

**MINNESOTA SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY
511 11TH AVE. S., SUITE #401
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(RFP)**

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FIRM

OCTOBER 23, 2015

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Employment Assistance Firm

A. Introduction

The Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (the “Authority”) issues this Request for Proposals (RFP) to seek an experienced proposer (“Proposer”) or proposers (“Proposers”) to provide employment assistance services to the Authority and its Third Party Operator (SMG) as contemplated in Minnesota Statutes, Section 473J.12 (the “Act”). The Act states that the Authority “shall contract with an employment assistance firm, preferably minority-owned, or owned by a disabled individual or a woman, to create an employment program to recruit, hire, and retain minorities for the stadium facility.” The Act also states that the Authority “shall hold a job fair and recruit and advertise at the Minneapolis Urban League, Sabathani, American Indian OIC, Youth build organizations, and such other organizations.”

In addition to the services required by the Act, the Authority, with the full support and endorsement of Minnesota Vikings Football, LLC (“Team”) and the Authority’s Third Party Operator, intends to hire an employment assistance firm to consult and assist with the identification of appropriately qualified, experienced, and skilled minorities, women, and veterans as candidates for potential employment by U.S. Bank Stadium contractors of all tiers involved in the operations of the Stadium and facilities infrastructure including, without limitation, recruiting, and identifying available and appropriately skilled minorities and women in applicable local trade unions and their appropriate subcontractors. It is the intent of this RFP to solicit proposals to perform the services mentioned in this paragraph in connection with the operations of the Stadium. Accordingly, the successful Proposer will be responsible for preparing an employment program to recruit, assess, and provide appropriately skilled minorities, women and veteran candidates for operational services at the Stadium, as well as holding appropriate job fairs to recruit appropriately skilled minorities, women and veterans.

B. Services Included in this RFP

This RFP seeks a variety of employment assistance services, including the following Basic Services:

Basic Services

For the Operation of the Facility:

1. Consult and assist with identifying available and appropriately qualified, experienced, and skilled minorities, women, and veterans as candidates for potential employment by the Third Party Management Firm’s contractors of all tiers involved in the operation of the Facility.
2. Recruit, identify, assess, and facilitate the hiring of available and appropriately skilled minorities, women and veterans by applicable contractors.

Additional Services

Organizing, advertising and holding additional job fairs as may be subsequently approved.

C. Proposal Requirements

All proposals shall include the information requested in **Exhibit A: Contents of Proposal**. Each Proposer submitting a Proposal in response to this request acknowledges and agrees that the preparation of all materials for submittal and all presentation, related costs, and travel expenses are that Proposer's sole expense and the Authority, its Third Party Operator or the Team shall not, under any circumstances, be responsible for any cost or expense incurred by the Proposers in participating in the RFQ/RFP process. The Authority and Team shall be allowed to keep any and all materials supplied by the Proposers in response to this RFQ/RFP.

D. Requested Qualifications

The Authority reserves the right and discretion to determine the appropriate degree of qualifications, experience, and responsibility of the Proposers to perform the services that are the subject of this RFP. It is the intent of this RFP that responding Proposers have the requisite qualifications in at least the following major qualification groups.

1. Experience and Success Rate

Substantial experience in providing quality and effective services of the nature required by this RFP to owners of professional or major collegiate sports and entertainment venues, or similarly significant projects. Proposer should provide examples of the successes Proposer has achieved in similar engagements.

2. Knowledge

Knowledge and ability to identify and generate interest in established, existing markets, emerging markets and new markets to identify and recruit appropriately qualified, experienced and skilled candidates for potential employment by the Third Party Operator's contractors of all tiers.

E. Questions Regarding Request for Proposal

A Pre-proposal meeting will be held on October 29, at 9 a.m. Dorsey & Whitney Law Offices, 50 South 6th Street, Minneapolis. MN, Salt Lake Conference Room. The Authority reserves the right to reject any Proposal received from a Proposer not in attendance at the Pre-proposal meeting.

