#### **GUIDELINES FOR**

# RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION OF MINORITY BUSINESSES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

In accordance with G.S. 116-31.11 and G.S. 143-128.2 these guidelines establish goals for minority participation in single-prime bidding, separate-prime bidding, construction manager at risk, design-build, public-private partnership, and alternative contracting methods, on University of North Carolina construction projects in the amount of \$100,000 to \$4,000,000. The legislation provides that the State, including the University of North Carolina System, shall have a verifiable ten percent (10%) goal for participation by minority businesses in the total value of work for each project for which a contract or contracts are awarded. These requirements are published to accomplish that end.

#### **SECTION A: INTENT**

It is the intent of these guidelines that the State through The University of North Carolina, its constituent institutions, and/or affiliates (hereafter The University of North Carolina) as awarding authorities for construction projects, and the contractors and subcontractors performing the construction contracts awarded shall cooperate and in good faith do all things legal, proper, and reasonable to achieve the statutory goal of ten percent (10%) for participation by minority businesses in each construction project as mandated by GS 143-128.2. Nothing in these guidelines shall be construed to require contractors or awarding authorities to award contracts or subcontracts to or to make purchases of materials or equipment from minority-business contractors or minority-business subcontractors who do not submit the lowest responsible, responsive bid or bids.

#### **SECTION B: DEFINITIONS**

- 1. <u>Minority business, minority person, and socially and economically disadvantaged individual</u> G.S. 143-128 (g) includes the following definitions. Any changes to G.S. 143-128 (g) are incorporated herein upon enactment:
  - (1) The term "minority business" means a business:
    - a. In which at least fifty-one percent (51%) is owned by one or more minority persons or socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, or in the case of a corporation, in which at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock is owned by one or more minority persons or socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; and
    - b. Of which the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the minority persons or socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it.
    - (2) The term "minority person" means a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:
      - a. Black, that is, a person having origins in any of the black racial groups in Africa;
      - b. Hispanic, that is, a person of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race;
      - c. Asian American, that is, a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia and Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands;
      - d. American Indian, that is, a person having origins in any of the original Indian peoples of North America; or
      - e. Female.
    - (3) The term "socially and economically disadvantaged individual" means the same as defined in 15 U.S.C. 637.
- 2. Public Entity The State of North Carolina and all public subdivisions and local governmental units.
- 3. Owner The State of North Carolina, through the constituent institution named in the contract.

- 4. <u>Designer</u> Any person, firm, partnership, or corporation, which has contracted with the State of North Carolina to perform architectural or engineering, work.
- 5. <u>Bidder</u> Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, association, or joint venture seeking to be awarded a public contract or subcontract.
- 6. <u>Contract</u> A mutually binding legal relationship or any modification thereof obligating the seller to furnish equipment, materials, or services, including construction, and obligating the buyer to pay for them.
- 7. <u>Contractor</u> Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, association, or joint venture which has contracted with the State of North Carolina to perform construction work or repair.
- 8. <u>Subcontractor</u> A firm under contract with the prime contractor, construction manager at risk, design-builder, or private developer under public-private partnerships for supplying materials or labor and materials and/or installation. The subcontractor may or may not provide materials in his subcontract.

#### **SECTION C: RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1. Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses, Department of Administration (hereinafter referred to as HUB Office). The HUB Office has established a program, which allows interested persons or businesses qualifying as a minority business under G.S. 143-128.2, to obtain certification in the State of North Carolina procurement system. The information provided by the minority businesses will be used by the HUB Office to:
  - a. Identify those areas of work for which there are minority businesses, as requested.
  - b. Make available to interested parties a list of prospective minority business contractors and subcontractors.
  - c. Assist in the determination of technical assistance needed by minority business contractors.

