

INVITATION TO BID

INVITATION NUMBER 2517N015

RETURN THIS BID TO THE ISSUING OFFICE AT:



STATE OF ALASKA
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 PROCUREMENT OFFICE
 2301 PEGER ROAD
 FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99709

THIS IS NOT AN ORDER

DATE ITB ISSUED: January 27, 2017

Ground Transportation of E-1 Aggregate to the Bettles Airport (Federally Funded)

Sealed bids must be submitted to the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Procurement Office from which they were issued, and must be time and date stamped by the purchasing section prior to 10:00 AM on February 10, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened.

DELIVERY LOCATION: DOT&PF, Bettles Alaska

DELIVERY DATE: No later than March 31, 2017

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you received this solicitation from the State’s “Online Public Notice” web site, you must register with the Procurement Officer listed on this document to receive subsequent amendments. Failure to contact the Procurement Officer may result in the rejection of your offer.

BIDDER'S NOTICE:

Contracts for purchases resulting from this bid will be made utilizing Federal Funds. As such, and per AS 36.30.890, no State of Alaska Bidder or Product Preferences may apply.

Sec. 36.30.890. Federal Assistance: If a procurement involves the expenditure of federal funds or federal assistance and there is a conflict between a provision of this chapter or a regulation adopted under a provision of this chapter and a federal statute, regulation, policy, or requirement, the federal statute, regulation, policy, or requirement shall prevail.

2 AAC 12.730. Federal Assistance: If a procurement involves the expenditure or federal funds or requires federal assistance and there is a conflict between a provision of this chapter and federal statute, regulation, policy, or requirement, the procurement officer shall comply with the federal statute, regulation, policy, or requirement.

Authority: AS 36.30.040; AS 36.30.890

<p>Eric Johnson, Procurement Officer</p> <p>eric.johnson@alaska.gov</p> <p>PH: 907-451-5102 FX: 907-451-5238</p> <p>Pages 1 through 19</p>	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPANY SUBMITTING BID</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">PRINTED NAME</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">DATE</p>	<p>Note: An Alaska Business License will be required prior to award. Out-of-State bidders must also comply with all corporate laws of the State of Alaska regarding performing business in the State.</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">VENDOR TAX ID NUMBER</p>
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Ground Transportation of E-1 to Bettles Airport**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:**

1. **INVITATION TO BID (ITB) REVIEW:** Bidders shall carefully review this ITB for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Bidders' comments concerning defects and questionable or objectionable material in the ITB must be made in writing and received by the purchasing authority at least ten (10) days before the bid opening date. This will allow time for an amendment to be issued if one is required. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective bid, upon which award cannot be made, and the resultant exposure of bidders' prices. Bidders' original comments should be sent to the purchasing authority listed on the front of this ITB.
2. **BID FORMS:** Bidders shall use this and attached forms in submitting bids. A photocopied bid may be submitted.
3. **SUBMITTING BIDS:** Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, marked, and addressed as shown in the example below. Do not put the ITB number and opening date on the envelope of a request for bid information. Envelopes with ITB numbers annotated on the outside will not be opened until the scheduled date and time.

<p>Bidder's Return Address</p> <p style="text-align: center;">State of Alaska Department of Transportation 2301 Peger Road Fairbanks, AK 99709</p> <p>ITB No.: <u>2517N015</u> Opening Date & Time: <u>February 10, 2017 @ 10:00 AM</u></p>

4. **PRICES:** The bidder shall state prices in the units of issue on this ITB. Prices quoted for commodities must be in U.S. funds and include applicable federal duty, brokerage fees, packaging, and transportation cost to the FOB point so that upon transfer of title the commodity can be utilized without further cost. Prices quoted for services must be quoted in U.S. funds and include applicable federal duty, brokerage fee, packaging, and transportation cost so that the services can be provided without further cost. Prices quoted in bids must be exclusive of federal, state, and local taxes. If the bidder believes that certain taxes are payable by the State, the bidder may list such taxes separately, directly below the bid price for the affected item. The State is exempt from Federal Excise Tax except the following:
 - Coal - Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC), Section 4121 - on the purchase of coal;
 - "Gas Guzzler" - IRC, Section 4064 - on the purchase of low m.p.g. automobiles, except that police and other emergency type vehicles are not subject to the tax;
 - Air Cargo - IRC, Section 4271 - on the purchase of property transportation services by air;
 - Air Passenger - IRC, Section 4261 - on the purchase of passenger transportation services by air carriers.

