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## SEALED BID REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP119

## VIRTUAL AND/OR IN-PERSON FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIST COMPETENCY EVALUATORS

ISSUE DATE QUESTIONS DUE RFP RESPONSES DUE BY November 25, 2024 January 4, 2025 – 4:30 PM (ET) January 30, 2025 – 4:30 PM (ET)

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL NOTIFICATIONS, RELEASES, AND ADDENDUMS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS RFP WILL BE POSTED AT:

http://www.bgs.state.vt.us/pca/bids/bids.php

THE STATE WILL MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO CONTACT INTERESTED PARTIES WITH UPDATED INFORMATION. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH BIDDER TO PERIODICALLY CHECK THE ABOVE WEBPAGEFOR ANY AND ALL NOTIFICATIONS, RELEASES AND ADDENDUMS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS RFP.

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#### 1. OVERVIEW:

- 1.1. **SCOPE AND BACKGROUND:** Through this Request for Proposal (RFP) the Department of Mental Health (DMH, hereinafter the "State") is seeking to establish contracts with one or more companies that can provide in person forensic competency evaluations for the purpose of determining if criminal defendants are competent to stand trial (13 V.S.A. § 4814).
  - 1.1.1. **RFP OBJECTIVE:** The purpose of the RFP is to solicit proposals from qualified individuals or companies [forensic psychiatrists] in order to provide virtual and/or in-person competency evaluations in criminal cases throughout Vermont for the purpose of determining if criminal defendants are competent to stand trial (13 V.S.A. § 4814). The scope of work has two key elements that can be combined or bid on separately: (1) Virtual competency evaluations in criminal cases.
  - 1.1.2. **DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION:** The Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS) strives to improve the health and well-being of Vermonters today and tomorrow and to protect those among us who are unable to protect themselves. The scope of AHS is profound. Through its six departments, twelve district offices, and a network of community partners and providers, it is responsible for the implementation and delivery of all human service programs within the state. Each department has a distinct area of focus and responsibility and contributes to the creation and sustenance of an entire system of human service supports.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) resides under AHS and has the same critical mission in mind: to improve the conditions and well-being of Vermonters and protect those who cannot protect themselves. DMH continues to focus on its vision for self-determination, empowerment, recovery, and resiliency. This means being responsive to the needs of Vermonters and their families, as well as continuing to challenge ourselves to try to change society's culture, philosophy, and values, while working to fully embrace the concepts of recovery and resiliency. By improving our effectiveness and coordination of programs and services around the State, we will help Vermonters meet their needs.

- 1.2. **CONTRACT PERIOD:** Contracts arising from this RFP will be for a period of (2) years with an option to renew for up to two additional twelve-month periods. The State anticipates the start date for such contract(s) will be March 3, 2025.
- 1.3. **SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT:** All communications concerning this RFP are to be addressed in writing to the State Contact listed on the front page of this RFP. Actual or attempted contact with any other individual from the State concerning this RFP is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification.
- 1.4. **QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD:** Any bidder requiring clarification of any section of this RFP or wishing to comment on any requirement of the RFP must submit specific questions in writing no later than the deadline for question submission indicated on the first page of this RFP. Questions may be e-mailed to the point of contact on the front page of this RFP. Questions or comments not raised in writing on or before the last day of the question period are thereafter waived. At the close of the question period a copy of all questions or comments and the State's responses will be posted on the State's web site <a href="http://www.bgs.state.vt.us/pca/bids/bids.php">http://www.bgs.state.vt.us/pca/bids/bids.php</a>. Every effort will be made to post

this information as soon as possible after the question period ends, contingent on the number and complexity of the questions. All information provided by vendors during this process will be public and bidders shall not provide confidential information, except as described in 4.1 below.

- 1.5. **CHANGES TO THIS RFP:** Any modifications to this RFP will be made in writing by the State through the issuance of an Addendum to this RFP and posted online at <a href="http://www.bgs.state.vt.us/pca/bids/bids.php">http://www.bgs.state.vt.us/pca/bids/bids.php</a>. Modifications from any other source are not to be considered.
- 1.6. **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** The Department anticipates using and mix of State and Federal Funds for the resulting contract(s). The Department may choose to modify the source of funding contingent upon the availability of funds at the time of award. Any selected Vendor will be subject to the requirements in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) # 93.778, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

**Socioeconomic affirmative steps under 2 C.F.R. § 200.321:** If using applicable federal funds Socioeconomic affirmative steps under <u>2 C.F.R. § 200.321</u> affirmative steps must include at least the following six steps:

- 1. Placing qualified small, historically marginalized group, and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- 2. Assuring that small, historically marginalized group, 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, historically marginalized group, and women's business enterprises;
- 4. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small, historically marginalized group, 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/general contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the same affirmative steps as listed in numbers 1 through 5.