In addition to being responsible for the certification/verification of minority businesses that want to participate in the State construction program, the HUB Office will:

- (1) Maintain a current list of minority businesses. The list shall include the areas of work in which each minority business is interested.
- (2) Inform minority businesses on how to identify and obtain contracting and subcontracting opportunities through the University of North Carolina and other public entities.
- (3) Inform minority businesses of the contracting and subcontracting process for public construction building projects.
- (4) Work with the North Carolina trade and professional organizations to improve the ability of minority businesses to compete in the State construction projects.
- (5) The HUB Office also oversees the minority business program by:
  - a. Monitoring compliance with the program requirements.
  - b. Assisting in the implementation of training and technical assistance programs.
  - c. Identifying and implementing outreach efforts to increase the utilization of minority businesses.
  - d. Reporting the results of minority business utilization to the Secretary of the Department of Administration, the Governor, and the General Assembly.
- 2. <u>The University of North Carolina System Office:</u> The University of North Carolina System Office will be responsible for the following:

- a. Reviewing the apparent low bidders' statutory compliance with the requirements listed in the proposal prior to award of construction contracts within their awarding authority. The State through The University of North Carolina, reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.
- b. Assisting constituent institutions in monitoring of contractors' compliance with minority business requirements in the contract documents during construction.
- c. Consulting and advising institutions and affiliates regarding changes in HUB statutes, executive orders, or state procedures.
- d. Resolving any protest and disputes arising on projects within The University of North Carolina System Office award authority.
- 3. <u>Constituent Institutions and Affiliates of The University of North Carolina</u>: Before awarding a contract, the constituent institution shall do the following:
  - a. Implement The University of North Carolina HUB plan.
  - b. Attend the scheduled prebid conference.
  - c. At least 10 days prior to the scheduled day of bid opening, notify minority businesses that have requested notices from the public entity for public construction or repair work and minority businesses that otherwise indicated to the Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses an interest in the type of work being bid or the potential contracting opportunities listed in the proposal. The notification shall include the following:
    - 1. A description of the work for which the bid is being solicited.
    - 2. The date, time, and location where bids are to be submitted.
    - 3. The name of the individual within the owner's organization who will be available to answer questions about the project.
    - 4. Where bid documents may be reviewed.
    - 5. Any special requirements that may exist.
  - d. Utilize other media, as appropriate, likely to inform potential minority businesses of the bid being sought.
  - e. Maintain documentation of any contacts, correspondence, or conversation with minority business firms made in its efforts to meet the goals.
  - f. Review, jointly with the designer, all requirements of G.S. 143-128.2(c) and G.S. 143-128.2(f) (i.e. bidders' proposals for identification of the minority businesses that will be utilized with corresponding total dollar value of the bid and affidavit listing good faith efforts, or affidavit of self-performance of work, if the contractor will perform work under contract by its own workforce) prior to recommendation of award to the University of North Carolina.
  - g. Evaluate documentation to determine good faith effort has been achieved for minority business utilization prior to recommendation of award to University of North Carolina.
  - h. Review prime contractors' pay applications for compliance with minority business utilization commitments prior to payment.
  - i. Document evidence of implementation of Owner's responsibilities.

#### 4. Designer

Under the single-prime bidding, separate prime bidding, construction manager at risk, design-build, public-private partnership, or alternative contracting method, the designer will:

- a. Attend the scheduled prebid conference to explain minority business requirements to the prospective
- b. Assist the owner to identify and notify prospective minority business prime and subcontractors of potential contracting opportunities.
- c. Maintain documentation of any contacts, correspondence, or conversation with minority business firms made in an attempt to meet the goals.
- d. Review jointly with the owner, all requirements of G.S. 143-128.2(c) and G.S.143-128.2(f), including the bidders' proposals for identification of the minority businesses that will be utilized with corresponding total dollar value of the bid and affidavit listing Good Faith Efforts, or affidavit of self-performance of

- work, if the contractor will perform work under contract by its own workforce, prior to recommendation of award.
- e. During construction phase of the project, review "MBE Documentation for Contract Payment" (Appendix E) for compliance with minority business utilization commitments. Submit Appendix E form with monthly pay applications to the owner.
- f. Make documentation showing evidence of implementation of Designer's responsibilities available for review by The University of North Carolina System Office and HUB Office, upon request.