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5. **VENDOR TAX ID NUMBER:** If goods or services procured through this ITB are of a type that is required to be included on a Miscellaneous Tax Statement, as described in the Internal Revenue Code, a valid tax identification number must be provided to the State of Alaska before payment will be made.
6. **FILING A PROTEST:** A bidder may protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract for supplies, services, or professional services. The protest must be filed in writing and include the following information: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the protester; (2) the signature of the protester or the protester's representative; (3) identification of the contracting agency and the solicitation or contract at issue; (4) a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest, including copies of relevant documents; and (5) the form of relief requested. Protests will be treated in accordance with Alaska Statutes (AS)36.30.560-36.30.610.

CONDITIONS:

1. **AUTHORITY:** This ITB is written in accordance with AS 36.30 and 2 AAC 12.
2. **COMPLIANCE:** In the performance of a contract that results from this ITB, the Contractor must comply with all applicable federal, state, and borough regulations, codes, and laws; and be liable for all required insurance, licenses, permits and bonds; and pay all applicable federal, state, and borough taxes.
3. **SUITABLE MATERIALS, ETC.:** Unless otherwise specified, all materials, supplies or equipment offered by a bidder shall be new, unused, and of the latest edition, version, model or crop and of recent manufacture.
4. **SPECIFICATIONS:** Unless otherwise specified in the ITB, product brand names or model numbers specified in this ITB are examples of the type and qualities of product required, and are not statements of preference. If the specifications describing an item conflict with a brand name or model number describes the item, the specifications govern. Reference to brand name or number does not preclude an offer of a comparable or better product, if full specifications and descriptive literature are provided for the product. Failure to provide such specifications and descriptive literature may be cause for rejection of the offer.
5. **FIRM OFFER:** For the purpose of award, offers made in accordance with this ITB must be good and firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening.
6. **EXTENSION OF PRICES:** In case of error in the extension of prices in the bid, the unit prices will govern; in a lot bid, the lot prices will govern.
7. **BID PREPARATION COSTS:** The State is not liable for any costs incurred by the bidder in bid preparation.
8. **CONSOLIDATION OF AWARDS:** Due to high administrative costs associated with processing of purchase orders, a single low bid of \$50 or less may, at the discretion of the State, be awarded to the next low bidder receiving other awards for consolidation purposes. This paragraph is not subject to the protest terms enumerated in "*INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS*", "*FILING A PROTEST*" above.
9. **CONTRACT FUNDING:** Bidders are advised that funds are available for the initial purchase and/or the first term of the contract. Payment and performance obligations for succeeding purchases and/or additional terms of the contract are subject to the availability and appropriation of funds.
10. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** An officer or employee of the State of Alaska may not seek to acquire, be a party to, or possess a financial interest in, this contract if; 1) the officer or employee is

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an employee of the administrative unit that supervises the award of this contract; or 2) the officer or employee has the power to take or withhold official action so as to affect the award or execution of the contract.

- 11. ASSIGNMENT(S):** Assignment of rights, duties, or payments under a contract resulting from this ITB is not permitted unless authorized in writing by the State of Alaska, Department of Administration, Division of General Services. Bids that are conditioned upon the State's approval of an assignment will be rejected as non-responsive.
- 12. SUBCONTRACTOR(S):** Within five (5) working days of notice, the apparent low bidder must submit a list of the subcontractors that will be used in the performance of the contract. The list must include the name of each subcontractor and the location of the place of business for each subcontractor and evidence of each subcontractor's valid Alaska business license. Subcontractors can only be changed per AS 36.30.115 (b).
- 13. FORCE MAJEURE:** (Impossibility to perform) The Contractor is not liable for the consequences of any failure to perform, or default in performing, any of its obligations under this Agreement, if that failure or default is caused by any unforeseeable Force Majeure, beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the Contractor. For the purposes of this Agreement, Force Majeure will mean war (whether declared or not); revolution; invasion; insurrection; riot; civil commotion; sabotage; military or usurped power; lightning; explosion; fire; storm; drought; flood; earthquake; epidemic; quarantine; strikes; acts or restraints of governmental authorities affecting the project or directly or indirectly prohibiting or restricting the furnishing or use of materials or labor required; inability to secure materials, machinery, equipment or labor because of priority, allocation or other regulations of any governmental authorities.
- 14. LATE BIDS:** Late bids are bids received after the time and date set for receipt of the bids. Late bids will not be accepted.
- 15. CONTRACT EXTENSION:** Unless otherwise provided in this ITB, the State and the successful bidder/Contractor agree: (1) that any holding over of the contract excluding any exercised renewal options, will be considered as a month-to-month extension, and all other terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect and (2) to provide written notice to the other party of the intent to cancel such month-to-month extension at least thirty (30) days before the desired date of cancellation.
- 16. DEFAULT:** In case of default by the Contractor, for any reason whatsoever, the State of Alaska may procure the goods or services from another source and hold the Contractor responsible for any resulting excess cost and may seek other remedies under law or equity.
- 17. DISPUTES:** Any dispute arising out of this agreement shall be resolved under the laws of Alaska. Any appeal of an administrative order or any original action to enforce any provision of this agreement or to obtain any relief from or remedy in connection with this agreement may be brought only in the superior court for the First Judicial District of Alaska.
- 18. CONSUMER ELECTRICAL PRODUCT:** AS 45.45.910 requires that "...a person may not sell, offer to sell, or otherwise transfer in the course of the person's business a consumer electrical product that is manufactured after August 14, 1990, unless the product is clearly marked as being listed by an approved third party certification program." Electrical consumer products manufactured before August 14, 1990, must either be clearly marked as being third party certified or be marked with a warning label that complies with AS 45.45.910(e). Even exempted electrical products must be marked with the warning label. By signature on this bid the bidder certifies that the product offered

