



## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**No. 09062024**

### **Banking Services**

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The Housing of Savannah (HAS) is currently seeking proposals from local qualified financial institutions to provide full, integrated banking services to the HAS. The HAS intends to maintain all Banking Services with one financial institution to maximize cash flow and minimize administrative costs. As such, banking services proposals must include services for the account system outlined.

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## SECTION 1: Introduction

### 1.1. INTRODUCTION

The Housing Authority of Savannah (hereinafter, “the Agency”) is a public entity that was formed in 1938 to provide federally subsidized housing and housing assistance to low-income families, within the City of Savannah and Chatham County, Georgia. The Agency is headed by an Executive Director (ED) and is governed by a five-person board of commissioners and is subject to the requirements of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (hereinafter, “CFR”) and the Agency’s procurement policy. Though brought into existence by a Resolution of the City of Savannah, it is a separate entity from the City.

Currently, the Agency owns and/or manages and/or is in partnership for: (a) 6 developments totaling 918 units of HUD public housing; (b) 4 Mixed-Finance / Mixed-Income developments totaling 654 units; (c) 350 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) units; (d) 163 Project-Based Voucher (PBV) RAD units; and over 3,000 Section 8 Tenant Housing Vouchers. The Agency currently has approximately 90 employees.

In keeping with its mandate to provide efficient and effective services, the Agency is now soliciting proposals from qualified, licensed and insured entities to provide the above noted services to the Agency. All proposals submitted in response to this solicitation must conform to all the requirements and specifications outlined within this document and any designated attachments in its entirety.

### 1.2 CONTACT /ACCESS INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

[Table No. 1]

AGENCY CONTRACTING OFFICER [NOTE: Unless otherwise specified, any reference herein to “Contracting Officer” or “(CO)” shall be a reference to Earline W. Davis or her designee.]	Earline W. Davis, Executive Director
AGENCY CONTACT PERSON AS IT RELATES TO THIS RFP:	Carl M. Edwards, Procurement Manager (PM) Telephone (912) 235-5800, x 115 E-mail: <a href="mailto:cedwards@savannahpha.com">cedwards@savannahpha.com</a> TDD/TTY: 800.545.1833 x 313
HOW TO ACCESS THE RFP DOCUMENTS ON THE APPLICABLE INTERNET SITE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Access the Housing Agency Marketplace at <a href="http://ha.internationalprocurement.com">ha.internationalprocurement.com</a> (no “www”).</li> <li>2. Click on the “Login” button in the upper left side.</li> <li>3. Follow the listed directions.</li> <li>4. If you have any problems in accessing or registering on the system, please call customer support at 1/866/526-9266.</li> </ol>
HOW TO FULLY RESPOND TO THIS RFP BY SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL	Please see the following Section 18 on page 31 of this RFP Document

~ END OF SECTION 1 ~

## SECTION 2: The Agency's Reservations of Rights

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- 2.1 Right to Reject, Waive, or Terminate the RFP.** Reject any or all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFP process, or to terminate the RFP process at any time, if deemed by the Agency to be in its best interests.
- 2.2 Right to Not Award.** Not award a contract pursuant to this RFP.
- 2.3 Right to Terminate.** Terminate a contract awarded pursuant to this RFP, at any time for its convenience upon 10 days written notice to the Bank(s).
- 2.4 Right to Determine Time and Location.** Determine the days, hours, and locations that the successful proposer (hereinafter, "Bank") shall provide the services called for in this RFP.
- 2.5 Right to Retain Proposals.** Retain all proposals submitted and not permit withdrawal for a period of 60 days subsequent to the deadline for receiving proposals without the written consent of the Agency Contracting Officer (CO).
- 2.6 Right to Negotiate.** Negotiate the fees proposed by the proposer entity.
- 2.7 Right to Reject Any Proposal.** Reject and not consider any proposal or proposer that does not meet the requirements of this RFP, including but not necessarily limited to incomplete proposals and/or proposers offering alternate or non-requested services.
- 2.8 No Obligation to Compensate.** Have no obligation to compensate any proposer for any costs incurred in responding to this RFP.
- 2.9 Right to Prohibit.** At any time during the RFP or contract process, prohibit any further participation by a proposer or reject any proposal submitted that does not conform to any of the requirements detailed herein. By accessing the Housing Agency Marketplace ([internationaleprocurement.com](http://internationaleprocurement.com)) and by downloading this document, each prospective proposer is thereby agreeing to abide by all terms and conditions listed within this document and within the eProcurement Marketplace, and further agrees that he/she will inform the CO in writing within 5 days of the discovery of any item listed herein or of any item that is issued thereafter by the Agency that he/she feels needs to be addressed. Failure to abide by this timeframe shall relieve the Agency, but not the prospective or actual proposer, of any responsibility pertaining to such issue.
- 2.10 Right to Reject - Obtaining Competitive Solicitation Documents.** The eProcurement Marketplace is the only official and appropriate venue to obtain the competitive solicitation documents (and any other information pertaining to the competitive solicitation such as addenda). Accordingly, by submitting a response to this competitive solicitation the respondent thereby affirms that he/she obtained all information on the eProcurement Marketplace. Any other group such as a proposal depository that informs potential respondents of the availability of such competitive solicitations are hereby instructed to not distribute these documents to any such potential respondents, but to instruct the potential respondents to visit the eProcurement Marketplace to obtain the documents. The Agency will reject without consideration any response submitted from a firm that has not obtained the documents from the eProcurement Marketplace.

~ END OF SECTION 2 ~

## **SECTION 3: RFP Intent and Notices to Offerors**

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### **3.1. RFP INTENT**

The HAS is requesting proposals from qualified Financial Institutions (“Banks”) for depository, cash management, and general banking services. The HAS desires to review its banking costs, interest rate yield potential, and explore potential services that could benefit the financial security or efficiencies of the HAS’s operation. This RFP is designed to provide Banks with the information necessary for the preparation of competitive bid proposals. The RFP process is for the HAS’s benefit and is intended to provide the HAS with competitive information to assist in the selection process.

### **3.2. HAS PROFILE**

- A. Currently, the Agency owns and/or manages and/or is in partnership for: (a) 6 developments totaling 918 units of HUD public housing; (b) 4 Mixed-Finance / Mixed-Income developments totaling 654 units; (c) 350 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) units; (d) 163 Project-Based Voucher (PBV) RAD units; and over 3,000 Section 8 Tenant Housing Vouchers. The Agency currently has approximately 90 employees.
  
- B. In keeping with its mandate to provide efficient and effective services, the Agency is now soliciting proposals from qualified, licensed and insured entities to provide the above noted services to the Agency. All proposals submitted in response to this solicitation must conform to all the requirements and specifications outlined within this document and any designated attachments in its entirety.

### **3.3. DISCLAIMER**

This is a Solicitation only; it is not a contract. The HAS shall assume no obligation to pay or reimburse any Person for any costs, fees or expenses incurred in preparation of a response to this Solicitation, or for any meetings and/or travel costs related to such response. All Proposals submitted to and accepted by the HAS shall become the exclusive property of the HAS and shall not be returned. The HAS reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals in full or in part and/or to waive any technicalities and/or informalities as best may serve the interests of the HAS. The HAS is under no obligation to any Offeror until a contract is executed for the Services described herein.

### **3.4. AUTHORITY TO DISTRIBUTE SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS**

The HAS is the sole entity with the authority to issue and/or distribute any Solicitation Documents and/or information related thereto. All Solicitation Documents obtained from any source other than the HAS may be incomplete or incorrect. The HAS assumes no responsibility for any error, omission or misinterpretation resulting from the reliance or use of any Solicitation Documents not both issued and distributed by the HAS. All Solicitation Documents shall be posted on the Procurement Webpage.

### **3.5. ACCEPTANCE**

The submission of a Proposal shall constitute acknowledgement and acceptance by the Offeror of the requirements, specifications and terms and conditions specified herein.

### **3.6. RESTRICTED DISCUSSIONS**

Offerors are prohibited from discussing this Solicitation or any part thereof with any employee, agent, or representative of the HAS except as expressly authorized herein. The HAS may, in its

sole discretion, reject the Proposal submitted by any Offeror who is in violation of this provision. All verbal statements and/or answers to questions relative to this Solicitation shall not be considered binding, valid or enforceable.

**3.7. ADA REQUIREMENTS**

Individuals with a disability, who would like to receive the information in this Solicitation in another form, may contact the HAS's Procurement Office by phone at or by email to [cedwards@savannahpha.com](mailto:cedwards@savannahpha.com)

~ END OF SECTION 3 ~

## SECTION 4: Solicitation Schedule and Information

### 4.1. SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

Below is the schedule of events for this Solicitation. The HAS reserves the right to modify the Solicitation Schedule at any time as best may serve the interests of the HAS; all modifications shall be made by addendum or amendment and posted on the noted internet system. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be Eastern Time (daylight or standard, as applicable).