## 5. <u>Prime Contractor(s), CM at Risk, Design-Builder, Public-Private Partnership developer and Its First-Tier</u> Subcontractors: Under all construction delivery methods contractor(s) will:

- a. Attend the scheduled prebid conference.
- b. Identify or determine those work areas of a subcontract where minority businesses may have an interest in performing subcontract work.
- c. At least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled day of bid opening, notify minority businesses of potential subcontracting opportunities listed in the proposal. If there are more than three (3) minority businesses in the general locality of the project who offer similar contracting or subcontracting services in the specific trade, the contractor(s) shall notify three (3), but may contact more, if the contractor(s) so desires. The notification will include the following:
  - (1) A description of the work for which the subbid is being solicited.
  - (2) The date, time and location where subbids are to be submitted.
  - (3) The name of the individual within the company who will be available to answer questions about the project.
  - (4) Where bid documents may be reviewed.
  - (5) Any special requirements that may exist, such as insurance, licenses, bonds and financial arrangements.
- d. During the bidding process, comply with the contractor(s) requirements listed in the proposal for minority participation.
- e. Identify on the bid, the minority businesses that will be utilized on the project with corresponding total dollar value of the bid and affidavit listing good faith efforts as required by G.S. 143-128.2(c) and G.S. 143-128.2(f).
- f. Make documentation showing evidence of implementation of Subcontractor responsibilities available for review by the University of North Carolina System Office and HUB Office, upon request.
- g. Upon being named the apparent low bidder, the Bidder shall provide **one** of the following: (1) an affidavit (Affidavit B) indicating bidder's self-performance of work, if the bidder will perform work under contract by its own workforce, as required by G.S. 143-128.2(c) and G.S. 143-128.2(f) and has all material and supplies required for the project. Bidder may be asked to provide additional documentation in support of the claim of self-performance and regarding the Good Faith Effort to utilize minority suppliers where possible. (2) an affidavit (Affidavit C) that includes a description of the portion of work to be executed by minority businesses, expressed as a percentage of the total contract price, which is equal to or more than the applicable goal; (3) if the percentage is not equal to the applicable goal, then documentation of all good faith efforts taken to meet the goal (Affidavit D). Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for rejection of the bid and award to the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder.
- h. The contractor(s) shall identify the name(s) of minority business subcontractor(s) and corresponding dollar amount of work on the schedule of values. The schedule of values shall be provided for formal contracts (>\$500,000) as required in Article 31 of the General Conditions of the Contract to facilitate payments to the subcontractors.
- i. The contractor(s) on formal contracts (>\$500,000) shall submit with each monthly pay request(s) and final payment(s), "MBE Documentation for Contract Payment" (Appendix E), for designer's review. This documentation is also required for contracts under informal bidding, but these projects, typically of shorter duration, may have a single payment request at project completion.
- j. During the construction of a project, at any time, if it becomes necessary to replace a minority business subcontractor, immediately advise the owner, The University of North Carolina System Office, and the Director of the HUB Office in writing, of the circumstances involved. The prime contractor shall make a

- good faith effort to replace a minority business subcontractor with another minority business subcontractor.
- k. If during the construction of a project additional subcontracting opportunities become available, make a good faith effort to solicit subbids from minority businesses.
- I. It is the intent that these requirements apply to all contractors and first tier subcontractor under any of the approved construction delivery methods permittedon state projects.
- 6. <u>Minority Business Responsibilities</u>: While minority businesses are not required to become certified in order to participate in the State construction projects, it is recommended that they become certified and should take advantage of the appropriate technical assistance that is made available. In addition, minority businesses who are contacted by owners or bidders must respond promptly whether or not they wish to submit a bid.

#### **SECTION D: DISPUTE PROCEDURES**

It is the policy of this state that disputes that involves a person's rights, duties or privileges, should be settled through informal procedures. To that end, minority business disputes arising under these guidelines should be resolved as governed under G.S. 143-128(g).