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is in compliance with the law. A list of approved third party certifiers, warning labels and additional information is available from: Department of Labor, Labor Standards & Safety Division, Mechanical Inspection Section, P.O. Box 107020, Anchorage, Alaska 99510-7020, (907)269-4925.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- 1. ORDER DOCUMENTS:** Except as specifically allowed under this ITB, an ordering agency will not sign any vendor contract. The State is not bound by a vendor contract signed by a person who is not specifically authorized to sign for the State under this ITB. The State of Alaska Purchase Order, Contract Award and Delivery Order are the only order documents that may be used to place orders against the contract(s) resulting from this ITB.
- 2. BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:** Invoices must be billed to the ordering agency's address shown on the individual Purchase Order, Contract Award or Delivery Order, not to the Division of General Services. The ordering agency will make payment after it receives the merchandise or service and the invoice. Questions concerning payment must be addressed to the ordering agency.
- 3. CONTINUING OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTOR:** Notwithstanding the expiration date of a contract resulting from this ITB, the Contractor is obligated to fulfill its responsibilities until warranty, guarantee, maintenance and parts availability requirements have completely expired.

ALASKA VENDOR & PRODUCT PREFERENCES:

State and local preferences will not be applied to federally funded projects.

**** END OF INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS ****

Ground Transportation of E-1 to Bettles Airport**FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS & CONDITONS****FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT(S) / ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

When Federal funds are involved, the Alaska Business License must be obtained prior to the award of a contract.

23 CFR 635.110; "Licensing and qualification of contractors", (c) reads:

"No contractor shall be required by law, regulation, or practice to obtain a license before submission of a bid or before the bid may be considered for award of a contract"

Offerors should contact the Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of Occupational Licensing, P. O. Box 110806, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0806, for information on obtaining applicable licenses.

CERTIFICATIONS

The Contractor must meet the following Federal certification requirements:

1. Debarment, suspension, and other responsibility matters for primary covered transactions

The Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principles:

- a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b) Have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this certification, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of Federal or state antitrust statues, or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c) 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 listed in subparagraph (1)(b) of this certification: and
- d) Have not within three (3)-year period preceding this certification had one or more public transaction (federal, state, or local) terminated from clause or default.
- e) Contractor also certifies that, if it later becomes aware of any information contradicting the statements of paragraph a) above, it will promptly provide that information to the Alaska Department of Transportation.

DISADVANTAGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ASSURANCE

In accordance with 49 CFR 26.13(a), contractor assures that it shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the implementation of the project and in the award and performance of any third party contract, or sub-agreement supported with Federal assistance derived from the U.S. DOT or in the administration of its DBE program or the requirement of 49 CFR part 26. The recipient assures that it shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49CFR part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of all third party contracts and sub-agreement supported with Federal assistance derived from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Ground Transportation of E-1 to Bettles Airport**SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

BIDDERS WITH DISABILITIES: The State of Alaska complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, and/or special modifications to participate in this procurement should contact the Procurement Office at one of the following numbers no later than Seven (7) days prior to the bid opening to make any necessary arrangements.

Telephone: 907-451-5102

Fax: 907-451-5238

COMPLIANCE WITH ADA: By signature of their bid the bidder certifies that they comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued there under by the federal government.

Services or activities furnished to the general public on behalf of the State must be fully accessible. This is intended to ensure that agencies are in accordance with 28 CFR Part 35 Section 35.130 and that services, programs or activities furnished to the public through a contract do not subject qualified individuals with a disability to discrimination based on the disability.