Any questions concerning this RFQ/RFP should be directed to the following and not to any other person in the Authority' organizations:

Alex Tittle, MA
Equity Director
511 11th Ave. South, Suite #401
Minneapolis, MN 55415
Fax: 612.332.8334
Email: alex.tittle@msfa.com

With copies to:

Patrick Talty
SMG, General Manager
511 11th Ave. South, Suite #401
Minneapolis, MN 55415
Fax: 612.332.8334
Email: Ptalty@smgworld.com

All questions or requests for information must be submitted in writing. Material clarifications or revisions to the Request for Proposal will be provided by subsequent correspondence or addenda to all Proposers.

F. Proposal Timeline

1. October 23, 2015: Advertisement of RFP.
2. October 29, 2015: Pre-proposal meeting; 9 a.m. CST
3. November 13, 2015: Closing date and time for written questions.
4. November 19, 2015: Proposal Deadline; 3 p.m. CST
6. December 1, 2015: Interview and negotiation with Proposer.
7. December 18, 2015: Announcement of successful Proposer.

All Proposals must be delivered to the addresses set forth below by 3:00 p.m. CST on November 19, 2015 ("Proposal Deadline"). Each proposal shall be provided in a single bound volume.

One electronic copy and ten (10) bound copies shall be delivered to:

Alex Tittle, MA
MSFA, Equity Director
511 11th Ave. South, Suite #401

Minneapolis, MN 55415
Fax: 612.332.8334
Email: alex.tittle@msfa.com

One electronic copy and four (4) bound copies should also be delivered to:

Patrick Talty
SMG, General Manager
511 11th Ave. South, Suite #401
Minneapolis, MN 55415
Fax: 612.332.8334
Email: Ptalty@smgworld.com

The Authority reserves the right to modify this Proposal Timeline.

G. Selection Process

As permitted by the Act, a competitive negotiation process will be used to determine which Proposal(s) will be most advantageous to and in the best interest of the stadium operations. The Authority, Team and Third Party Management Firm will review and evaluate all Proposals received, and the Authority will publish a short list of qualified Proposers to be interviewed. The shortlisted Proposers will then enter into discussions and negotiations with the Authority, Team and Third Party Management Firm, who will determine which Proposal is most advantageous to stadium operations.

Nothing in this RFP shall require a contract to be awarded for all services solicited in this RFP. The Authority reserves the right to award separate contracts for any one or more of the service categories identified herein, and to not award a contract for any particular service solicited in this RFP. Joint venturing among Proposers is not encouraged or discouraged.

If multiple Proposers submit a Proposal as a joint venture, the Proposal shall clearly designate the specific services proposed to be performed by each joint venture partner and the amount of proposed compensation to be received by each joint venture partner as a percentage of the total compensation received by the joint venture. The Authority reserves the right and discretion to award a portion of the services solicited in this RFQ/RFP to one joint venture partner and not the other joint venture partner or partners.

If the Proposal includes a proposed sub consultant or sub consultants, the proposed sub consultants will be subject to the approval of the Authority, Team and Third Party Management Firm. The Authority reserves the right to reject any proposed sub consultant. The Proposal must designate the particular services that the Proposer suggests would be performed by sub consultants and the amount of proposed compensation to be received by each sub consultant as a percentage of the total compensation received by the Proposer.

If part of Proposer's proposed compensation is performance based, Proposer must explain its performance compensation proposal in detail, how it would be measured and verified, and whether it would be tied to actual hours worked on the Project.

After discussions and negotiations, the Authority, Team and Third Party Management Firm will select the Proposer or Proposers deemed to be qualified and best suited among those submitting proposals, on the basis of the following evaluation criteria:

1. The experience, qualifications, skill and professionalism of the Proposer's key personnel committed to this Project.
2. Proposer's responses to **Exhibit A: Contents of Proposal**.
3. The Proposer's capacity to provide high quality services, outreach and partner coordination as described by this RFP. The selected Proposer may not be the only entity which may perform outreach and assessment on the Project.
4. The Proposer's relevant experience, expertise, qualifications, and success in providing services of the type described in this RFP. It is expected the successful Proposer will demonstrate previous successful provision of similar services to comparable projects.
5. The Proposer's financial proposal, including price and terms, including full disclosure of the breakdown of all fees, costs or compensation proposed to be paid from the Proposer's compensation to joint venture partners, sub consultants, or any other unaffiliated persons, institutions, organizations, associations or groups in furthering the Proposer's work as employment services assistant.
6. Acceptance of the contractual terms that are proposed to govern the relationship with the Proposer.
7. The degree to which the Proposer is a minority owned business, woman owned business or veteran owed small business.