#### **SECTION E: EFFECTIVE DATE**

These guidelines shall apply upon promulgation on university construction projects. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from The University of North Carolina System Office website:https://www.northcarolina.edu/offices-and-services/finance-and-administration/capital-design-and-construction/.

#### **SECTION F: FORMS**

In addition to these guidelines, there will be issued with each construction bid package provisions for contractual compliance providing MBE participation in State, through The University of North Carolina, building projects. An explanation of the process follows, titled "MINORITY BUSINESS CONTRACT PROVISIONS (CONSTRUCTION)" along with relevant forms for its implementation ("Identification of Minority Business Participation" form, Affidavits A, B, C, D, and Appendix E).

#### MINORITY BUSINESS CONTRACT PROVISIONS (CONSTRUCTION)

#### **APPLICATION:**

The Guidelines for Recruitment and Selection of Minority Businesses for Participation in University of North Carolina Construction Contracts are hereby made a part of these contract documents. These guidelines shall apply to all contractors regardless of ownership. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from The University of North Carolina System Office website: https://www.northcarolina.edu/offices-and-services/finance-and-administration/capital-design-and-construction/

#### **MINORITY BUSINESS SUBCONTRACT GOALS:**

The minimum goals for participation by minority firms as subcontractors on this project have been set at 10%.

The bidder must identify on its bid (by using the "Identification of Minority Business Participation" form provided in the bid document), the minority businesses that will be utilized on the project with corresponding total dollar value of the bid and affidavit (Affidavit A) listing good faith efforts **or** affidavit (Affidavit B) of self-performance of work, if the bidder will perform work under contract by its own workforce, as required by G.S. 143-128.2(c) and G.S. 143-128.2(f).

Failure to submit these documents is grounds for rejection of the bid. Bid amounts from rejected bids shall not be read aloud at public bid openings.

The lowest responsible, responsive bidder must provide:

**Affidavit C**, if the portion of work to be performed by minority firms is equal to or greater than 10% of the bidder's total contract price. Affidavit C includes a description of the portion of work to be executed by minority businesses, expressed as a percentage of the total contract price, and lists the participating minority firms with the dollar value of their contracts.

#### OR

**Affidavit D**, if the portion of work to be performed by minority firms is less than 10% of the bidder's total contract price. Affidavit D includes a description of the portion of work to be executed by minority businesses, expressed as a percentage of the total contract price, lists the participating minority firms with the dollar value of their contracts, and must include adequate **documentation of Good Faith Effort.** 

#### AND

**Affidavit B** (with bid), if the bidder does not customarily subcontract work on this type project and has all material and supplies required for the project. Bidder may be asked to provide additional documentation in support of the claim of self-performance and regarding the Good Faith Effort to utilize minority suppliers where possible.

The above information must be provided as required. Failure to submit these documents is grounds for rejection of the bid.

Summary of required submissions: Use check boxes to assist in ensuring that all appropriate forms are submitted.

ALL BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT TWO FORMS WITH THEIR BID:

"Identification of Minority Business Participation" form

AND EITHER

Affidavit A – "Listing of Good Faith Efforts"

OR

Affidavit B – "Intent to Perform Contract with Own Workforce"

The above information must be provided as required. Failure to submit these documents is grounds for rejection of the bid. Bid amounts from rejected bids shall not be read aloud at public bid openings.

""IN ADDITION, THE APPARENT LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIVE BIDDER SUBMITS:

Affidavit C – "Portion of the Work to be Performed by Minority Firms" if the percentage of work to be performed by minority firms is 10% or more. This form is to be submitted within 72 calendar

OR

☐ **Affidavit D** – "Good Faith Efforts" if the percentage of work to be performed by minority firms is less than 10%. This form is to be submitted within 72 calendar hours of notification of being low bidder.

The above information is mandatory. Failure to submit these documents is grounds for rejection of the bid.

#### **MINIMUM COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**:

hours of notification of being low bidder.