CONTRACT PERFORMANCE LOCATION: By signature on their bid, the bidder certifies that all services provided under this contract by the contractor and all subcontractors shall be performed in the United States. Failure to comply with this requirement may cause the state to reject the bid or proposal as non-responsive, or cancel the contract.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: By signature on their bid, the bidder certifies that:

- 1) the bidder is not established and headquartered or incorporated and headquartered, in a country recognized as Tier 3 in the most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report; or
- 2) if the bidder is established and headquartered or incorporated and headquartered, in a country recognized as Tier 3 in the most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report, a certified copy of the bidder's policy against human trafficking must be submitted to the State of Alaska prior to contract award.

The most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report can be found at the following website: <http://www.state.gov/g/tip/>.

Failure to comply with this requirement will cause the state to reject the bid or proposal as non-responsive, or cancel the contract.

CONTRACT INTENT: This ITB is intended to result in a contract for the hauling of 3,000 CY of E-1 Aggregate from the DOT&PF Maintenance station in Jim River (approximately MP 143 Dalton Highway) to the apron of the airport in Bettles Alaska utilizing the ice road.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD: After the responses to this ITB have been opened and evaluated, a tabulation of the bids will be prepared. This tabulation, called a Notice of Intent to Award, serves two purposes. It lists the name of each company or person that offered a bid and the price they bid. It also serves as notice of the State's intent to award a contract(s) to the bidder(s) indicated. A copy of the Notice of Intent will be mailed to each company or person who responded to the ITB. Bidders identified as the apparent low responsive bidders, are instructed not to proceed until a Purchase Order, Contract Award, Lease, or some other form of written notice is given by the contracting officer. A company or

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person who proceeds prior to receiving a Purchase Order, Contract Award, Lease, or some other form of written notice from the contracting officer does so without a contract and at their own risk.

PAYMENT FOR STATE PURCHASES: Payment for agreements under \$500,000 for the undisputed purchase of goods or services provided to a State agency, will be made within 30 days of the receipt of a proper billing or the delivery of the goods or services to the location(s) specified in the agreement, whichever is later. A late payment is subject to 1.5% interest per month on the unpaid balance. Interest will not be paid if there is a dispute or if there is an agreement which establishes a lower interest rate or precludes the charging of interest.

SHIPPING DAMAGE: The State will not accept or pay for damaged goods. The Contractor must file all claims against the carrier(s) for damages incurred to items in transit from the point of origin to the ultimate destination. The State will provide the Contractor with written notice when damaged goods are received. The State will deduct the cost of the damaged goods from the invoice prior to payment. The Contractor must file all claims against the carrier(s) for reimbursement of the loss.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION: The administration of this contract is the responsibility of Henry Cole, Project Manager, DOT&PF, and Northern Region.

INDEMNIFICATION: The Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the contracting agency from and against any claim of, or liability for error, omission or negligent act of the Contractor under this agreement. The Contractor shall not be required to indemnify the contracting agency for a claim of, or liability for, the independent negligence of the contracting agency. If there is a claim of, or liability for, the joint negligent error or omission of the Contractor and the independent negligence of the Contracting agency, the indemnification and hold harmless obligation shall be apportioned on a comparative fault basis. "Contractor" and "Contracting agency", as used within this and the following article, include the employees, agents and other Contractors who are directly responsible, respectively, to each. The term "independent negligence" is negligence other than in the Contracting agency's selection, administration, monitoring, or controlling of the Contractor and in approving or accepting the Contractor's work.

INSURANCE: Without limiting Contractor's indemnification, it is agreed that Contractor shall purchase at its own expense and maintain in force at all times during the performance of services under this agreement the following policies of insurance. Where specific limits are shown, it is understood that they shall be the minimum acceptable limits. If the Contractor's policy contains higher limits, the state shall be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits. Certificates of Insurance must be furnished to the Contracting Officer prior to beginning work and must provide for a 30-day prior notice of cancellation, nonrenewal or material change of conditions. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence of insurance or lapse of the policy is a material breach of this contract and shall be grounds for termination of the Contractor's services. All insurance policies shall comply with, and be issued by insurers licensed to transact the business of insurance under AS 21.

Proof of insurance is required for the following:

Workers' Compensation Insurance: The Contractor shall provide and maintain, for all employees engaged in work under this contract, coverage as required by AS 23.30.045, and; where applicable, any other statutory obligations including but not limited to Federal U.S.L. & H. and Jones Act requirements. The policy must waive subrogation against the State.