This RFP specifies minimum requirements and should be responded to in all respects. In addition, Proposers should and are encouraged to submit alternatives and recommendations that may benefit the Contract.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this RFQ/RFP, the Authority reserves the right to award to the Proposer whose Proposal is most advantageous to the Authority and the Stadium and in its best interest as determined by the Authority, Team and Third Party Management Firm. No Proposer shall be entitled to rely on any oral representations or statements made by the Authority, Team or Third Party Management Firm during the RFP process. After the commencement of this RFP process, all communications shall be by e-mail to the persons listed in **Section E** above. If any Proposer attempts any unauthorized communication, the Proposer's Proposal may be rejected.

The Authority shall have the sole discretion to determine the responsibility of Proposers and the responsiveness of Proposals, which the Proposers agree shall not be subject to challenge unless it is arbitrary, capricious, or not supported by substantial evidence. Any protest to the procedures set forth in this RFP must be submitted in writing to the persons listed in **Section E** above within seven (7) days after receipt of the RFP; otherwise such protest or challenge shall be deemed waived. By submitting a Proposal, the Proposer affirms that it has no protest or challenge to the procedures set forth in this RFP. The Authority shall decide all matters raised in any protest or challenge in question, and its decision shall be final and not appealable unless arbitrary, capricious, or not supported by substantial evidence. In no event shall any Proposer be entitled to attorneys' fees, bid preparation costs, or other damages in a protest of an award pursuant to this RFP. The Authority reserves the right to waive any irregularities or informalities in the Proposals presented by any Proposers.

The issuance of this RFP constitutes only an invitation to submit Proposals. It is not to be construed as a request for bids, but as a means to facilitate the acquisition of information related to the purchase of professional services. Any Proposal submitted as provided herein constitutes a suggestion to supply information and to negotiate, and is not a bid.

The Authority reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to determine whether any aspect of the Proposal satisfactorily meets the criteria established in this RFP, the right to seek clarification from any Proposer(s), the right to negotiate with any Proposer(s), the right to reject any or all Proposals with or without cause, and the right to cancel and amend, in part or entirely, the RFP.

Evaluation of proposals by staff or by any other group are advisory, and such evaluations are for the sole benefit of the Authority, and as such, they are not binding nor may they be in any way relied upon by a Proposer.

H. RFP Process

This RFP, responses to it, and any subsequent negotiations and discussions shall in no way be deemed to create a binding contract or expectation of an agreement between the Proposer and the Authority or the Team.

The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals, to amend or alter the selection process in any way, to postpone the selection process for convenience at any time, and to waive any defects in proposals submitted.

The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any individual sub consultants or joint venture partners that the successful Proposer proposes to use. Several separate Proposers may also be selected, each to perform some but not all of the services requested in this RFP or several Proposers may be requested to form a joint venture to serve as the selected Employment Assistance Service firm.

All Proposals shall remain open for acceptance until 60 days after the Proposal Deadline.

All Proposals are subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Statutes, and Chapter 13. Proposers shall note with their Proposal any proprietary information or other private data in their submittal.

All material submitted becomes the property of the Authority and will not be returned.

If awarded a contract, the Proposer warrants and agrees to use its best efforts to perform all services in accordance with the contract terms and in accordance with generally accepted standards of care applicable to the services to be performed. The prospective Proposer further warrants and agrees that it shall employ whatever resources are necessary to meet the requirements specified in such contract.

Proposers warrant and represent that they have all necessary licenses and permits and shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, codes and ordinances without cost to the Authority or Team.