[Table No. 2]

EVENT	DATE	TIME
<b>A. Solicitation Issued:</b>	<b>September 6, 2024</b>	<b>by 9:00 AM</b>
<b>B. Pre-Proposal Meeting:</b> <i>See Subsection 4.2 for additional information</i>	N/A	
<b>C. Offeror Questions Due in Writing:</b> <i>See Subsection 4.3 for additional information</i>	<b>September 20, 2024</b>	<b>by 5:00 PM</b>
<b>D. HAS's Answers to Questions Issued:</b> <i>See Subsection 4.4 for additional information</i>	<b>September 23, 2024</b>	<b>by 5:00 PM</b>
<b>E. Submission Deadline:</b> <i>See Subsection 4.5 for additional information</i>	<b>October 4, 2024</b>	<b>by 3:00 PM</b>

### 4.2. SUBMISSION OF OFFEROR QUESTIONS

All questions regarding this Solicitation: (i) shall be submitted through the Housing Agency Marketplace and (ii) shall be received by the date and time specified in the Solicitation Schedule. All questions received not in compliance with this paragraph will not be answered unless the HAS, at its sole discretion, deems that a response to a question is necessary to clarify anything in the Solicitation Documents.

### 4.3. HAS'S ANSWERS TO OFFEROR QUESTIONS

The HAS's answers to questions submitted by Offerors will be posted by addendum on the noted internet system on the date specified in the Solicitation Schedule.

### 4.4. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

All submissions are due on **October 4, 2024**, proposals received after this deadline will not be accepted

### 4.5. COST INCURRED IN PREPARING PROPOSALS.

Proposers will be responsible for all costs incurred by preparing a response to this RFP. All materials and documents submitted will become the property of the Agency and will not be returned. Any materials submitted that a Proposer(s) considers to be proprietary must be clearly marked as such to keep it out of the public record. Proposers selected for further interview or negotiations will be responsible for all costs incurred during these processes.

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## SECTION 5: Scope of Work

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### 5.1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. The following is an outline describing the Scope of Services anticipated to be required of the Financial Institution under the terms and conditions of the Contract.

a. **Areas of Services/Definitions.**

As further detailed herein, the Agency is seeking proposals to provide Banking Services. The information or work plan proposed by the proposer under Tab No. 4 shall fully-detail the proposer's offer pertaining to each of the following, including the submittal of sample forms, if appropriate.

- At least one full-service branch or banking location within the city limits of Savannah, Georgia, where the Agency can make deposits and fulfill all other required services herein.
- The depository bank must participate in the FDIC system or NCUSIF system. All Agency individual accounts must be insured to the extent authorized by Federal law governing federal deposits (unless superseded by GA state law).
- The depository bank must participate in both the Federal Reserve System's electronic funds transfer services; Fedwire and ACH.
- The depository bank must provide the Agency a fully secured web-based banking system, that does not require the addition of any proprietary software to the Agency server system, capable of providing the following:
  - Processing of standard-format ACH credit files for direct deposit;
  - Processing positive pay files and subsequent edit for prevention of check fraud, with e-mail notification to Agency of any noted positive pay exceptions;
  - Processing of intra-bank account transfers, with the ability to create and edit transfer form templates for frequently requested transfers;
  - Processing of Wire Transfer initiation
  - Processing of stop payment order initiation
  - Processing of routine balance inquiries
  - Processing of routine transactions inquiries
  - Processing of request to view/print cancelled check images on-line
  - Ability to establish pre-set, pre-authorized wire transfer template and \$ limits not requiring additional bank or Agency interaction
  - Ability to generate and print/save/export requested reports
  - Remote scan/deposit capabilities

b. **Other Required Services Include:**

- Provision of phone support services for computerized banking system at a minimum of 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., eastern time, Monday thru Friday, with pre-defined banking holidays excluded
- According to Georgia Law, Section 45-8-12 (c) the depository bank must agree to at all times maintain collateral securities whose aggregate

market value exceeds 110% of the value of the average daily ledger balances for all federally funded accounts. The awarded bank must execute a written General Depository Agreement with the Agency. Although the HUD General Depository Agreement indicates collateralization of 100%, Georgia law supersedes this to %110 as a more stringent requirement.

- The depository bank must designate and assign one primary contact person for all matters pertaining to the bank’s management of the Agency’s banking services
- Provision of monthly bank statements for each account no more than 5 calendar days following the accounts monthly cut-off.
- Monthly bank statements must be presented for the period closes (cut-off) agreed upon by the Authority and Bank for each individual account.
- Monthly Account Analysis Statements for must be provided, with a detailed analysis of all monthly service charges and interest earnings, for each individual account
- The Agency reserves the right to close any of the accounts if the account is no longer required without any alteration to the previously agreed upon services charges or interest rates for other accounts.
- The Agency reserves the right to open any additional accounts during the contract period with the same requirements for services, service charges and interest earnings rates as specified in the proposal.
- The Agency intends to pay for all service charges by direct payment of monthly service charges, rather than the use of compensating balances. Monthly service charges must be computed using the transactions prices specified in the proposal for the actual number of transactions for the month, for each individual account. Since service charges will be paid directly, the Agency expects to earn interest on the full balances of the accounts, with the earnings credit rate identified as a basis point factor tied to the 90-day T-bill rate.
- Proposing banks must consult with their own Operations or Treasury Department to ensure that the proposed services fee structure can be implemented as proposed. Any awarded contract will require signing off by the awarded bank’s Operations or Treasury Department.
- FDIC or NCUSIF insurance assessments are considered an overhead cost to the bank, and as such are not considered a cost directly chargeable to the Agency

**5.2. CURRENT ACCOUNTS.**

The Agency currently has the following 17 accounts.

[Table No. 3]

ITEM NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AVERAGE COLLECTED BALANCE (June 2024–May 2025)
1	<p align="center"><b>Central Office Cost Center</b>                      (Used for vendor payments associated with Agency Central Office Cost Center)                      Medium volume of annual transactions</p>	<p align="center"><b>Public Funds Interest Checking</b></p>	<p align="center">\$</p>
2	<p align="center"><b>Public Housing Account</b>                      (Used for administrative and program activity for the Public House)                      High volume of annual transactions</p>	<p align="center"><b>Public Funds Interest Checking</b></p>	<p align="center">\$</p>

3	<b>Capital Fund Account</b> (Used for vendor payments associated with Agency Capital Improvement projects) Low volume of annual transactions	Public Funds Interest Checking	\$
4	<b>Housing Assistance Payments Account</b> (Used for tenant and landlord payments associated with the Agency's Housing Assistance Payments Program – Section 8) High volume of annual transactions	Public Funds Interest Checking	\$
5	<b>S8 FSS Escrow Account</b> (Holding account for Section 8 Family Self Sufficiency tenant accounts) Low volume of annual transactions	Public Funds Interest Checking	\$
6	<b>Local Fund</b> (Used as a limited activity checking account for Agency's Local (non-HUD) funds) Very low volume of annual transactions	Public Funds Interest Checking	\$
7	<b>Bond Fund</b> (Used as a limited activity checking account for Agency's bond related transactions(non-HUD) Very low volume of annual transactions	Public Funds Interest Checking	\$
8	<b>HOPE VI Checking</b> (Used for vendor payments associated with Agency HOPE VI grant program) Very low volume of annual transactions	Public Funds Interest Checking	\$
9	<b>PH FSS Escrow Account</b> (Holding account for Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency tenant accounts) Low volume of annual transactions	Public Funds Interest Checking	\$
10	<b>SCB Kayton - Operating</b> (Used for administrative and program activity for the SCB Kayton Homes) High volume of annual transactions	Business Interest Checking	\$
11	<b>SCB Kayton - Escrow</b> (Holding account for tenant security deposits) Low volume of annual transactions	Business Interest Checking	\$
12	<b>River Pointe Operating</b> (Used for administrative and program activity for the River Pointe) High volume of annual transactions	Business Interest Checking	\$
13	<b>River Pointe Escrow</b> (Holding account for tenant security deposits) Low volume of annual transactions	Business Interest Checking	\$
14	<b>The View Operating - Hitch 1</b> (Used for administrative and program activity for the The View I) High volume of annual transactions	Business Interest Checking	\$
15	<b>The View Escrow - Hitch I</b> (Holding account for tenant security deposits) Low volume of annual transactions	Business Interest Checking	\$
16	<b>The View Operating - Hitch 2</b> (Used for administrative and program activity for the The View II) High volume of annual transactions	Business Interest Checking	\$
17	<b>The View Escrow - Hitch 2</b> (Holding account for tenant security deposits) Low volume of annual transactions	Business Interest Checking	\$

**5.3. ONE SYSTEM ONLY.**

The successful proposer must provide one system only for all accounts. The Agency must be able to go to the banking Internet system and download all reports and conduct all services.

**5.4. FDIC or NCUSIF INSURED.**

The successful proposer will be required to present proof that it is either an FDIC or NCUSIF insured institution.

**5.5. PREVIOUS/CURRENT BANK(S)**

The Agency's current provider of these services for a number of years is First Citizens Bank and Trust Company of South Carolina, Savannah, GA.