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Commercial General Liability Insurance: covering all business premises and operations used by the Contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance: covering all vehicles used by the Contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

Failure to supply satisfactory proof of insurance within the time required will cause the State to declare the bidder non-responsible and to reject the bid.

FIRM, UNQUALIFIED AND UNCONDITIONAL OFFER: Bidders must provide enough information with their bid to constitute a definite, firm, unqualified and unconditional offer. To be responsive a bid must constitute a definite, firm, unqualified and unconditional offer to meet all of the material terms of the ITB. Material terms are those which could affect price, quantity, quality, or delivery. Also included as material terms are those which are clearly identified in the ITB and which, for reasons of policy, must be complied with at risk of bid rejection for non-responsiveness.

CONTRACT PERIOD: From date of award until March 31, 2017.

ALTERATIONS: The Contractor must obtain the written approval from the Procurement officer prior to making any alterations to the specifications contained in this ITB. The State will not pay for alterations that are not approved in advance by the Procurement Officer.

F.O.B. POINTS: The F.O.B. point for this contact shall be the apron at the Bettles Airport (stockpile area will be clearly marked).

CONTINUING OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTOR: Regardless of the terms and conditions of any third-party financing agreement, the Contractor agrees that none of its responsibilities under this contract are transferable and that the Contractor alone will continue to be solely responsible until the expiration date of the contract. Such responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the provision of equipment, training, warranty service, maintenance, parts and the provision of consumable supplies. By signature on the face page of this ITB the bidder acknowledges this requirement and indicates unconditional acceptance of this continuing obligation clause.

FREIGHT CHARGES: The Contractor(s) shall be responsible for all charges relating to delivering this material to the F.O.B. point.

CANCELLATION: The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation either before or after bid opening and prior to award if it is determined that award is not in the best interest of the State (Authority: AS 36.30.350, 2 AAC 12.860). The State reserves the right to cancel a contract based on lack of funding. Upon cancellation the State shall be responsible only for the product delivered and the product in shipment at the time of cancellation. *The State reserves the right to cancel this contract if it has been determined that the Ice Road is no longer safe to travel.*

INVOICES: An itemized invoice is to be sent to the following address. Invoices must accompany receipts in order to be reimbursed for lodging.

State of Alaska; Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
CA # TBD
2301 Peger Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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Payments will not be disbursed without an approved itemized invoice. Invoices must reference the contract number.

WORKMANSHIP & MATERIALS: All work must be performed in a thorough and workmanlike manner and in accordance with current industry practices. The Contractor will be held responsible for the adherence of this requirement. The State reserves the right to reject both, the driver, and truck/tractor combination if it determines it would be unsafe to travel on the Ice Road.

METHOD OF AWARD: Award will be made by Lot to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. There is One (1) lot for this solicitation.

Please note that the resultant contract award can only be issued upon receipt of final funding approval.

**** END OF SPECIFIC TERMS & CONDITIONS ****

Ground Transportation of E-1 to Bettles Airport**SPECIFICATIONS:**

1. Transport 3,000 CY of E-1 aggregate from the DOT& PF Maintenance Station located at approximately MP 143 Dalton Highway (Jim River) to the Airport Apron in Bettles Alaska via the Ice Road.
2. A load for the purposes of payment will be considered the delivery 20CY.
3. 20 CY Side Dumps are preferred. Other types of equipment can be used if approved by the Project Manager. Approval of alternate equipment must be done in writing.
4. The DOT&PF shall provide a loader and operator at the Jim River Maintenance Station to assist in loading material during normal business hours only.
5. DOT&PF equipment will not be available for use at temperatures below -30; if the temperature is close it is not recommended to send trucks to the maintenance station.
6. Trucks will not receive Stand-by time for delays caused by the weather. Stand-by time will be allowed if delays are caused by the DOT&PF.
7. If a truck is being loaded, and trucks are waiting to be loaded, they will not be eligible for Stand-by time. Staggered arrival at the Maintenance Station is recommended.
8. The contractor is responsible for coordinating traffic on the Ice Road, as well as post signage with contact info and hauling time details.
9. Bid price per load will be considered full compensation for all costs including but not limited to mobilization, demobilization, meal, lodging, labor, and equipment costs including fuel and repairs.

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BID SCHEDULE:

<u>Lot Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit of Measurement</u>	<u>Estimated Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Extended Price</u>
1	Transport E-1 from Jim River, (MP 143 Dalton Highway) to the apron of the Bettles Airport via Ice Road.	Per Load		\$ _____	\$ _____

Total Bid Price: \$ _____

Equipment being offered: _____

Quantity of equipment being offered: _____

Stand-by time: \$ _____

Price listed for Stand-by time will not be used in evaluating submitted bids. Submitted bid prices must include all incidentals. No additional charges will be accepted unless approved via a written change order.