I. List of Exhibits

- Exhibit A** Contents of Proposal
- Exhibit B** Acknowledgement and Attestation Form
- Exhibit C** Confidentiality Agreement
- Exhibit D** Hiring and Employment Principles
- Exhibit E** Non Collusion Statement
- Exhibit F** Minnesota Department of Human Rights Form
- Exhibit G** Proposed Terms
- Exhibit H** Application for Payment – to be provided by future addendum

EXHIBIT A

Contents of the Proposal

Proposals should include the following information:

A. Approach and Plan

1. Provide a plan of operation that fully addresses how each of the services outlined in the RFP would be provided. The RFP is incorporated by reference into this **Exhibit A**. Provide an answer for each of the services listed in the Basic Services and Additional Services, including, without limitation,
 - a. The specific assessment the Proposer would intend to perform to prepare minority and women workers to become employed by the Authority's Third Party Operator or its contractors providing services for the Stadium;
 - b. The identification of and placement assistance for minority, women and veteran workers to be employed by the Third Party Operator or it's ; and
 - c. Identification of and efforts focused on minority, women and veteran staff which could provide significant improvement toward meeting workforce goals.

The Employment Assistance Firm is not expected or required to provide training, only to identify and prepare individuals so that they qualify for employment by the Third Party Operator or its contractors.

2. Based on Proposer's knowledge of the Stadium, identify key risks faced in connection with the services solicited in this RFP, and how the Proposer would mitigate or address those risks.
3. State who the Proposer would assign to the account as account executive and primary support staff and provide detailed résumés for these key individuals.
4. Describe the responsibilities of the Authority and Third Party Operator's support staff and how the support staff would interact with the Proposers and others in relation to the services solicited in this RFP.
5. Describe any additional services that have not been outlined in this Request for Proposal that the Proposer offers to clients and that you believe could be of significant benefit to the Stadium operations, together with any related fees for those services.

6. Identify those aspects of administration, including specific challenges faced in the Stadium, which will be critical to the success of the services solicited in this RFP and how the Proposer would address them.
7. Describe a detailed plan on communications with owners, contractors' partner and the pipeline.
8. Describe detailed marketing and an outreach plan to include but not limited to job fairs
9. Describe the Proposer's approach and success rate in performing the services contemplated in this RFP and Proposer's methodology in determining and verifying that the claimed success was due to or caused by its efforts. Be sure to identify significant projects and discuss how those projects were a success in regard to performing the services of the nature solicited in this RFP.
10. Describe and identify the insurance Proposer carries in connection with its business including type of policy and limits. Include a current specimen insurance certificate with your Proposal.
11. Describe any proprietary systems that Proposer will employ to deliver the services described in its Proposal, and how they will benefit the Stadium and all Prospective Facility employees.
12. Describe any other considerations the Proposer believes to be important to this RFP.

B. Proposer Information

1. Describe the Proposer, its size, number of employees, and annual revenues;
2. Describe the Proposer's general experience in providing services of the nature solicited in the RFP and provide a list of recent major staffing initiatives where Proposer has provided similar services with the names of and contact information for the owner's representatives for the respective projects. The Authority or the Third Party Operator may contact any of these representatives;
3. Describe how the Proposer is distinguished from its competitors;
4. Describe any claims, litigation, mediation or arbitration against the Proposer in the last five (5) years; and
5. Describe any conflicts of interest that you may have in representing the Authority, including any business relationships you may have with the Team, the National Football League, the City of Minneapolis, the State of Minnesota, SMG, Aramark or other parties having an interest in Stadium operations that may be construed to be a conflict of interest.

C. Financial Proposal

The Proposer's financial proposal will be a significant factor in the evaluation of Proposals.