All written statements, affidavits or intentions made by the Bidder shall become a part of the agreement between the Contractor and the State (The University of North Carolina) for performance of this contract. Failure to comply with any of these statements, affidavits or intentions, or with the minority business guidelines shall constitute a breach of the contract. A finding by the State (The University of North Carolina) that any information submitted either prior to award of the contract or during the performance of the contract is inaccurate, false, or incomplete, shall also constitute a breach of the contract. Any such breach may result in termination of the contract in accordance with the termination provisions contained in the contract. It shall be solely at the option of the State (The University of North Carolina) whether to terminate the contract for breach.

In determining whether a contractor has made a Good Faith Effort, the University of North Carolina will evaluate all efforts made by the Contractor and will determine compliance in regard to quantity, intensity, and results of these efforts. Good Faith Efforts include:

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

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### **Identification of HUB Certified/ Minority Business Participation**

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(Name of Bidder)	_
this project, we will use the following HUB Certified/ minority business as cor	nstruction subcontractors,
vendors, suppliers, or providers of professional services.	

Firm Name, Address and Phone Number	Work Type	*Minority Category	**HUB Certified
			Y/N

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

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

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## AFFIDAVIT A Listing of Good Faith Efforts

(The University of North Carolina)

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### **AFFIDAVIT B**

## Intent to Perform Contract with Own Workforce

(The University of North Carolina)

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Affidavit of				
		(Name of Bidder)		
I hereby certify that it	is our intent to per	form 100% of the work r	equired for the	_
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	Notary Public			
	My commission ex	pires		

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#### **AFFIDAVIT C**

### Portion of the Work to be Performed by HUB Certified/Minority Businesses

(The University of North Carolina)

If the portion of the work to be executed by HUB certified/minority businesses as defined in GS143-128.2(g) and 128.4(a),(b),(e) is equal to or greater than 10% of the bidder's total contract price, then the bidder must complete this affidavit.

This affidavit shall be provided by the apparent lowest responsible, responsive bidder within 72 hours after notification of being low bidder.

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My commission expires

Notary Public\_\_\_

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## AFFIDAVIT D Good Faith Efforts

(The University of North Carolina)

This affidavit shall be provided by the apparent lowest responsible, responsive bidder within <u>72 hours</u> after notification of being low bidder.

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

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

- A. Copies of solicitations for quotes to at least three (3) minority business firms from the source list provided by the State for each subcontract to be let under this contract (if 3 or more firms are shown on the source list). Each solicitation shall contain a specific description of the work to be subcontracted, location where bid documents can be reviewed, representative of the Prime Bidder to contact, and location, date and time when quotes must be received.
- B. Copies of quotes or responses received from each firm responding to the solicitation.
- C. A telephone log of follow-up calls to each firm sent a solicitation.
- D. For subcontracts where a minority business firm is not considered the lowest responsible subbidder, copies of quotes received from all firms submitting quotes for that particular subcontract.
- E. Documentation of any contacts or correspondence to minority business, community, or contractor organizations in an attempt to meet the goal.
- F. Copy of pre-bid roster
- G. Letter documenting efforts to provide assistance in obtaining required bonding or insurance for minority business.

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

<sup>\*\*</sup> HUB Certification with the State HUB Office required to be counted toward state participation goals.

- H. Letter detailing reasons for rejection of minority business due to lack of qualification.
- I. Letter documenting proposed assistance offered to minority business in need of equipment, loan capital, lines of credit, or joint pay agreements to secure loans, supplies, or letter of credit, including waiving credit that is ordinarily required.

Failure to provide the documentation as listed in these provisions may result in rejection of the bid and award to the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

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

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

Date <u>:</u>	Name of Authoriz	ed Officer:	
	Signature:		
	Title:		 
SEAL	State of, County of, Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of	
	Notary Public		
	My commission expires		

### \*\*THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH PAY REQUEST & FINAL PAYMENT\*\*

## APPENDIX E MBE DOCUMENTATION FOR CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Address & Phone:				<del></del>
Project Name:				
Pay Application #:		Р	eriod:	
The following is a list of above-mentioned period		made to minority bu	isiness contractors on t	his project for the
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appropriately verified, services have been rendered, and payment is due as processed.

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