Quantity of equipment will also not be evaluated and is for informational purposes only. This information will help the department determine estimated length of time to complete the project.

BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

BIDDER'S ADDRESS & COMPANY NAME:

Company Name

Authorized Signature

Mailing Address

Printed Name of Authorized Signature

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Fax Number

Email



STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

**REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS
for
FEDERAL-AID CONTRACTS**

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I. GENERAL

1. These contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the Contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract.

2. Except as otherwise provided for in each section, the contractor shall insert in each subcontract all of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions, and further require their inclusion in any lower tier subcontract or purchase order that may in turn be made. The Required Contract Provisions shall not be incorporated by reference in any case. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with these Required Contract Provisions.

3. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions shall be sufficient grounds for termination of the contract.

4. A breach of the following clauses of the Required Contract Provisions may also be grounds for debarment as provided in 29 CFR 5.12:

- Section I, paragraph 2;
- Section IV, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7;
- Section V, paragraphs 1 and 2a through 2g.

5. Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of Section IV (except paragraph 5) and Section V of these Required Contract Provisions shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) as set

forth in 29 CFR 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the DOL, or the contractor's employees or their representatives.

6. **Selection of Labor:** During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not:

- a. discriminate against labor from any other State, possession, or territory of the United States, or
- b. employ convict labor for any purpose within the limits of the project unless it is labor performed by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation.

II. NONDISCRIMINATION

(Applicable to all Federal-aid contracts and to all related subcontracts of \$10,000 or more.)

1. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** Equal employment opportunity (EEO) requirements not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal opportunity as set forth under laws, executive orders, rules, regulations (28 CFR 35, 29 CFR 1630 and 41 CFR 60) and orders of the Secretary of Labor as modified by the provisions prescribed herein, and imposed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 140 shall constitute the EEO and specific affirmative action standards for the contractor's project activities under this contract. The Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications set forth under 41 CFR 60-4.3 and the provisions of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) set forth under 28 CFR 35 and 29 CFR 1630 are incorporated by reference in this contract. In the execution of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of EEO:

a. The contractor will work with the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and the Federal Government in carrying out EEO obligations and in their review of his/her activities under the contract.

b. The contractor will accept as his operating policy the following statement:

"It is the policy of this Company to assure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, sex, color, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship, preapprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training."

2. **EEO Officer:** The contractor will designate and make known to the DOT&PF contracting officers an EEO Officer who will have the responsibility for and must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active contractor program of EEO and who must be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

3. **Dissemination of Policy:** All members of the contractor's staff who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action, or who are substantially involved in such action, will be made fully cognizant of, and will implement, the contractor's EEO policy and contractual responsibilities to provide EEO in each grade and classification of employment. To ensure that the above agreement will be met, the following actions will be taken as a minimum:

a. Periodic meetings of supervisory and personnel office employees will be conducted before the start of work and then not less often than once every six months, at which time the contractor's EEO policy and its implementation will be reviewed and explained. The meetings will be conducted by the EEO Officer.

b. All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer, covering all major aspects of the contractor's EEO obligations within thirty days following their reporting for duty with the contractor.

c. All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the project will be instructed by the EEO Officer in the contractor's procedures for locating and hiring minority group employees.

d. Notices and posters setting forth the contractor's EEO policy will be placed in areas readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.

e. The contractor's EEO policy and the procedures to implement such policy will be brought to the attention of employees by means of meetings, employee handbooks, or other appropriate means.

4. **Recruitment:** When advertising for employees, the contractor will include in all advertisements for employees the notation: "An Equal Opportunity Employer." All such advertisements will be placed in publications having a large circulation among minority groups in the area from which the project work force would normally be derived.

a. The contractor will, unless precluded by a valid bargaining agreement, conduct systematic and direct recruitment through public and private employee referral sources likely to yield qualified minority group applicants. To meet this requirement, the contractor will identify sources of potential minority group employees, and establish with such identified sources procedures whereby minority group applicants may be referred to the contractor for employment consideration.

b. In the event the contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hiring hall referrals, he is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system permits the contractor's compliance with EEO contract provisions. (The DOL has held that where implementation of such agreements have the effect of

discriminating against minorities or women, or obligates the contractor to do the same, such implementation violates Executive Order 11246, as amended.)

c. The contractor will encourage his present employees to refer minority group applicants for employment. Information and procedures with regard to referring minority group applicants will be discussed with employees.