~ END OF SECTION 9 ~

## SECTION 6: Proposal Format and Submission Instructions

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### 6.1. **TABBED PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL**

The Agency intends to retain the Financial Institution pursuant to a “Best Value” basis, not a “Low Proposal” basis (“Best Value,” in that the Agency will, as detailed within the following Section, consider factors other than just cost in making the award decision). Therefore, so that the Agency can properly evaluate the offers received, all proposals submitted in response to this RFP must be formatted in accordance with the sequence noted within the table below. Each category must be separated by numbered index dividers (which number extends so that each tab can be located without opening the proposal) and labeled with the corresponding tab reference also noted below. None of the proposed services may conflict with any requirement the Agency has published herein or has issued by addendum.

#### A. **Part A: Technical Proposal**

The Technical Proposal shall be submitted separate from the Price Proposal and include material organized into sections as follows:

##### a. **Form of Proposal.**

This Form is attached hereto as Attachment A to this RFP document. This 1-page Form must be fully completed, executed where provided thereon and submitted under this tab as a part of the proposal submittal.

##### b. **Form HUD-5369-C (8/93), Certifications and Representations of Offerors,**

**Non-Construction Contract.** This Form is attached hereto as Attachment B to this RFP document. This 2-page Form must be fully completed, executed where provided thereon and submitted under this tab as a part of the proposal submittal.

##### c. **Profile of Firm Form**

The Profile of Firm Form is attached hereto as Attachment C to this RFP document. This 2-page Form must be fully completed, executed and submitted under this tab as a part of the proposal submittal.

##### d. **Proposed Services**

The proposer shall place under this tab documentation further explaining the proposer’s services and showing how the proposer intends to fulfill the requirements of the preceding Section 8.0 herein, including, but not limited to (NOTE: Though proposers are free to submit as much information as they wish under this tab to satisfy the following detailed requirements, the Agency anticipates that the documentation under this tab will not exceed 4-8 pages, at most:

- a. As detailed within Section 6.3, Evaluation Factor No. 2, herein, the proposer’s Demonstrated Understanding of the Agency’s Requirements.
- b. As detailed within Section 6.3, Evaluation Factor No. 3, herein, the proposer’s Technical Approach (including, if appropriate, labor categories, estimated hours and skill mix) and the proposer’s proposed Work Plan, including methodology of fact finding and planning to provide the required services; and a proposed schedule to complete the work.
- c. As detailed within Section 6.3, Evaluation Factor No. 4, herein,

the proposer's Technical Capabilities (in terms of personnel, equipment and materials) and Management Plan (including staffing of key positions, method of assigning work and procedures for maintaining level of service, etc.).

- d. As detailed within Section 6.3, Evaluation Factor No. 5, herein, the proposer's **DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE** in performing similar work and the proposer's **DEMONSTRATED SUCCESSFUL PAST PERFORMANCE** (including meeting costs, schedules and performance requirements) of contract work substantially similar to that required by this solicitation.
- Indicate how staff are retained, screened, trained, and monitored.
  - The proposed quality control program.
  - A complete description of the products and services the firms provide.
- e. **Proposed Earning Credit Rate**  
As detailed within the following Section herein, a fully completed copy of Attachment H, Proposed Earning Credit Rate.
- e. **Managerial Capacity/Financial Viability**  
The proposer entity must submit under this tab a concise description of its managerial and financial capacity to deliver the proposed services, including brief professional resumes for the persons identified within areas (5) and (6) of Attachment C, *Profile of Firm Form*. Such information shall include the proposer's qualifications to provide the services; a description of the background and current organization of the firm (including a current organizational chart).
- f. **Client Information**  
The proposer shall submit a listing of former or current clients, including Public Housing Authorities, for whom the proposer has performed similar or like services to those being proposed herein. The listing shall, at a minimum, include, for each client the following information:
- a. The client's name;
  - b. The client's contact name;
  - c. The client's telephone number;
  - d. The client's email address;
  - e. A brief narrative description and scope of the service(s) and the dates the services were/are provided, including scope; size; cost; principal elements and special features.
- g. **Equal Employment Opportunity/Supplier Diversity.**  
The proposer must submit under this tab a copy of its Equal Opportunity Employment Policy and a complete description of the positive steps it will take to ensure compliance, to the greatest extent feasible, with the regulations detailed within the following Section 5.5. herein pertaining to supplier diversity (e.g., small, minority-, and women-owned businesses).
- h. **Subcontractor/Joint Venture Information (Optional Item).**

The proposer shall identify hereunder whether he/she intends to use any subcontractors for this job, if awarded, and/or if the proposal is a joint venture with another firm. Please remember that all information required from the proposer under the proceeding tabs must also be included for any major subcontractors (10% or more) or from any joint venture. NOTE: The Agency will not entertain separate pricing from any subcontractors. Billing will only be received from the prime Bank.

- i. **Section 3 Business Preference Documentation (Optional Item).**  
For any proposer claiming a Section 3 Business Preference, he/she shall under this tab include the fully completed and executed Section 3 Business Preference Certification Form attached hereto as Attachment D and any documentation required by that form.
- j. **NO INFORMATION PLACED UNDER A TAB.**  
If no information is to be placed under any of the above noted tabs (especially the "Optional" tabs), please place there under a statement such as "NO INFORMATION IS BEING PLACED UNDER THIS TAB" or "THIS TAB LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK." DO NOT eliminate any of the tabs.
- k. **Proposal Submittal Binding Method.**  
It is preferable and recommended that the proposer bind the proposal submittals in such a manner that the Agency can, if needed, remove the binding (i.e., "spiral-type" etc.) or remove the pages from the cover (i.e. 3-ring binder; etc.) to make copies, then conveniently return the proposal submittal to its original condition.

**B. Part B: Price Proposal**

**A. Entry of Proposed Fees.**

The proposed fees (Pricing Items) shall be submitted by the proposer and received by the Agency where provided within the noted Internet System only. Do not submit, enter or refer to any fees or costs within the 10-tab "hard copy" proposal submittal detailed within Section 5.0— any proposer that does so may be rejected without further consideration. Unless otherwise stated, the proposed fees are all-inclusive of all related costs that the successful proposer will incur to provide the noted services, including, but not limited to employee wages and benefits; clerical support; overhead; profit; licensing; insurance; materials; supplies; tools; equipment; long distance telephone calls; travel expenses; document copying not specifically agreed to by the Agency; etc. For each item, the following "Description" is not to be considered to be a definitive or "all inclusive" description, but is brief descriptions designed to give the prospective proposer a general "idea" as to what each Item is. Please note that the listed estimated quantities are annual quantities.

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[Table No. 4]

PRICING ITEM NO.	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	QTY	U/M
1	Account Maintenance Fee (17 statements, 12 times per year)	204	Each
2	Stop Payment (2 per 8 accounts per month)	216	Each
3	Preauthorized Credit	375	Each
4	Preauthorized Debit	385	Each
5	Return Deposited Item (3 per 6 accounts per month)	216	Each
6	Checks Paid	15,264	Each
7	Deposits	660	Each
8	Other Debits (1 per 17 accounts per month)	204	Each
9	Deposit Corrections (2 per 17 accounts per year)	34	Each
10	Remote Deposit Fee (1 per 17 accounts per month)	204	Each
11	Remote Items Deposited	15,840	Each
12	ACH File Process & Module Fees	204	Each
13	ACH Orig Per Item PPD Fee	12,000	Each
14	Positive Pay Fee (1 per 17 accounts per month)	204	Each
15	Positive Pay Items (decisions)	2,688	Each
16	Online Wire Transfer Outgoing	96	Each
17	Internet Banking Monthly Fee	204	Each
18	Enhanced Imaging ("Enhanced Imaging" is a monthly fee (if charged as such) by your institution for online account access to cleared check images (front and back) for review and printing).	204	Each
19	Special Statement Fee (Custom Cut-off) The Authority has different dates for different accounts. Some are normal calendar month-end and some are not. The Custom Cut-off Fee is one we pay for account cut-offs other than a normal calendar month end. The Authority will continue to require such flexibility with account cut-offs. Most accounts will require a fixed cut-off ranging from the 25th until calendar month end.	96	Each
20	Full Account Reconciliation (17 accounts 12 times per year)	204	Each

## 6.2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE PRICING ITEMS:

### A. Quantities

All quantities entered by the Agency herein and within the corresponding Pricing Items on the noted Internet System are for calculating purposes only. As may be further detailed herein, the Agency does not guarantee any minimum or maximum amount of work as a result of any award ensuing from this RFP, as the ensuing contract



will be a Requirements Contract, in that the Agency shall retain one Bank only and shall retain the right to obtain from that Bank (successful proposer) any number of services the Agency requires.

a. **Entry of Fees.**

Proposers must submit, where provided within the noted Internet system, a cost for each and every Pricing Item detailed within the preceding Table No. 3. The noted Internet system will automatically perform all required calculations. Any proposer that chooses to not enter a cost for a pricing item where the cost is required will be automatically deemed nonresponsive and his/her proposal will NOT be considered.