If a bidder requires assistance in preparing their proposal, registering with SAM.gov, or needs guidance on socioeconomic certifications, the bidder may contact the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD), Department of Economic Development (DED), APEX Accelerator (formerly the Procurement Technical Assistance Center [PTAC]). The Vermont APEX Accelerator specializes in helping small businesses navigate the documentation associated with State and Federal procurement. There is no cost to the Contractor for assistance provided by APEX Accelerator. Their website is: <a href="https://accel.vermont.gov/economic-development/programs/ptac">https://accel.vermont.gov/economic-development/programs/ptac</a>.

### 2. SCOPE OF SERVICES REQUESTED

The Contractor shall perform inpatient and outpatient examinations as specified. **This bid is for in-person availability only**.

#### A. Population Overview and Additional Information

- 1. Inpatient
  - a. Contractor shall examine the mental health conditions of criminal defendants (examinees) ordered to undergo inpatient psychiatric examinations by the Vermont Superior Court Criminal Division pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 4821.
  - b. The purpose of the examinations is to provide an answer to the court's question as to the mental state at the time of the alleged offense. All evaluations must be completed, and the final reports delivered to the court within five (5) working days of the date of the examination.
- 2. Outpatient
  - a. Contractor shall examine the mental health condition of examinees as ordered to undergo outpatient examinations by the Vermont Superior Court Criminal Division pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 4821.
  - b. The purpose of these examinations is to provide an answer to the court's question as to the mental state at the time of the alleged offense.
  - c. Some examinees have been ordered by the Superior Court to undergo a forensic evaluation regarding their competence to participate in Superior Court proceedings (in the Criminal or Family Division) for either a Child in Need of Supervision (CHINS) or a Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) petition.
  - All evaluations must be completed, and the final reports delivered to the court within ten (10) working days of the date of the examination.

#### B. Qualifications

- 1. Key Components
  - a. Medical records: Must be comfortable with requesting medical records, including use of medical release forms as well as willingness and ability to engage with counsel of record and the court to obtain medical records, to the extent possible, as necessary for the performance of evaluations.
  - b. License: Psychiatrists shall hold a current license to practice in Vermont or be in the process of obtaining a license. Assignment of evaluations shall be contingent upon obtaining a license.
  - c. Board Certified: Psychiatrists shall hold a current certification by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN). However, DMH will also consider the use of Fellows.
- 2. Additional Forensic Training: Psychiatrists shall satisfy at least one of the following:
  - a. Be currently board-certified in forensic psychiatry by the ABPN or a fellow.
  - b. Agree to complete all of the following before conducting evaluations. Assignment of evaluations shall be contingent upon demonstration of having completed the following:
    - i. Received additional training in forensic psychiatry by completing the review course such as the Forensic Psychiatry Review Course offered by the American Academy

of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL) or an equivalent course with a minimum of 20 hours of continuing medical education within the past five years.

- ii. Have experience in testifying in civil or criminal court as an expert witness
- iii. Write a sample competency and sanity evaluation report to the Department of Mental Health that is evaluated to be sufficient by the Department. Elements required in a sample report include the following:
  - 1. Introduction and Demographic information of the defendant
  - 2. Opinion: separate sections on competency and sanity
  - 3. Sources of information
  - 4. Statement of non-confidentiality
  - 5. Information about the event(s) that the defendant is charged
  - 6. Past history (psychiatric and other medical history) including laboratory and radiology findings, if any
  - 7. Mental Status Exam
  - 8. Standards used to evaluate defendant's competency and/or sanity
  - 9. Opinion of sanity/competency and reasoning for the opinion

#### C. Additional Insurance Requirements

In addition to the insurance requirements outlined in Attachment C and Attachment F outlined below, because this is for in-person evaluations, the contractor must have Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage for any and all services performed under this contract, with minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per claim, \$1,000,000 aggregate.

