

## ATTACHMENT A: RESPONDER DECLARATIONS

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

- A. **Response Contents.** The information provided is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for potential contract award. The submission of inaccurate or misleading information may be grounds for disqualification from the award as well as subject the Responder to suspension or debarment proceedings as well as other remedies available by law
- B. **Authorized Signature.** This Declaration is signed by the appropriate person(s), with the authority to contractually bind the Responder, as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, minutes, and ordinances.
- C. **Non-Collusion Certification.**
1. The Proposal has been arrived at by the Responder independently and has been submitted without collusion and without any agreement, understanding or planned common course of action with any other vendor designed to limit fair or open competition; and
  2. The contents of the Response have not been communicated by the Responder or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the Responder and will not be communicated to any other individual prior to the due date and time of this Solicitation. Any evidence of collusion among Responders in any form designed to defeat competitive responses will be reported to the Minnesota Attorney General for investigation and appropriate action.
- D. **Organizational Conflicts of Interest.** To the best of Responder's knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise disclosed, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest. An organizational conflict of interest exists when, because of existing or planned activities or because of relationships with other persons,
1. a vendor is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the State;
  2. the vendor's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired; or
  3. the vendor has an unfair competitive advantage.

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

- E. **Copyrighted Material Waiver.** By signing its Response, the Responder certifies that it has obtained all necessary approvals for the reproduction and distribution of the contents of its response.

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

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT B: EXCEPTIONS TO STATE’S TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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

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

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

<b>Clause and Page Number</b>	<b>Suggested Change to Clause</b>	<b>Explanation or Justification</b>

By signing this form, I acknowledge that the above-named responder accepts, without qualification, all terms and conditions stated in this solicitation (including the sample contract) except those clearly outlined as exceptions above.

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

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

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ATTACHMENT C: COST DETAIL**

Responders must submit hourly rates for all staff anticipated to perform work under a resulting contract. The rate(s) identified in the Cost Proposal must reflect all costs in the form of a maximum hourly rate. DLI will not reimburse for travel and other indirect costs separately. The maximum hours DLI will compensate for is an annual total of up to 190 hours of work. The responders proposed hourly rate will be a significant factor in the evaluation of proposals.

Identify the level of the State's participation in the contract and details of cost allowances for this participation. The State does not make regular payments based solely upon the passage of time; it only pays for services performed or work delivered after it is accomplished.

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

**ATTACHMENT D: RESPONDER FORMS**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**VETERAN-OWNED PREFERENCE FORM**

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

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

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

**or**

- 2) The principal place of business is in Minnesota AND the US Small Business Administration verifies the business as being a veteran-owned or service-disabled veteran-owned small business under Public Law 109-461 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 13, part 128.

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Statutory requirements and appropriate documentation must be met **by the solicitation response due date and time** to be awarded the veteran-owned preference. For Bids, the preference applies only to the first \$2,000,000.

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**Claim the Preference**

**By signing below I confirm that:**

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

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

**or**

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

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

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

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

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

# Workforce and Equal Pay Declaration Page

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

## 1. Select one:

- Businesses executing a contract with **State or Metropolitan agencies** in excess of \$100,000 ([Workforce Certificate](#)) and if applicable \$500,000 ([Equal Pay Certificate](#))
- Businesses executing a contract with **University of Minnesota** for general obligation bond funded capital projects in excess of \$100,000 ([Workforce Certificate](#)) and if applicable \$500,000 ([Equal Pay Certificate](#))
- Businesses executing a contract with **Political Subdivisions** for general obligation bond funded capital projects in excess of \$250,000 ([Workforce Certificate](#)) and if applicable \$1,000,000 ([Equal Pay Certificate](#))

Select all that apply:

## 2. We are a Certificate holder:

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

## 3. We are applying/have applied for the following certificate(s):

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

## 4. We have not applied for one or both certificates:

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

## 5. We are Exempt:

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

## 6. Business Information

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

For assistance with this form, email the Minnesota Department of Human Rights [Compliance.MDHR@state.mn.us](mailto:Compliance.MDHR@state.mn.us)