5. **Personnel Actions:** Wages, working conditions, and employee benefits shall be established and administered, and personnel actions of every type, including hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, and termination, shall be taken without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability. The following procedures shall be followed:

a. The contractor will conduct periodic inspections of project sites to insure that working conditions and employee facilities do not indicate discriminatory treatment of project site personnel.

b. The contractor will periodically evaluate the spread of wages paid within each classification to determine any evidence of discriminatory wage practices.

c. The contractor will periodically review selected personnel actions in depth to determine whether there is evidence of discrimination. Where evidence is found, the contractor will promptly take corrective action. If the review indicates that the discrimination may extend beyond the actions reviewed, such corrective action shall include all affected persons.

d. The contractor will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the contractor in connection with his obligations under this contract, will attempt to resolve such complaints, and will take appropriate corrective action within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the contractor will inform every complainant of all of his avenues of appeal.

6. **Training and Promotion:**

a. The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minority group and women employees, and applicants for employment.

b. Consistent with the contractor's work force requirements and as permissible under Federal and State regulations, the contractor shall make full use of training programs, i.e., apprenticeship, and on-the-job training programs for the geographical area of contract performance. Where feasible, 25 percent of apprentices or trainees in each occupation shall be in their first year of apprenticeship or training. In the event a special provision for training is provided under this contract, this subparagraph will be superseded as indicated in the special provision.

c. The contractor will advise employees and applicants for employment of available training programs and entrance requirements for each.

d. The contractor will periodically review the training and promotion potential of minority group and women employees and will encourage eligible employees to apply for such training and promotion.

7. **Unions:** If the contractor relies in whole or in part upon unions as a source of employees, the contractor will use his/her best efforts to obtain the cooperation of such unions to increase opportunities for minority groups and women within the unions, and to effect referrals by such unions of minority and female employees. Actions by the contractor either directly or through a contractor's association acting as agent will include the procedures set forth below:

a. The contractor will use best efforts to develop, in cooperation with the unions, joint training programs aimed toward qualifying more minority group members and women for membership in the unions and increasing the skills of minority group employees and women so that they may qualify for higher paying employment.

b. The contractor will use best efforts to incorporate an EEO clause into each union agreement to the end that such union will be contractually bound to refer applicants without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability.

c. The contractor is to obtain information as to the referral practices and policies of the labor union except that to the extent such information is within the exclusive possession of the labor union and such labor union refuses to furnish such information to the contractor, the contractor shall so certify to the DOT&PF and shall set forth what efforts have been made to obtain such information.

d. In the event the union is unable to provide the contractor with a reasonable flow of minority and women referrals within the time limit set forth in the collective bargaining agreement, the contractor will, through independent recruitment efforts, fill the employment vacancies without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability; making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualifiable minority group persons and women. (The DOL has held that it shall be no excuse that the union with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement providing for exclusive referral failed to refer minority employees.) In the event the union referral practice prevents the contractor from meeting the obligations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and these special provisions, such contractor shall immediately notify the DOT&PF.

8. **Selection of Subcontractors, Procurement of Materials, and Leasing of Equipment:** The contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment.

a. The contractor shall notify all potential subcontractors and suppliers of his/her EEO obligations under this contract.

b. Disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE), as defined in 49 CFR 23, shall have equal opportunity to compete for and perform subcontracts which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract. The contractor will use his best efforts to solicit bids from and to utilize DBE subcontractors or subcontractors with meaningful minority group and female representation among their employees. Contractors shall obtain lists of DBE construction firms from DOT&PF personnel.

c. The contractor will use his best efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their EEO obligations.

9. **Records and Reports:** The contractor shall keep such records as necessary to document compliance with the EEO requirements. Such records shall be retained for a period of three years following completion of the contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of the DOT&PF and the U.S. DOT.

a. The records kept by the contractor shall document the following:

(1) The number of minority and non-minority group members and women employed in each work classification on the project;

(2) The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions, when applicable, to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women;

(3) The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minority and female employees; and

(4) The progress and efforts being made in securing the services of DBE subcontractors or subcontractors with meaningful minority and female representation among their employees.

b. The contractors will submit an annual report to the DOT&PF each July for the duration of the project, indicating the number of minority, women, and non-minority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by the contract work. This information is to be reported on Form FHWA-1391. If on-the-job training is being required by special provision, the contractor will be required to collect and report training data.