#### 3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 3.1. **PRICING:** Bidders must price the terms of this solicitation at their best pricing. Any and all costs that Bidder wishes the State to consider must be submitted for consideration. If applicable, all equipment pricing is to include Free On Board (FOB) delivery to the ordering facility. No request for extra delivery cost will be honored. All equipment shall be delivered assembled, serviced, and ready for immediate use, unless otherwise requested by the State.
  - 3.1.1. Prices and rates shall remain firm for the initial term of the contract. The pricing policy submitted by Bidder must (i) be clearly structured, accountable, and auditable and (ii) cover the full spectrum of materials and services required.
  - 3.1.2. **Cooperative Agreements**. Bidders that have been awarded similar contracts through a competitive bidding process with another state or cooperative are welcome to submit the pricing in response to this solicitation.
- 3.2. **STATEMENT OF RIGHTS:** The State shall have the authority to evaluate Responses and select the Bidder(s) as may be determined to be in the best interest of the State and consistent with the goals and performance requirements outlined in this RFP. The State of Vermont reserves the right to obtain clarification or additional information necessary to properly evaluate a proposal. Failure of bidder to respond to a request for additional information or clarification could result in rejection of that bidder's proposal. To secure a project that is deemed to be in the best interest of the State, the State reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, with or without cause, and to

waive technicalities in submissions. The State also reserves the right to make purchases outside of the awarded contracts where it is deemed in the best interest of the State.

- 3.2.1. **Best and Final Offer (BAFO).** At any time after submission of Responses and prior to the final selection of Bidder(s) for Contract negotiation or execution, the State may invite Bidder(s) to provide a BAFO. The state reserves the right to request BAFOs from only those Bidders that meet the minimum qualification requirements and/or have not been eliminated from consideration during the evaluation process.
- 3.3. **WORKER CLASSIFICATION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**: In accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54), Bidders must comply with the following provisions and requirements.
  - 3.3.1. <u>Self-Reporting</u>: For bid amounts exceeding \$250,000.00, Bidder shall complete the appropriate section in the attached Certificate of Compliance for purposes of self-reporting information relating to past violations, convictions, suspensions, and any other information related to past performance relative to coding and classification of workers. The State is requiring information on any violations that occurred in the previous 12 months.
  - 3.3.2. <u>Subcontractor Reporting</u>: For bid amounts exceeding \$250,000.00, Bidders are hereby notified that upon award of contract, and prior to contract execution, the State shall be provided with a list of all proposed subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors, together with the identity of those subcontractors' workers compensation insurance providers, and additional required or requested information, as applicable, in accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54). This requirement does not apply to subcontractors providing supplies only and no labor to the overall contract or project. This list MUST be updated and provided to the State as additional subcontractors are hired. A sample form is available online at <u>http://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing-contracting/forms</u>. **The subcontractor reporting form is not required to be submitted with the bid response.**

# 3.4. EXECUTIVE ORDER 05-16: CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS IN STATE PROCUREMENTS:

For bid amounts exceeding \$25,000.00 Bidders are requested to complete the Climate Change Considerations in State Procurements Certification, which is included in the Certificate of Compliance for this RFP.

After consideration of all relevant factors, a bidder that demonstrates business practices that promote clean energy and address climate change as identified in the Certification, shall be given favorable consideration in the competitive bidding process. Such favorable consideration shall be consistent with and not supersede any preference given to resident bidders of the State or products raised or manufactured in the State, as explained in the Method of Award section. However, such favorable consideration shall not be employed if prohibited by law or other relevant authority or agreement.

3.5. **METHOD OF AWARD:** Awards will be made in the best interest of the State. The State may award one or more contracts and reserves the right to make additional awards to other compliant bidders at any time if such award is deemed to be in the best interest of the State. All other considerations being equal, preference will be given first to resident

bidders of the state and to products raised or manufactured in the state, and then to bidders who have practices that promote clean energy and address climate change, as identified in the applicable Certificate of Compliance.

3.5.1. **Evaluation Criteria:** Consideration shall be given to the Bidder's project approach and methodology, qualifications and experience, ability to provide the services within the defined timeline, cost, and success in completing similar projects, as applicable, and to the extent specified below. The State will use a scoring scale of 100 total points, with a maximum of 70 points awarded based on the Technical Proposal and a maximum of 30 points awarded based on the Cost Proposal. Points are divided into categories set forth below.