- **Warning! Realistic Proposed Cost for the Pricing Items.**

Each proposer is strongly encouraged to enter where provided within the eProcurement Marketplace a realistic cost for each Pricing Item listed within the preceding Table No. 4. For instance, if a proposer enters one cent (\$.01) as a charge for an item, when a realistic proposed cost is ten cents (\$.10), the one cent will be the actual charge that the proposer will charge for such service if awarded a contract.

- **Pricing Item No. 1.**

This fee will be for the bank to provide all services to the Agency as detailed within the preceding Section 9.0 herein, but excepting those services detailed within the immediate preceding Pricing Items 2-20, which services the Agency will pay individually for when required.

- **No Precision Decimals.**

The Agency has not yet allowed precision decimals for any of the Pricing Items. "Precision decimals" means that instead of just allowing the proposer to respond with proposed pricing with just two digits after the decimal point of the proposed cost (e.g. 1.00).

- **No Negotiation of Proposed Fees after the Submittal deadline.**

The Agency WILL NOT, after the submittal deadline, negotiate an increase to any unit costs or fees proposed prior to the submittal deadline; accordingly, proposers are strongly cautioned to submit a realistic price for each Pricing Item identified within the preceding Table No. 3 herein that the proposer chooses to submit a proposed cost for.

- **Review the Entry of Proposed Fees.**

The Agency strongly recommends that each proposer, after entry of these proposed fees within the eProcurement Marketplace, print the receipt provided and review the entry to ensure that the proposer has entered the proposed fees correctly and as the proposer intended to meet the requirements herein (the eProcurement Marketplace will allow the proposer to immediately re-enter the Marketplace at any time prior to the posted deadline to correct any such entry).

The proposer will NOT be able to correct this entry after the posted deadline has expired, which means that the Agency will utilize such entry, correct or incorrect.

b. **Potential Price Escalation.**

Unless otherwise provided for herein, there will not be any escalation of costs allowed during the term of the initial contract, or extensions.

c. **Proposed Earning Credit Rate.**

As detailed within the Section 9.0 herein, the Agency requires that the successful proposer will pay to the Agency investment earnings income based on the monies the Agency has deposited in the banking accounts. This Rate shall be submitted by the proposer and received by the Agency by the proposer completing Attachment H, Proposed Earnings Credit Rate, and submitting such completed form under Tab No. 4 of the proposal submittal. The Proposed Earnings Credit Rate shall be entered by the proposer on Attachment H as a factor of the 90-day T-bill rate. The Agency will utilize this declared rate to calculate the potential monthly amount that the proposer will pay to the Agency in earnings and shall be utilized by the Agency to assign points in an Objective manner for Evaluation Factor No. 2.

**6.3. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

All hard-copy" proposals must be submitted and time-stamped received in the designated Agency office by no later than the submittal deadline stated herein (or within any ensuing addendum). A total of 1 original signature copy (marked "ORIGINAL") and 4 exact copies (each of the 5 separate proposal submittals shall have a cover and extending tabs) of the "hard copy" proposal submittal, shall be placed unfolded in a sealed package and addressed to:

**Housing Authority of Savannah  
Attn: Carl M. Edwards, Procurement Manager  
RFP No. 09062024 Banking Services  
1407 Wheaton Street  
Savannah, GA 31404**

A. **Exterior of the Submittal Package.**

The package exterior must clearly denote the above noted RFP number and must have the proposer's name and return address. Proposals received after the published deadline will not be accepted.

B. **Submission Conditions.**

DO NOT FOLD OR MAKE ANY ADDITIONAL MARKS, NOTATIONS, OR REQUIREMENTS ON THE DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED! Proposers are not allowed to change any requirements or forms contained herein, either by making or entering onto these documents or the documents submitted any revisions or additions; and if any such additional marks, notations or requirements are entered on any of the documents that are submitted to the Agency by the proposer, such may invalidate that proposal. If, after accepting such a proposal, the Agency decides that any such entry has not changed the intent of the proposal that the Agency intended to receive, the Agency may accept the proposal and the proposal shall be considered by the Agency as if those additional marks, notations, or requirements were not entered on such. By accessing the eProcurement Marketplace, registering, and downloading these documents, each prospective proposer that does so is thereby agreeing to confirm all notices that the Agency

thereby agreeing to abide by all terms and conditions published herein and by addendum pertaining to this RFP.

**C. Submission Responsibilities.**

It shall be the responsibility of each proposer to be aware of and to abide by all dates, times, conditions, requirements, and specifications set forth within all applicable documents issued by the Agency, including the RFP document, the documents listed within the following Section 3.8, and any addenda and required attachments submitted by the proposer. By virtue of completing, signing, and submitting the completed documents, the proposer is stating his/her agreement to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth within those documents. Written notice from the proposer not authorized in writing by the CO to exclude any of the Agency requirements contained within the documents may cause that proposer to not be considered for award.

**6.4. PROPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITIES - CONTACT WITH THE AGENCY**

It is the responsibility of the proposer to address all communication and correspondence pertaining to this RFP process to the CO only. Proposers must not make inquiry or communicate with any other Agency staff member or official (including members of the Board of Commissioners) pertaining to this RFP. Failure to abide by this requirement may be cause for the Agency to not consider a proposal submittal received from any proposer who has not abided by this directive.

**A. Addenda.**

All questions and requests for information must be addressed in writing to the PM. The PM will respond to all such inquiries in writing by addendum to all prospective proposers (i.e. firms or individuals that have obtained the RFP Documents). During the RFP solicitation process, the PM will NOT conduct any *ex parte* (a substantive conversation—"substantive" meaning, when decisions pertaining to the RFP are made—between the Agency and a prospective proposer when other prospective proposers are not present) conversations that may give one prospective proposer an advantage over other prospective proposers. This does not mean that prospective proposers may not call the PM—it simply means that, other than making replies to direct the prospective proposer where his/her answer has already been issued within the solicitation documents, the PM may not respond to the prospective proposer's inquiries but will direct him/her to submit such inquiry in writing so that the PM may more fairly respond to all prospective proposers in writing by addendum.

**6.5. PROPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITIES - EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND SUPPLIER DIVERSITY.**

Both the Financial Institution and the Agency have, pursuant to HUD regulation, certain responsibilities pertaining to the hiring and retention of personnel and subcontractors.

**A. Within 2 CFR §200.321 it states:**

- a. Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.
- b. **(a)** The non-federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.
- c. **(2)** Affirmative steps must include:

- (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;
- (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;
- (5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
- (6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

**B. Within HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2 it states:**

- a. Section 15.5.A, Required Efforts. Consistent with Presidential Orders 11625, 12138, and 12432, the Agency shall make every effort to ensure that small businesses, MBEs, WBEs, and labor surplus area businesses participate in Agency contracting.
- b. Section 15.5.B, Goals. The Agency is encouraged to establish goals by which they can measure the effectiveness of their efforts in implementing programs in support of . . . contracting with disadvantaged firms. It is important to ensure that the means used to establish these goals do not have the effect of limiting competition and should not be used as mandatory set-aside or quota, except as may otherwise be expressly authorized in regulation or statute. Some localities have adopted minority contracting set-aside policies or geographic limitations, which may be in conflict with Federal requirements for full and open competition.

**C. Within our Agency Procurement Policy it states that our Agency will:**

**a. Assistance to Small and Other Business, Required Efforts:**

- Including such firms, when qualified, on solicitation mailing lists;
- Encouraging their participation through direct solicitation of proposals or proposals whenever they are potential sources.
- Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by such firms.
- Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by such firms.
- Using the services and assistance of the Small Business

Administration, and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

- Including in contracts, to the greatest extent feasible, a clause requiring contractors, to provide opportunities for training and employment for lower income residents of the project area and to award subcontracts for work in connection with the project to business concerns which provide opportunities to low- income residents, as described in 24 CFR Part 75 (so-called Section 3 businesses); and
- Requiring prime contractors, when subcontracting is anticipated, to take the positive steps listed above.

#### **D. Requirements**

Accordingly, please see Section 5.1 herein which details the information pertaining to this issue that the proposer must submit in response to this proposal showing compliance, to the greatest extent feasible, with these regulations.