III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

(Applicable to all Federal-aid contracts and to all related subcontracts of \$10,000 or more.)

a. By submission of this bid, the execution of this contract or subcontract, or the consummation of this material supply agreement or purchase order, as appropriate, the bidder, Federal-aid construction contractor, subcontractor, material supplier, or vendor, as appropriate, certifies that the firm does not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that the firm does not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The firm agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the EEO Provisions of this contract. The firm further certifies that no employee will be denied access to adequate facilities on the basis of sex or disability.

b. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, timeclocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive, or are, in fact, segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin, age or disability, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The only exception will be for the disabled when

the demands for accessibility override (e.g. disabled parking).

- c. The contractor agrees that it has obtained or will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractors or material suppliers prior to award of subcontracts or consummation of material supply agreements of \$10,000 or more and that it will retain such certifications in its files.

IV. NOT USED

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VIII. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION

1. In the performance of this contract the contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation (23 CFR 635). The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions as it determines, or as the DOT&PF contracting officer may determine, to be reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract.

2. It is a condition of this contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract, which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract, that the contractor and any subcontractor shall not permit any employee, in performance of the contract, to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his/her health or safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards (29 CFR 1926) promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 333).

3. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.3, it is a condition of this contract that the Secretary of Labor or authorized representative thereof, shall have right of entry to any site of contract performance to inspect or investigate the matter of compliance with the construction safety and health standards and to carry out the duties of the Secretary under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 333).

IX. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS

In order to assure high quality and durable construction in conformity with approved plans and specifications and a high degree of reliability on statements and representations made by engineers, contractors, suppliers, and workers on Federal-aid highway projects, it is essential that all persons concerned with the project perform their functions as carefully, thoroughly, and honestly as possible. Willful falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project is a violation of Federal law.

To prevent any misunderstanding regarding the seriousness of these and similar acts, the following notice shall be posted on

each Federal-aid highway project (23 CFR 635) in one or more places where it is readily available to all persons concerned with the project:

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONNEL ENGAGED ON FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROJECTS

18 U.S.C. 1020, reads as follows:

“Whoever, being an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or of any State or Territory, or whoever, whether a person, association, firm, or corporation, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, or false report as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of the material used or to be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the cost thereof in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or costs of construction on any highway or related project submitted for approval to the Secretary of Transportation; or

“Whoever knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, false report, or false claim with respect to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of any work performed or to be performed, or materials furnished or to be furnished, in connection with the construction of any highway or related project approved by the Secretary of Transportation; or

“Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to a material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to provisions of the Federal-aid Roads Act approved July 1, 1916 (39 Stat. 355), as amended and supplemented;

“Shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.”

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X. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

(Applicable to all Federal-aid contracts and to all related subcontracts of \$100,000 or more.)

By submission of this bid, or the execution of this contract or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, Federal-aid construction contractor, or subcontractor, as appropriate, will be deemed to have stipulated as follows:

- 1. That any facility that is or will be utilized in the performance of this contract, unless such contract is exempt under the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857 et seq., as amended by Pub. L. 91-604), and under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq., as amended by Pub. L. 92-500), Executive Order 11738, and regulations in implementation thereof (40 CFR 15) is not listed, on the date of contract award, on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List of Violating Facilities pursuant to 40 CFR 15.20.

2. That the firm agrees to comply and remain in compliance with all the requirements of Section 114 of the Clean Air Act and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and all regulations and guidelines listed thereunder.

3. That the firm shall promptly notify the DOT&PF of the receipt of any communication from the Director, Office of Federal Activities, EPA, indicating that a facility that is or will be utilized for the contract is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

4. That the firm agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of paragraphs 1 through 4 of this Section X in every nonexempt subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the government may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements.

XI. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

1. Instructions for Certification - Primary Covered Transactions: (Applicable to all Federal-aid contracts - 49 CFR 29)

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction.

c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.

d. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

f. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, 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 the department or agency entering into this transaction.

g. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the nonprocurement portion of the "Lists of Parties Excluded From Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement Programs" (Nonprocurement List) which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

i. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph f of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

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Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Primary Covered Transactions

1. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

b. Have not within a 3-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

c. 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 1b of this certification; and

d. Have not within a 3-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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3. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Covered Transactions: (Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders and other lower tier transactions of \$25,000 or more - 49 CFR 29)

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier is providing the certification set out below.

b. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

d. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "primary covered transaction," "participant," "person," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, 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 the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it

knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.

h. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

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Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, 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 prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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XII. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING (Applicable to all Federal-aid contracts and to all related subcontracts which exceed \$100,000 - 49 CFR 20)

1. The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

2. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

3. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting his or her bid or proposal that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.