Technical Proposal		
Experience and	40	
Qualifications		
RFP Requirements	20	
Historically marginalized	5	
group and women-owned		
business enterprises		
Climate change	5	
considerations		
Cost Proposal		
Budgets	30	
Total Points	100	

- 3.6. **CONTRACT NEGOTIATION**: Upon completion of the evaluation process, the State may select one or more bidders with which to negotiate a contract, based on the evaluation findings and other criteria deemed relevant for ensuring that the decision made is in the best interest of the State. In the event State is not successful in negotiating a contract with a selected bidder, the State reserves the option of negotiating with another bidder, or to end the proposal process entirely.
- 3.7. **COST OF PREPARATION:** Bidder shall be solely responsible for all expenses incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP and shall be responsible for all expenses associated with any presentations or demonstrations associated with this request and/or any proposals made.
- 3.8. **CONTRACT TERMS:** The selected bidder(s) will be expected to sign a contract with the State, including the Standard Contract Form and other standard attachments provided with this RFP for reference.
  - 3.8.1. **Business Registration.** To be awarded a contract by the State of Vermont a bidder (except an individual doing business in his/her own name) must be registered with the Vermont Secretary of State's office <u>https://sos.vermont.gov/corporations/registration/</u> and must obtain a Contractor's Business Account Number issued by the Vermont Department of Taxes <u>http://tax.vermont.gov/</u>.
  - 3.8.2. The contract will obligate the bidder to provide the services and products identified in its bid, at the prices listed.

- 4. FORMAT OF RESPONSES: The content and format requirements listed below are the minimum requirements for State evaluation. These requirements are not intended to limit the content of a Bidder's proposal. Bidders may include additional information or offer alternative solutions for the State's consideration. However, the State discourages overly lengthy and costly proposals, and Bidders are advised to include only such information in their response as may be relevant to the requirements of this solicitation.
  - 4.1. Unsolicited Bidder-Confidential Information Prohibited. Bidders are hereby expressly directed not to include any confidential information in their proposal submissions, except as specifically permitted below, and so marked. By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, bidders acknowledge and agree to abide by the terms and conditions outlined in this document, including the prohibition on submitting confidential information. This prohibition reduces the burden on the State while preventing bidder-confidential information from entering the public record.
    - 4.1.1. **Disclosure under Public Records Act.** All information received by the State in response to this RFP will become part of the contract file and subject to Vermont public records law. Responses by any bidder may become available to the public once a contract has been executed or otherwise following conclusion of this procurement process, in accordance with the State's Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. § 315 et seq., or the State may choose to publicly post them.
    - 4.1.2. State Not Responsible for Disclosure of Unmarked Bidder-Confidential Information. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure that, other than where specifically directed or permitted by this RFP and accordingly marked as described below, no information that should not be publicly disclosed is included in their proposal materials, including any 1) trade secrets or intellectual property, 2) proprietary financial or business information, 3) personal information, or 4) any other information that should not be disclosed to the public. For example, bidders should avoid including specific details of their proprietary technologies or methodologies that they consider confidential, and any references to previous client engagements should be presented in a manner that does not disclose the client's confidential information.
  - 4.2. The bid should include a Cover Letter, a Technical Response, and Price Schedule.

#### 4.3. COVER LETTER:

- 4.3.1. **Exceptions to Contract Terms and Conditions:** The State will not consider exceptions to contract terms and conditions included with this RFP.
- 4.4. **TECHNICAL RESPONSE.** In response to this RFP, a Bidder shall:
  - 4.4.1. Provide details concerning your form of business organization, company size and resources.
  - 4.4.2. Describe your capabilities and particular experience relevant to the RFP requirements, particularly any current or past State projects.

- 4.4.3. Identify the names of all subcontractors you intend to use, the portions of the work the subcontractors will perform, and address the background and experience of the subcontractor(s), as per RFP section 4.3.2 above.
- 4.5. **REFERENCES.** Provide the names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least three companies with whom you have transacted similar business in the last 12 months. You must include contact names who can talk knowledgeably about performance.
- 4.6. **PRICE SCHEDULE:** Bidders shall submit their pricing information in the Price Schedule attached to the RFP.
- 4.7. **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:** This form **must** be completed and submitted as part of the response for the proposal to be considered valid.