#### **6.6 Recap of Attachments.**

It is the responsibility of each proposer to verify that he/she has downloaded the following attachments pertaining to this RFP, which are hereby by reference included as a part of this RFP:

[ Table No. 5]

<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>	<b>ATTACHMENT</b>	<b>ATTACHMENT DOCUMENT</b>
<b>1.0</b>	-----	This RFP Document
<b>2.0</b>	<b>A</b>	Form of Proposal
<b>3.0</b>	<b>B</b>	Form HUD-5369-C (8/93), Certifications and Representations of Offerors, Non- Construction Contract
<b>4.0</b>	<b>C</b>	Profile of Firm Form
<b>5.0</b>	<b>D</b>	Section 3 Form Submittal Form
<b>5.1</b>	<b>D-1</b>	Section 3 Explanation
<b>6.0</b>	<b>E</b>	Form HUD-5369-B (8/93), Instructions to Offerors, Non-Construction
<b>7.0</b>	<b>F</b>	Supplemental Instructions to Proposers & Contractors (SIPC)
<b>8.0</b>	<b>G</b>	Agency Sample Contract Form (PLEASE NOTE: This contract and the noted appendices are being given as a sample only—the Agency reserves the right to revise any clause herein and/or to include within the ensuing contract any additional clauses that the Agency feels it is in its best interests to do so.
<b>8.1</b>	<b>G-1</b>	Sample Contract Appendix No. 1: form HUD-5370-C (1/2027), General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts Section I (With or without Maintenance Work)
<b>8.2</b>	<b>G-2</b>	Sample Contract Appendix No. 2: form HUD-92010 (4/2020), Equal Employment Opportunity Certification

<b>8.3</b>	<b>G-3</b>	Sample Contract Appendix No. 3: form HUD 50071 (01/27), Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (NOTE: This form will only be completed and included as a part of the ensuing contract if the Agency anticipates that total awards pursuant to the ensuing contract may or will exceed (\$100,000.)
<b>8.4</b>	<b>G-4</b>	Sample Contract Appendix No. 4: Georgia E- Verify Affidavit Form
<b>8.5</b>	<b>G-5</b>	Sample Contract Appendix No. 5: Standard Form LLL (Rev. 01/14), Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (NOTE: This form will only be completed and included as a part of the ensuing contract if the Contractor designates an affirmative answer to Item No. (2) within the form 50071)
<b>9.0</b>	<b>H</b>	True Interest Rate

~ END OF SECTION 5 ~

## SECTION 7: Evaluation Criteria and Selection Process

### 7.1. **AWARD**

Award of the Contracts, if any, shall be to the Offerors whose Proposal(s) are deemed by the HAS to provide the best value, price and technical factors considered.

### 7.2. **EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

The Agency anticipates that it will select a minimum of a three-person committee to evaluate each of the responsive "hard copy" proposals submitted in response to this RFP. PLEASE NOTE: No proposer shall be informed at any time during or after the RFP process as to the identity of any evaluation committee member. If, by chance, a proposer does become aware of the identity of such person(s), he/she **SHALL NOT** make any attempt to contact or discuss with such person anything related to this RFP. As detailed within Section 5.1 of this document, the designated PM is the only person at the Agency that the proposers shall contact pertaining to this RFP. Failure to abide by this requirement may (and most likely will) cause such proposer(s) to be eliminated from consideration for award.

### 7.3. **EVALUATION FACTORS**

The Selection Committee will evaluate each Proposal on the following criteria:

[Table No. 6]

NO.	MAX POINT VALUE	FACTOR TYPE	FACTOR DESCRIPTION
1	30 points	Objective	The <b>PROPOSED COSTS</b> the proposer proposes to charge the Agency.
2	10 points	Objective	The <b>True Interest Rate</b> for all investment balances (expressed as a basis point factor tied to the 90-day T-Bill rate).
3	10 points	Subjective (Technical)	The proposer's <b>DEMONSTRATED UNDERSTANDING of the AGENCY'S REQUIREMENT.</b>
4	15 points	Subjective (Technical)	The <b>APPROPRIATENESS</b> of the <b>TECHNICAL APPROACH</b> and the <b>QUALITY</b> of the <b>SERVICES PROPOSED.</b>
5	15 points	Subjective (Technical)	The proposer's <b>TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES</b> (in terms of personnel) and the <b>MANAGEMENT PLAN</b> (including the ability to provide the services detailed herein).
6	10 points	Subjective (Technical)	The proposer's <b>DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE</b> in performing similar work and the proposer's <b>DEMONSTRATED SUCCESSFUL PAST PERFORMANCE</b> (including meeting costs, schedules and performance requirements) of contract work substantially similar to that required by this solicitation as verified by reference checks or other means. NOTE: The Agency will place particular emphasis on the proposer's above described <b>EXPERIENCE</b> and <b>PAST PERFORMANCE</b> with HUD agencies, City of Savannah and Chatham County governments.
7	10 points	Subjective (Technical)	The <b>OVERALL QUALITY</b> and <b>PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE OF THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED</b> , based upon the opinion of the evaluators.
	100 points		<b>Total Points (other than preference points)</b>

**A. Preference Evaluation Factor.**

The following factors will be utilized by the CO to evaluate each proposal submittal received:

[Table No. 6a]

(1) NO.	(2) MAX POINT VALUE	(3) FACTOR TYPE	(4) FACTOR DESCRIPTION
6		Objective	<b>SECTION 3 BUSINESS PREFERENCE PARTICIPATION.</b> A firm may qualify for Section 3 status as detailed within Attachments D and D-1 (NOTE: A max of 15 points
6a	15 points		<b>Priority I, Category 1a.</b> Business concerns that are 51 percent or more owned by residents of the housing development or developments for which the Section 3-covered assistance is expended.
6b	13 points		<b>Priority II, Category 1b.</b> Business concerns whose workforce includes 30 percent of residents of the housing development for which the Section 3-covered assistance is expended, or within three (3) years of the date of first employment with the business concern, were residents of the Section 3- covered housing development.
6c	11 points		<b>Priority III, Category 2a.</b> Business concerns that are 51 percent or more owned by residents of any other housing development or developments.
6d	9 points		<b>Priority IV, Category 2b.</b> Business concerns whose workforce includes 30 percent of residents of any other public housing development or developments, or within three (3) years of the date of first employment with the business concern, were "Section 3" residents of any other public housing development.
6e	7 points		<b>Priority V, Category 3.</b> Business concerns participating in HUD Youth-build programs being carried out in the metropolitan area in which the Section 3-covered assistance is expended.
6f	5 points		<b>Priority VI, Category 4a.</b> Business concerns that are 51 percent or more owned by Section 3 residents in the metropolitan area, or whose permanent, full-time workforce includes no less than 30 percent of Section 3 residents in the metropolitan area, or within three (3) years of the date of employment with the business concern, were Section 3 residents in the metropolitan
6g	3 points		<b>Priority VII, Category 4b.</b> Business concerns that subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the total amount of subcontracts to Section 3 business concerns.
6h	15 points		<b>Maximum Available Preference Points (Additional)</b>
	115 points		Total Possible Points

**7.4. EVALUATION METHOD.**

Below is the anticipated selection process for this Solicitation; however, the HAS reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify this process as best may serve the interests of the HAS.



**A. Review for Responsiveness**

Each proposal received will first be evaluated for responsiveness (i.e. meets the minimum of the requirements).

**B. Evaluation Packet**

An evaluation packet will be prepared for each evaluator, including the following documents:

- a. Instructions to Evaluators;
- b. Proposal Tabulation Form;
- c. Written Narrative Form for each proposer;
- d. Recap of each proposer’s responsiveness;
- e. Copy of all pertinent RFP documents.

**C. Evaluation Committee.**

The Agency anticipates that it will select a minimum of a three-person committee to evaluate each of the responsive “hard copy” proposals submitted in response to this RFP. PLEASE NOTE: No proposer shall be informed at any time during or after the RFP process as to the identity of any evaluation committee member. If, by chance, a proposer does become aware of the identity of such person(s), he/she SHALL NOT make any attempt to contact or discuss with such person anything related to this RFP. As detailed within Section 5.4 of this document, the designated PM is the only person at the Agency that the proposers shall contact pertaining to this RFP. Failure to abide by this requirement may (and most likely will) cause such proposer(s) to be eliminated from consideration for award.

**D. Evaluation.**

The CO will evaluate and award points pertaining to Evaluation Factors No.’s 1, 2 and 8 (the “Objective” Factor). The appointed evaluation committee, independent of the CO or any other person at the Agency, shall evaluate the responsive proposals submitted and award points pertaining to Evaluation Factors No. 3 through 7 (the “Subjective” Factors). Upon final completion of the proposal evaluation process, the evaluation committee will forward the completed evaluations to the CO.

**a. Points Awarded Range.**

Pertaining to the Subjective Factors, please note the following range of points awarded (points pertaining to this RFP are shaded—please also see the Evaluation Factors detailed within the preceding Section 6.3):

[Table No. 7]

Points Awarded					
	10	15	20	25	30
<b>Excellent</b>	10	15	19-20	24-25	28-30
<b>Very Good</b>	9	14	17-18	21-23	25-27
<b>Good</b>	8	13-12	15-16	19-20	22-24
<b>Average</b>	7	10-11	13-14	16-18	19-21
<b>Poor</b>	0-6	0-9	0-12	0-15	0-18

**E. Potential "Competitive Range" or "Best and Finals" Negotiations.**

The Agency reserves the right to, as detailed within Section 7.2.N through Section 7.2.R of HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2, conduct a “Best and Finals” Negotiation, which may include oral interviews, with all firms deemed to be in the

competitive range. Any firm deemed not to be in the competitive range shall be notified of such in writing by the Agency in as timely a manner as possible, but in any case within no longer than 10 days after the beginning of such negotiations with the firms deemed to be in the competitive range.

