 2 --(10 pts)** Made the construction plans, specifications and requirements available for review by prospective minority businesses, or providing these documents to them at least 10 days before the bids are due.
- 3 – (15 pts)** Broken down or combined elements of work into economically feasible units to facilitate minority participation.
- 4 – (10 pts)** Worked with minority trade, community, or contractor organizations identified by the Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses and included in the bid documents that provide assistance in recruitment of minority businesses.
- 5 – (10 pts)** Attended prebid meetings scheduled by the public owner.
- 6 – (20 pts)** Provided assistance in getting required bonding or insurance or provided alternatives to bonding or insurance for subcontractors.
- 7 – (15 pts)** Negotiated in good faith with interested minority businesses and did not reject them as unqualified without sound reasons based on their capabilities. Any rejection of a minority business based on lack of qualification should have the reasons documented in writing.
- 8 – (25 pts)** Provided assistance to an otherwise qualified minority business in need of equipment, loan capital, lines of credit, or joint pay agreements to secure loans, supplies, or letters of credit, including waiving credit that is ordinarily required. Assisted minority businesses in obtaining the same unit pricing with the bidder's suppliers in order to help minority businesses in establishing credit.
- 9 – (20 pts)** Negotiated joint venture and partnership arrangements with minority businesses in order to increase opportunities for minority business participation on a public construction or repair project when possible.
- 10 - (20 pts)** Provided quick pay agreements and policies to enable minority contractors and suppliers to meet cash-flow demands.

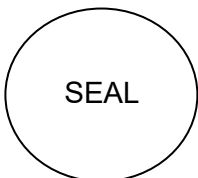
The undersigned, if apparent low bidder, will enter into a formal agreement with the firms listed in the Identification of Minority Business Participation schedule conditional upon scope of contract to be executed with the Owner. Substitution of contractors must be in accordance with GS143-128.2(d) Failure to abide by this statutory provision will constitute a breach of the contract.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read the terms of the minority business commitment and is authorized to bind the bidder to the commitment herein set forth.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Authorized Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

# State of North Carolina --AFFIDAVIT B-- Intent to Perform Contract with Own Workforce.

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Bidder)

I hereby certify that it is our intent to perform 100% of the work required for the \_\_\_\_\_ contract.

(Name of Project)

In making this certification, the Bidder states that the Bidder does not customarily subcontract elements of this type project, and normally performs and has the capability to perform and will perform all elements of the work on this project with his/her own current work forces; and

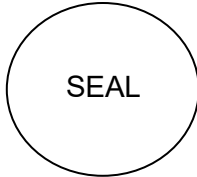
The Bidder agrees to provide any additional information or documentation requested by the owner in support of the above statement. The Bidder agrees to make a Good Faith Effort to utilize minority suppliers where possible.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read this certification and is authorized to bind the Bidder to the commitments herein contained.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Authorized Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

# State of North Carolina - AFFIDAVIT C - Portion of the Work to be Performed by HUB Certified/Minority Businesses

County of \_\_\_\_\_

**(Note this form is to be submitted only by the apparent lowest responsible, responsive bidder.)**

If the portion of the work to be executed by HUB certified/minority businesses as defined in GS143-128.2(g) and 128.4(a),(b),(e) is equal to or greater than 10% of the bidders total contract price, then the bidder must complete this affidavit.  
 This affidavit shall be provided by the apparent lowest responsible, responsive bidder within **72 hours** after notification of being low bidder.

Affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_ I do hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of Bidder)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Project Name)  
 Project ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Bid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will expend a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_% of the total dollar amount of the contract with minority business enterprises. Minority businesses will be employed as construction subcontractors, vendors, suppliers or providers of professional services. Such work will be subcontracted to the following firms listed below. Attach additional sheets if required

Name and Phone Number	*Minority Category	**HUB Certified Y/N	Work Description	Dollar Value

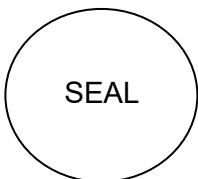
\*Minority categories: Black, African American (**B**), Hispanic (**H**), Asian American (**A**) American Indian (**I**), Female (**F**) Socially and Economically Disadvantaged (**D**)

**\*\* HUB Certification with the state HUB Office required to be counted toward state participation goals.**

Pursuant to GS143-128.2(d), the undersigned will enter into a formal agreement with Minority Firms for work listed in this schedule conditional upon execution of a contract with the Owner. Failure to fulfill this commitment may constitute a breach of the contract.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read the terms of this commitment and is authorized to bind the bidder to the commitment herein set forth.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Authorized Officer: \_\_\_\_\_



Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_



# State of North Carolina AFFIDAVIT D – Good Faith Efforts

County of \_\_\_\_\_

**(Note this form is to be submitted only by the apparent lowest responsible, responsive bidder.)**

If the goal of 10% participation by HUB Certified/ minority business **is not** achieved, the Bidder shall provide the following documentation to the Owner of his good faith efforts:

Affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_ I do hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Bidder)

Project ID# \_\_\_\_\_ (Project Name) Amount of Bid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will expend a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_% of the total dollar amount of the contract with HUB certified/ minority business enterprises. Minority businesses will be employed as construction subcontractors, vendors, suppliers or providers of professional services. Such work will be subcontracted to the following firms listed below. (Attach additional sheets if required)

Name and Phone Number	*Minority Category	**HUB Certified Y/N	Work Description	Dollar Value

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**Examples** of documentation that may be required to demonstrate the Bidder's good faith efforts to meet the goals set forth in these provisions include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- A. Copies of solicitations for quotes to at least three (3) minority business firms from the source list provided by the State for each subcontract to be let under this contract (if 3 or more firms are shown on the source list). Each solicitation shall contain a specific description of the work to be subcontracted, location where bid documents can be reviewed, representative of the Prime Bidder to contact, and location, date and time when quotes must be received.
- B. Copies of quotes or responses received from each firm responding to the solicitation.
- C. A telephone log of follow-up calls to each firm sent a solicitation.
- D. For subcontracts where a minority business firm is not considered the lowest responsible sub-bidder, copies of quotes received from all firms submitting quotes for that particular subcontract.
- E. Documentation of any contacts or correspondence to minority business, community, or contractor organizations in an attempt to meet the goal.
- F. Copy of pre-bid roster
- G. Letter documenting efforts to provide assistance in obtaining required bonding or insurance for minority business.
- H. Letter detailing reasons for rejection of minority business due to lack of qualification.
- I. Letter documenting proposed assistance offered to minority business in need of equipment, loan capital, lines of credit, or joint pay agreements to secure loans, supplies, or letter of credit, including waiving credit that is ordinarily required.

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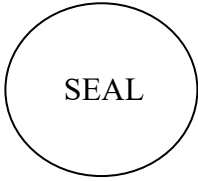
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_