### 5. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

- 5.1. **CLOSING DATE:** Bids must be received by the State by the due date specified on the front page of this RFP. Late bids will not be considered.
  - 5.1.1. The State may, for cause, issue an addendum to change the date and time when bids are due. If a change is made, the State will inform all bidders by posting at the webpage indicated on the front page of this RFP.
  - 5.1.2. There will not be a public bid opening. However, the State will record the name, city and state for any and all bids received by the due date.

### 5.2. BID DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:

- 5.2.1. ELECTRONIC: Electronic bids will be accepted and are preferred.
  - 5.2.1.1. E-MAIL BIDS. Emailed bids will be accepted and are preferred. Bids will be accepted via email submission to <u>AHS.DMHSubmissions@vermont.gov</u>. Bids must consist of a single email with a single, digitally searchable PDF attachment containing all components of the bid. Multiple emails and/or multiple attachments will not be accepted. There is an attachment size limit of 40 MB. It is the Bidder's responsibility to compress the PDF file containing its bid, if necessary, in order to meet this size limitation.
  - 5.2.1.2. FAX BIDS: Faxed bids **will not** be accepted.
- 5.3. U.S. MAIL OR EXPRESS DELIVERY:
  - 5.3.1. All paper format bids must be addressed to the State of Vermont, Department of Mental Health, **166 Horseshoe Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-2010**. BID ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED 'SEALED BID' AND SHOW THE REQUISITION NUMBER AND/OR PROPOSAL TITLE, OPENING DATE AND NAME OF BIDDER.
  - 5.3.2. NUMBER OF COPIES:

5.3.3. For bids submitted via mail or express, submit an unbound original (clearly marked as such) and one digital copy in PDF. If large file transfer needed, bidder must request secure file transfer link.

### 5.3.4. Paper Format Delivery Methods:

- 5.3.4.1. U.S. MAIL: Bidders are cautioned that it is their responsibility to originate the mailing of bids in sufficient time to ensure bids are received and time stamped by the Department of Mental Health prior to the time of the bid opening.
- 5.3.4.2. EXPRESS DELIVERY: If bids are being sent via an express delivery service, be certain that the RFP designation is clearly shown on the outside of the delivery envelope or box. Express delivery packages will not be considered received by the State until the express delivery package has been received and time stamped by the Department of Mental Health.

### 6. BID SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

- ✓ Cover Letter
- ✓ Technical Response
- ✓ Redacted Technical Response, if applicable
- ✓ References
- ✓ Price Schedule
- ✓ Signed W-9 Tax Identification Form (signed **non-electronically** within the past 12 months)
- ✓ Signed Certificate of Compliance

## 7. ATTACHMENTS & LINKS:

- 7.1. Certificate of Compliance
- 7.2. Worker Classification Compliance Requirement; Subcontractor Reporting Form
- 7.3. COA applications procedures and instructions
- 7.4. Standard State Contract with its associated attachments, including but not limited to:
  - 7.4.1. Attachment C: Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants (10/1/2024)
  - 7.4.2. Attachment E Business Associate Agreement (BAA) (5/22/2020)
  - 7.4.3. Attachment F AHS Customary Contract/Grant Provisions (6/19/2024)
  - 7.4.4. State of Vermont Federal Terms Supplement (5/24/2024)
  - 7.4.5. State of Vermont IRS Pub. 1075 Terms Supplement (7/14/2022)

#### CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

## For a bid to be considered valid, this form must be completed in its entirety, executed by a duly authorized representative of the bidder, and submitted as part of the response to the proposal.

- A. **NON COLLUSION:** Bidder hereby certifies that the prices quoted have been arrived at without collusion and that no prior information concerning these prices has been received from or given to a competitive company. If there is sufficient evidence to warrant investigation of the bid/contract process by the Office of the Attorney General, bidder understands that this paragraph might be used as a basis for litigation.
- B. **CONTRACT TERMS:** Bidder hereby acknowledges that is has read, understands and agrees to the terms of this RFP, including Attachment C: Standard State Contract Provisions, and any other contract attachments included with this RFP.
- C. WORKER CLASSIFICATION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT: In accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54), the following provisions and requirements apply to Bidder when the amount of its bid exceeds \$250,000.00.

**Self-Reporting.** Bidder hereby self-reports the following information relating to past violations, convictions, suspensions, and any other information related to past performance relative to coding and classification of workers, that occurred in the previous 12 months.