**F. Determination of Top-ranked Proposer.**

Typically, the subjective points awarded by the evaluation committee will be combined with the objective points awarded by the CO to determine the final rankings, which is typically forwarded by the CO to the ED for approval. If the evaluation was performed to the satisfaction of the ED, the final rankings may be forwarded to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (BOC) at a scheduled meeting for approval. Contract negotiations may, at the Agency's option, be conducted prior to or after the BOC approval.

a. **Minimum Evaluation Results.**

To be considered to receive an award a proposer must receive a total calculated average of at least 70 points (of the 115 total possible points detailed within Section 6.3 herein).

b. **Ties.**

In the case of a tie in points awarded, the award shall be decided as detailed within Section 6.12.C of HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2, by "drawing lots or other random means of selection."

**G. Notice of Results of Evaluation.**

If an award is completed, all proposers will receive by e-mail a Notice of Results of Evaluation. Such notice shall inform all proposers of:

- a. Which proposer received the award;
- a. Where each proposer placed in the process as a result of the evaluation of the proposals received;
- b. The cost or financial offers received from each proposer;
- c. Each proposer's right to a debriefing and to protest.

**H. Restrictions.**

All persons having familial (including in-laws) and/or employment relationships (past or current) with principals and/or employees of a proposer entity will be excluded from participation on the Agency evaluation committee. Similarly, all persons having ownership interest in and/or contract with a proposer entity will be excluded from participation on the Agency evaluation committee.

~END OF SECTION 6~

## **SECTION 8: Solicitation and Contract Terms and Conditions**

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The following terms and conditions shall apply to and survive this Solicitation and be incorporated into the Contract:

### **8.1. ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION OF PROPOSALS**

The Agency reserves the right: (i) to accept or reject any or all Proposals in whole or in part; (ii) to waive any technicalities or informalities in Proposals; and (iii) to cancel or postpone this Solicitation at any time if determined to serve the best interests of the Agency. The Agency may reject the Proposal of any Proposer in arrears or in default to the Agency on any contract, debt, or other obligation.

### **8.2. ACCURATE INFORMATION**

The Proposer certifies that all information provided or to be provided to the Agency is true and correct and may be relied upon by the Agency in awarding the Contract. Any false and/or misleading information is cause for the Agency to reject the Proposer's Proposal or to terminate the Contract if awarded to the Proposer. Such rejection or termination shall relieve the Agency of any direct or consequential damages or costs incurred by the Proposer.

### **8.3. ADDENDA AND AMENDMENTS**

In the event any addenda or amendments are issued to this Solicitation, all the terms and conditions of this Solicitation shall govern and apply unless specifically stated or modified in any such addenda or amendments. Any and all written communication not posted on the Procurement Webpage/Housing Agency Marketplace relative to this Solicitation shall not be considered binding, valid or enforceable. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to inquire about and obtain any and all addenda and/or amendments issued, all of which shall be published on the Procurement Webpage.

### **8.4. ALTERNATE PROPOSALS**

The Proposer is expected to clearly respond to the requirements set forth in this Solicitation. Any and all alternate Proposals for the Services shall be rejected as non-responsive and shall be removed from consideration.

### **8.5. ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTRACT**

The Agency's rights under the Contract are personal to the Contractor. It is mutually understood and agreed that the Contractor shall not assign, convey, sublet, transfer or otherwise dispose of its Contract or its right, title or interest therein, or its power to execute the Contract, to any other person without the express written consent of the Agency; however, in no case shall such consent relieve the Contractor from its obligations under the Contract or change the terms and conditions of the Contract.

### **8.6. BINDING PROPOSAL**

All Proposals shall remain binding for 180 calendar days following the Submission Deadline; Proposals may not be withdrawn at any time within this period. In the event an award is not made during such period, all Proposals shall be automatically extended and remain binding for an additional 180 calendar day period. Proposals shall automatically be renewed until such time as either an award is made, or proper notice is given to the Agency by a Proposer of its intent to withdraw its Proposal. Proposals may only be withdrawn by written notice to the Agency at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the expiration of the then current 180 calendar day period.

### **8.7. CHANGES IN GOODS AND/OR SERVICES**

The Agency, without invalidating the Contract, may order changes in the goods and/or services

within the general scope of the Contract, consisting of additions, deletions and/or other revisions, and the Contract sum and term shall be adjusted accordingly. Any cost or credit to the Agency from a change in Services shall be determined by mutual written agreement between the Agency and the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide all of the goods and services that may be required to complete the Contract at the price agreed upon. Any alterations of variables to the terms of the Contract shall not be valid or binding upon the Agency unless made in writing and signed by the Agency and the Contractor.

#### **8.8. CONFIDENTIALITY**

- A. The Agency agrees, to the extent permitted by law and in accordance with the terms set forth in this Solicitation, to hold all confidential information and material belonging to the Proposer in strictest confidence. The Proposer shall specify in writing to the Agency the information and/or material the Proposer deems to be a trade secret or other confidential information and/or material. Written notification shall also contain the reason such information and/or material is considered to be a trade secret and/or confidential.
- B. The Proposer agrees that all knowledge and information it may receive from the Agency or from its officials, employees or other sources, or by virtue of the performance of Services under and pursuant to the Contract, if awarded the Contract, shall not be directly or indirectly disclosed to any person whatsoever unless authorized to do so by the Agency Contract Administrator. This confidentiality provision shall also apply to any information, activity, or record designated by the Agency as being “confidential” or “privileged”.

#### **8.9. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

- A. The Contract Administrator shall serve as the liaison between the Agency and the Contractor, and shall:
  - a. Have the authority to give direction to the Contractor, monitor and inspect the Contractor’s performance to ensure complete and satisfactory performance of the Contract and quality of the Contractor’s work under the Contract;
  - b. Serve as the records custodian for the Contract, which includes: issuing notices to proceed; preparing reports; and approving and/or rejecting invoices for payment.
- B. The Contract Administrator is NOT authorized to interpret ambiguities in the Contract language or to make determinations (as opposed to recommendations): that alter, modify, cancel, or terminate the Contract, or any portions thereof; or that waives the Agency’s rights under the Contract.

#### **8.10. CONTRACT AWARD**

The Agency reserves the right to award the Contract to multiple Proposers and/or to award the Contract in whole or in part. If for any reason, through no fault of the Agency, the Contract is not executed within thirty (30) days following formal award, the Agency may withdraw the award and award to another Proposer or solicit new Proposals. In the event the Agency receives only one (1) Proposal in response to this Solicitation, the Agency reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to proceed as a negotiated procurement with the Proposer that submitted the Proposal.

**8.11. CONTRACT DISPUTES**

Any and all disputes arising under the Contract, except under the provisions for termination, which are not disposed of by agreement between the Agency and the Contractor, shall be decided under procedures A-D listed below. Pending final resolution of a dispute, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with Contract performance. A claim must be in writing for a sum certain and any money requested must be fully supported by all cost and pricing information.

- A. All disputes, claims, questions of fact or interpretations of the documents of the Contract not disposed of by agreement or express provision of the Contract arising between the Agency and the Contractor after performance of the Contract has commenced but before final payment and termination of the Contract, are decided by the Agency Contracting Officer.
- B. The Agency Contracting Officer must give the Contractor not less than three (3) working days to submit documentation and written reasons supporting the Contractor's position in the dispute. The Agency Contracting Officer may consider any other information or written submissions from Agency employees or agents and may conduct an informal, non-record hearing for receipt of testimony, evidence and/or argument. The Agency Attorney may participate in the hearings to protect the Agency best interest.
- C. The Agency Contracting Officer must render a decision, in writing, stating reasons for such decision and provide copies to the Contractor and the Agency Attorney. If the decision is mailed to the Contractor, it must be mailed "certified" and dated the date of mailing; otherwise, it must be dated the date of delivery to the Contractor.
- D. The Agency Contracting Officer's decision may be submitted to Binding Arbitration by either Party under the auspices of an arbitrator.

**8.12. CONTRACT FORM**

The Agency will not execute a contract on the successful proposer's form of contract and contracts will only be executed on the Agency form of contract and by submitting a proposal the successful proposer agrees to do so. See Attachment G for the Professional Services Agreement General Terms and Conditions.

**8.13. CONTRACT PERIOD**

The Agency anticipates that it will initially award a contract for the period of one (1) year with the option, at the Agency's discretion, of four (4) additional one-year option periods, for a total maximum contract period of five (5) years.

**8.14. DISSEMINATION OF DATA**

The Contractor shall not release any information related to the Services under the Contract or publish any reports or documents related to the same without the prior written approval of the Agency. The Contractor shall include a similar provision in all subcontracts.

**8.15. EMPLOYMENT AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

The Agency and the Contractor recognize and agree: (i) that the Contractor shall act as an independent Contractor to the Agency; (ii) that the Contract does not create any actual or apparent agency, partnership, franchise, or relationship of employer and employee between the parties; (iii) that neither party shall be entitled to participate in any of the other party's benefits, including without limitation, any health or retirement plans; (iv) that the Contractor shall not be entitled to any remuneration, benefits, or expenses other than as specifically provided for in the Contract; and (v) that the Agency shall not be liable for any insurance, taxes,

or withholding for or on behalf of the Contractor; all such insurance, taxes or withholding, and costs for same, shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

**8.16. ERRORS IN PROPOSALS**

Obvious error(s) in calculations in any Proposal may not be corrected without the prior written consent of the Agency and may be cause for the Proposal to be deemed non-responsive. If an error is made in an extended price; the unit price will govern.