Summary of Detailed Information	Date of Notification	Outcome

**Subcontractor Reporting.** Bidder hereby acknowledges and agrees that if it is a successful bidder, prior to execution of any contract resulting from this RFP, Bidder will provide to the State a list of all proposed subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors, together with the identity of those subcontractors' workers compensation insurance providers, and additional required or requested information, as applicable, in accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54), and Bidder will provide any update of such list to the State as additional subcontractors are hired. Bidder further acknowledges and agrees that the failure to submit subcontractor reporting in accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Act of 2009 (Act No. 54) will constitute non-compliance and may result in cancellation of contract and/or restriction from bidding on future state contracts.

#### D. Executive Order 05 – 16: Climate Change Considerations in State Procurements Certification

Bidder certifies to the following (Bidder may attach any desired explanation or substantiation. Please also note that Bidder may be asked to provide documentation for any applicable claims):

- 1. Bidder owns, leases or utilizes, for business purposes, space that has received:
  - Energy Star® Certification
  - □ LEED®, Green Globes®, or Living Buildings Challenge<sup>™</sup> Certification
  - Other internationally recognized building certification:
- 2. Bidder has received incentives or rebates from an Energy Efficiency Utility or Energy Efficiency Program in the last five years for energy efficient improvements made at bidder's place of business. Please explain:
- 3. Please Check all that apply:
  - Bidder can claim on-site renewable power or anaerobic-digester power ("cow-power"). Or bidder consumes renewable electricity through voluntary purchase or offset, provided no such claimed power can be double-claimed by another party.
  - Bidder uses renewable biomass or bio-fuel for the purposes of thermal (heat) energy at its place of business.
  - Bidder's heating system has modern, high-efficiency units (boilers, furnaces, stoves, etc.), having reduced emissions of particulate matter and other air pollutants.
  - Bidder tracks its energy consumption and harmful greenhouse gas emissions. What tool is used to do this?
  - □ Bidder promotes the use of plug-in electric vehicles by providing electric vehicle charging, electric fleet vehicles, preferred parking, designated parking, purchase or lease incentives, etc..
  - Bidder offers employees an option for a fossil fuel divestment retirement account.
  - Bidder offers products or services that reduce waste, conserve water, or promote energy efficiency and conservation. Please explain:

4. Please list any additional practices that promote clean energy and take action to address climate change:

#### E. Executive Order 02 – 22: Solidarity with the Ukrainian People

By checking this box, Bidder certifies that none of the goods, products, or materials offered in response to this solicitation are Russian-sourced goods or produced by Russian entities. If Bidder is unable to check the box, it shall indicate in the table below which of the applicable offerings are Russian-sourced goods and/or which are produced by Russian entities.

An additional column is provided for any note or comment that you may have.

Provided Equipment or Product	Note of Comment
Product	Note or Comment
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F. Certification Regarding Use of Contract Funds for Lobbying - Applicable to contracts over \$100,000.00 when federal monies are involved - this clause must be included in all subcontracts over \$100,000.00.

1. The prospective contractor certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, under the penalties of perjury under the laws of the State of Vermont and the United States that on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation he or she represents, 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 contractor also agrees that they 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.

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Contact Name:
Fax Number:
Telephone:
E-Mail:
Name: (Type or Print)

#### END OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

#### SUBCONTRACTOR REPORTING FORM

## This form must be completed in its entirety and submitted prior to contract execution and updated as necessary and provided to the State as additional subcontractors are hired.

The Department of Buildings and General Services in accordance with Act 54, Section 32 of the Acts of 2009 and for total project costs exceeding \$250,000.00 requires bidders to comply with the following provisions and requirements.

Contractor is required to provide a list of subcontractors on the job along with lists of subcontractor's subcontractors and by whom those subcontractors are insured for workers' compensation purposes. <u>Include additional pages if</u> <u>necessary</u>. This is not a requirement for subcontractor's providing supplies only and no labor to the overall contract or project.

Subcontractor	Insured By	Subcontractor's Sub	Insured By

Date:	
Name of Company:	Contact Name:
Address:	Title:
	Phone Number:
E-mail:	Fax Number:
By:	Name:

Failure to adhere to Act 54, Section 32 of the Acts of 2009 and submit Subcontractor Reporting: Worker Classification Compliance Requirement will constitute non-compliance and may result in cancellation of contract and/or forfeiture of future bidding privileges until resolved.

Send Completed Form to:

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