**8.17. FORCE MAJEURE**

The Agency and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that either party hereto will be relieved of its obligations hereunder in the event and to the extent that the performance of its obligations under the Contract is delayed or prevented by any cause beyond its control, including, without limitation, acts of God, public enemies, war, insurrection, acts or orders of governmental authorities, fire, flood, explosion, or riots ("Force Majeure"). Failure to receive necessary materials and supplies will not excuse performance hereunder unless such failure is itself due to an event of Force Majeure. A party obtaining relief under this provision shall make every reasonable effort to minimize the effects thereof and will promptly resume performance as soon as possible.

**8.18. IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT**

The Contractor shall warrant that it does not and shall not hire, recruit or refer for a fee for employment under the Contract, an alien, knowing the alien is an unauthorized alien, and hire any individual without complying with the requirements of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 ("Act"), including but not limited to any verification and record keeping requirements. The Contractor shall further assure the Agency that, in accordance with the Act, it does not and will not discriminate against an individual with respect to hiring, or recruitment or referral for a fee, of the individual for employment or the discharging of the individual from employment because of such individual's national origin or in the case of a citizen or intending citizen, because of such individual's citizenship status.

**8.19. INTEREST IN MORE THAN ONE PROPOSAL AND COLLUSION**

Multiple Proposals submitted in response to this Solicitation by any Proposer under the same or different names shall be rejected as non-responsive. Reasonable grounds for believing that any Proposer has interest in more than one (1) Proposal for this Solicitation, both as the Proposer and as a subcontractor for another Proposer, shall result in the rejection of all Proposals in which the Proposer has interest and disqualify the Proposer from responding to any reissuance of this Solicitation. However, a Person acting only as a subcontractor may be included as a subcontractor for multiple Proposers. The Agency may reject all Proposals if reasonable cause exists for believing that collusion exists among Proposers.

**8.20. INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS**

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the terms and conditions of any contract supplied by the Contractor, the conditions of this Solicitation and the Contract supersede those terms and conditions in the event of inconsistency. In the event of any inconsistency between any of the provisions of this Solicitation and any of the provisions of the Contract, the provisions of the Contract shall take precedence over and supersede those provisions in the event of any inconsistency.

**8.21. INDEMNIFICATION**

The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Agency, its officials, employees and agents from the following:

- A. Any and all direct or indirect damages, costs, claims, actions, suits, judgments or liens resulting from the negligent act or commission or omission of the Contractor, its employees, agents or subcontractors; and

**8.22. LATE PROPOSALS**

It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure the delivery of its Proposal by the Submission Deadline and to the location specified in Section 1.2 of this Solicitation. Any and all Proposals delivered or submitted late or to any location other than the designated location shall be rejected as non-responsive. The submission of any Proposal by way of facsimile or e-mail is strictly prohibited; any and all Proposals submitted as such shall be rejected as non-responsive. The Agency assumes no responsibility for any delays and/or errors in the delivery of a Proposal; postmarking by the Submission Deadline shall not substitute for actual receipt. Any and all Proposals submitted not in compliance with any of the provisions of this paragraph shall be rejected as non-responsive.

**8.23. LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

The Contractor shall comply with any and all applicable federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations with respect to the Services under the Contract.

**8.24. MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSALS**

The Proposer may only modify its Proposal prior to the Submission Deadline and in accordance with and subject to the following:

- A. The Agency shall consider a modified Proposal as an entirely new Proposal and shall replace the original Proposal, which shall be deemed to be withdrawn and null and void.
- B. The modified Proposal shall be subject to all the requirements, specifications and terms and conditions set forth herein.
- C. Notwithstanding the provisions with respect to the submission of a Proposal herein, the modified Proposal shall clearly be labeled "Modified Proposal".

**8.25. NO LIENS**

The Contractor shall have no title or interest in any of the goods delivered to the Agency under the Contract. In no event shall the Contractor encumber any such goods delivered to the Agency with any lien of any kind or offer such goods as collateral in any transaction whatsoever. The Contractor shall, upon completion of the Services, provide the Agency with a Release of Liens from any subcontractor or other supplier.

**8.26. NO WAIVER**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Contract, a waiver by either party to the Contract of any breach of any provision of the Contract, or either party's decision not to invoke or enforce any right under the Contract, shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or subsequent breach, and all provisions of the Contract shall remain in force.

**8.27. NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that during the term of the Contract it shall:
  - a. Not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of gender preference, race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, affection preference, disability, age, marital status

or status with regard to public assistance or as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era.

- b. Take affirmative action to ensure that applicants and employees are treated without regard to their race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, affection preference, gender preference, disability, age, marital status or status with regard to public assistance or as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrade, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
- c. In all solicitations for employees, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, affection preference, gender preference, disability, age, marital status or status with regard to public assistance or as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. The Contractor agrees to use clauses similar to those above in all contracts and subcontracts. In the event the Contractor fails to comply with the nondiscrimination clauses of the Contract, or fails to include such provisions in all contracts and subcontracts, as hereinabove provided, the Contract may at the sole discretion of the Agency be declared void AB INITIO, canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part with waiver of any recourse by the Contractor against the Agency or its officials or employees, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further contracts with the Agency.

**B.** Any employee, applicant for employment, or prospective employee with information concerning any breach of these requirements may communicate such information to Agency Contracting Officer who shall commence a prompt investigation of the alleged violation. Pursuant to such investigation, the Contractor shall permit access to their books, records and accounts. In the event the Agency Contracting Officer concludes, on the basis of such investigation, that the Contractor has failed to comply with these nondiscrimination clauses, the Agency Contracting Officer may invoke the remedies hereinabove set out.

**8.28. NONEXCLUSIVE**

Nothing in the Contract shall be deemed to act as a bar to the Agency's solicitation or purchasing of equipment, goods or services from any other company or entity.

**8.29. OWNERSHIP OF MATERIALS**

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Agency and the Contractor, any work, specifications, information, data, drawings, software and other items produced under the Contract, other than any Contractor Tool, is to be deemed a work-for-hire to the extent permitted by law, and, to the extent not so permitted, shall be assigned to, and shall become, the exclusive property of the Agency.

**8.30. PROMPT RETURN OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

Any and all documents required to complete the contract, including contract signature by the successful proposer, shall be provided to the Agency within ten (10) business days of notification by the Agency.



**8.31. RECORDS**

- A. The Contractor shall retain any and all records and documents relating to the Services under the Contract for a minimum of two (2) years following payment of the Contractor's final undisputed proper invoice for the complete rendered Services. The Contractor shall make available to the Agency, State of Georgia and any and all appropriate Federal agencies, all records and documents with respect to any and all matters under the Contract at any time during normal business hours, as often as the Agency deems necessary, to audit, examine, and make copies, excerpts and/or transcripts of any and all relevant data.
- B. The Contractor shall include similar provisions in all subcontracts.

**8.32. RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE FINAL FEES**

The Agency shall retain the right to negotiate the amount of fees that are paid to the Contractor, meaning the fees proposed by the top-rated proposer may, at the Agency's options, be the basis for the beginning of negotiations. Such negotiations shall begin after the Agency has chosen a top-rated proposer. If such negotiations are not, in the opinion of the CO successfully concluded within five (5) business days, the Agency shall retain the right to end such negotiations and begin negotiations with the next-rated proposer. The Agency shall also retain the right to negotiate with and make an award to more than one proposer.

**8.33. SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS**

The Proposer is expected to carefully and thoroughly examine all of the Solicitation Documents for accuracy and completeness, and to become familiar with the same. If doubt exists as to the meaning and/or intent in or of any of the Solicitation Documents, the Proposer shall make an inquiry as to such meaning and/or intent. The failure of the Proposer to examine and become familiar with any and all of the Solicitation Documents shall in no way relieve the Proposer of its obligations under the Contract, if awarded to the Proposer. The submission of a Proposal shall be taken as prima facie evidence of compliance with this provision and that the Proposer fully understands everything in the Solicitation Documents.

**8.34. SOLICITATION PROTEST**

Any protest of this Solicitation shall be in writing to the Agency Contracting Officer. Any written protest shall, at a minimum, include: (i) the name, address, telephone number, and if available, email address of the Person making the protest; (ii) the Solicitation number and a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds for the protest, including a description of resulting harm to the Person making the protest; and (iii) any and all copies of supporting exhibits, evidence and/or documents to substantiate the claim.

**8.35. SUBCONTRACTORS**

The Contractor acknowledges and agrees: that if it shall be necessary to hire or subcontract with competent personnel to fulfill its obligations under the Contract, it shall do so at its own expense; and to ensure that any and all work assigned to any subcontractor shall be performed in compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the Contract. Nothing contained in the Contract shall create any contractual relation between any subcontractors and the Agency.

**8.36. SURVIVAL**

The representations, warranties and indemnities contained herein shall survive the termination of the Contract.

**8.37. TERMINATION****A. Termination for Cause**

- a. If through any cause, the Contractor fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under the Contract, or if the Contractor violates any of the provisions of the Contract, the Agency may upon written notice to the Contractor, terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under the Contract or with such part or parts of the Contract to which there has been default, and may hold the Contractor liable for any damages caused the Agency by reason of such default and termination, if the default is not corrected within 15 days' notice to cure. In addition, the Contract may be terminated for the bankruptcy, dissolution, assignment for the benefit of creditors, or other similar action of the Contractor.
- b. In the event of termination, any completed Services performed by the Contractor under the Contract shall, at the option of the Agency, become its property and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive equitable compensation for any work completed to the satisfaction of the Agency. The Contractor, however, shall not thereby be relieved of liability to the Agency for damages sustained by the Agency by reason of any breach of the Contract by the Contractor, and the Agency may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the amount of damages due the Agency from the Contractor is determined. The Contractor shall not be responsible for damages under this article solely for reasons of delay if the delay is due to causes beyond its control and without its fault or negligence, but this shall not prevent the Agency from terminating the Contract for such delay.

**B. Termination for Convenience**

- a. The Agency may, upon written notice and without cause, terminate the Contract in whole or in part at any time for its convenience. In such instance, payment shall be made to the Contractor for the reasonable costs of the work performed through the date of termination. Termination costs do not include lost profits, consequential damages, delay damages, unabsorbed or under-absorbed overhead of the Contractor or its subcontractors or suppliers. Failure of the Contractor to include a termination for convenience clause into its subcontracts and material purchase orders shall not result in any liability to the Agency for lost profits in conjunction with a termination for convenience.
- b. The Contractor expressly waives any damages, delay damages, or indirect costs which may arise from the Agency's election to terminate the Contract in whole or in part for its convenience.

**C. Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds**

The Agency shall not be obligated to the Contract for any future fiscal year until funds are appropriated for each such future fiscal year. In the event funding appropriation is not approved, the Agency may, upon written notice, terminate the Contract in whole or in part and without penalty or expense to the Agency. The effect of such action shall terminate the Contract on the last day of the fiscal year for which appropriations were made.

**8.38. USE OF BROKER**

The Proposer warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure the Contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except bona fide employees, or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Proposer for the purpose of securing business. For violation of this provision, the Agency shall have the right, in its sole discretion: (i) to terminate or suspend the Contract without liability to the Agency, its officials or employees; or (ii) to deduct from the Contract price or consideration, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

~ END OF SECTION 8 ~

## SECTION 9: Special Terms and Conditions

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### 9.1. INSURANCE

- A. The Contractor shall, at all times during the term of the Contract, carry and maintain in full force and effect, at its expense, policies of insurance with minimum limits as follows:
- a. **Automobile Insurance.**  
An original certificate showing the proposer's automobile insurance coverage in a combined single limit of \$2,000,000. For every vehicle utilized during the term of this program, when not owned by the entity, each vehicle must have evidence of automobile insurance coverage with limits of no less than \$250,000/\$500,000 and medical pay of \$5,000.
  - b. **Professional Liability Insurance.**  
An original certificate showing the proposer's professional liability and/or "errors and omissions" coverage (minimum of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, general aggregate minimum limit of \$2,000,000), with a commercially reasonable deductible (e.g. "commercially reasonable," meaning at least 1% of the "general aggregate minimum" of the policy, with a maximum deductible amount of \$50,000;
  - c. **General Liability Insurance.**  
An original certificate evidencing General Liability coverage, naming the Agency as an **additional insured**, together with the appropriate endorsement to said policy reflecting the addition of the Agency as an additional insured under said policy (minimum of 1,000,000 each occurrence, general aggregate minimum limit of \$1,000,000, together with damage to premises and fire damage of \$50,000 and medical expenses any one person of \$5,000), with a maximum deductible amount of \$5,000;
  - d. **Workers Compensation Insurance.**  
An original certificate evidencing the proposer's current industrial (worker's compensation) insurance carrier and coverage amount (NOTE: Workers Compensation Insurance will be required of any Contractor that has employees other than just the owner working on-site to provide the services);
- B. Prior to award (but not as a part of the proposal submission) the Contractor and any subsequent sub-contractor will be required to provide the Agency with a certificate of insurance, which shall: (i) evidence the above policies; (ii) name the Agency as additional insured with respect to the comprehensive commercial general liability insurance policy only; and (iii) contain a provision that requires the Contractor's insurers to provide the Agency with a written notice of any cancellation or adverse material change in the insurance and that such cancellation or adverse material change shall not be effective with respect to the Agency for thirty (30) days after such written notice is given.
- C. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that its failure to provide the Agency with a certificate of insurance and/or the failure by the Agency to demand the delivery of said certificate shall not operate or be deemed to operate as a waiver of the insurance and associated endorsements required under this provision, and the Contractor shall hold harmless the Agency from any liability arising as a result of any such failure(s).

**9.2. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

Prior to award (but not as a part of the proposal submission) the Contractor and any subsequent sub-contractor will be required to provide:

**a. City/County/State Business License.**

If applicable, a copy of the proposer's business license allowing that entity to provide such services within the City of Savannah, Chatham County, and/or the State of Georgia. All necessary documentation to prove ability to perform as an attorney in the State of Georgia.

**b. Profile of Firm Form.**

The requested related information shall also be entered where provided for on the Profile of Firm Form (DO NOT ATTACH CERTIFICATES WITHIN THE SUBMITTAL—we will garner the necessary certificates from the Contractor prior to contract execution).

**c. Subcontractor Documentation.**

The Agency reserves the right to require all subcontractors identified by the successful proposer's as working under this contract, to meet the same licensing and insurance requirements and complete all the same forms required of the proposer.

**d. Certificates/Profile of Firm Form.**

Pertaining to the aforementioned (within Sections 9.1) insurance certificates and licenses, each proposer is required to enter related information where provided for on the Profile of Firm Form (do not attach or submit copies of the insurance certificates or licenses within the proposal submittal—we will garner the necessary documents from the successful proposer prior to contract execution).

**9.3. INVOICES, PAYMENTS AND TAXES**

Payment for the Services provided under each Executed Project Order shall be paid in a lump sum following the completion of the Services under the respective Executed Project Order, and the Agency's acceptance and receipt of an undisputed proper invoice(s) for the same. The Agency shall only pay original proper invoices issued in accordance with the following:

- A.** Original invoices shall include, at a minimum, the: Contractor's name, address, telephone number and services provided. Invoices shall be submitted to: Department of Finance/Accounts Payable - P.O. Box 1179 Savannah, Georgia 31402. All invoices must be submitted within thirty (30) days of work acceptance by the Agency. The final invoice format requirements will be discussed during the Post Award Conference.
- B.** The Agency's standard terms of payment are net thirty (30) days; however, this does not preclude the Contractor from providing a prompt payment discount for the payment of invoices in less than thirty (30) days.
- C.** The Agency is exempt from sales and use taxes. The Contractor shall exclude such taxes from all forms of requests for payments issued to the Agency; the Agency shall not be liable for or pay or reimburse the Contractor for any such taxes.

**9.4. PERSONNEL**

**A. Contractor's Personnel**

- a. While on Agency property, the Contractor's personnel shall: present a professional appearance; be neat, clean, well-groomed and properly uniformed; and conduct themselves in a courteous and respectable manner.
- b. The Contractor shall not allow any of its personnel who are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any other incapacitating agents to perform work under the Contract. The Contractor's personnel shall not use any Agency equipment or facilities, unless identified herein, or loiter in the areas being serviced.

**B. Unauthorized Personnel**

The Contractor's personnel shall not be accompanied on Agency's premises by acquaintances, family members, or any other person unless the individual is an authorized employee of the Contractor. The Agency prohibits teenagers, minors, and children from working on Agency -owned property under the Contract. Unauthorized persons discovered on the Agency's premises will be immediately escorted off the property.

**9.5. CONTRACTOR'S CAPACITY**

The Contractor shall have the capacity to perform the requested services. The Agency may request documentation to verify the Contractor's capacity during the proposal evaluation process.

**9.6. HOLIDAYS (OBSERVED)**

The Agency observes the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- President's Day
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Holiday (Thursday and Friday)
- Christmas Day

**9.7. POST AWARD CONFERENCE (CONTRACT KICKOFF MEETING)**

The Contractor agrees to attend any post award conference convened by the Contract Administrator. This meeting shall be at no additional cost to the Agency.

**9.8. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF AGENCY EQUIPMENT**

The Contractor's personnel shall be prohibited from, at any time, use of Agency equipment unless authorized by the Agency, including the use of non-pay telephones for any purposes other than a local emergency call.

~ END OF SECTION 9 ~

**SECTION 10: Attachments and Exhibits**

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**BANKING SERVICES**

**ATTACHMENT A-H**

**REQUIRED FORMS ARE PROVIDE AT THE  
FOLLOWING WEBSITE:**

**Housing Agency Marketplace**

**<http://ha.internationaleprocurement.com>**