1. Each Proposer shall include a breakdown of its financial proposal identifying the proposed compensation requested to be paid by the Authority to the Proposer and itemizing the proposed cost to successfully outreach, assess and place candidates in stadium operational capacities. For purposes of proposing unit prices for successful placement of candidates, each Proposer should provide for comparison purposes any different unit prices for placing a volume of successful outreached potential employees. Proposer shall also itemize the compensation, if any, to be paid to each joint venture partner or subconsultant, if any.
2. Describe Proposer's policy on transparency of income as well as position on the collection of contingency fees, bonus commissions or other income that is not directly related to the delivery of services on this Project.
3. Confirm that the Proposer's sole remuneration for its services shall be as set forth in the contract between Proposer and the Authority, and that Proposer will not receive referral fees, placement fees, commissions, or other compensation from third parties in connection with the performance of the services required by this RFQ/RFP.
4. Identify the costs, fees, or other compensation anticipated to be paid from the Proposer's compensation to any other joint venture partner, subconsultant, or unaffiliated person, institutions, organizations, associations or groups in furthering the Proposer's work as employment services assistant. Proposer shall not pay from its compensation, any fees, costs or other compensation to any group, institution, or organization affiliated with the Proposer including, without limitation, any person, group, institution, or organization owned in whole or in part by the Proposer, or the Proposer's officers, directors, shareholders, members, or owners.
5. Part of Proposer's proposed compensation **could be performance based**, Proposer must explain its performance compensation proposal in detail, how it would be measured and verified, and whether it would be tied to the amount of actual hours worked.

D. Proposed Terms and Conditions of Engagement

It is anticipates that the proposed terms set forth in **Exhibit G** will be used in the contract for this engagement. Accordingly, the Proposer must identify any and all essential changes the Proposer would require to the proposed terms set forth in **Exhibit G**, which changes will be evaluated during discussions and negotiations. Failure to request a change prior to discussions and negotiations will preclude the Proposer from later requesting negotiation or changes.

EXHIBIT B

NEW MINNESOTA MULTI PURPOSE STADIUM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ATTESTATION FORM

(To Be Submitted With Indication of Interest and Qualifications)

In submitting these Qualifications for Employment Assistance Firm Services the undersigned has certified that the Proposer has reviewed the Request for Proposals for Employment Assistance Firm (“RFP”) dated October __, 2015 and is familiar with the terms and conditions therein and accepts and waives any protest of the terms and conditions imposed under the RFP and all documents identified therein. The Proposer hereby agrees to handle any and all information provided with this RFP and/or received from the Authority, Team or Third Part Operator on a confidential basis.

The Proposer understands the Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in accordance with the Authority’s best interest. The Proposer submitting a response does so at its own expense.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Proposer’s Name _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Witness: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Date: _____

Note: Use full corporate name and attach corporate seal, if any, here. {SEAL}

EXHIBIT C
CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT
(To Be Included Submitted With Indication of Interest and Qualifications)

This Confidentiality Agreement (the "Agreement") made and entered to as of the _____ day of _____, 2015, by and between the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority ("Authority") and _____ ("Employment Assistance Firm") in connection with the certain operating services at U.S. Bank Stadium (the "Project"). For purposes of this Agreement, Minnesota Vikings Football, LLC is hereinafter referred to as the "Team". SMG is referred to as "Third Party Operator." The Authority, Team, and Third Party Operator, and each of their respective subsidiaries and affiliates are hereafter referred to individually or collectively as "Project Participants".

The Authority is considering or has retained the Employment Assistance Firm to assist in consulting or working on the Project. Because the Employment Assistance Firm may have access to confidential and proprietary information of the Authority, Team or Third Party Operator as a result of the Project, the Employment Assistance Firm agrees that its access to and/or receipt of the Confidential Information (as hereinafter defined) will be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. For purposes of this Agreement, "Confidential Information" means any and all information accessed, received, obtained or otherwise learned about the Project Participants as a result of the Project, and/or any other information whether or not designated as Confidential Information by the Project Participants. Notwithstanding the above, Confidential Information will not include any information that (a) is or becomes public knowledge other than by the Employment Assistance Firm's act or omission or (b) is or becomes available to without obligation of confidence from a source (other than the Project Participants) having the legal right to disclose that information.

1. Without the prior written consent of the Project Participants, which may be given or withheld in their sole and absolute discretion, the Employment Assistance Firm will (a) not disclose any Confidential Information to any third party nor give any third party access thereto, and (b) only disclose the Confidential Information to those of its employees or agents who need to know such information for purposes of completing the Project and who are bound by confidentiality obligations no less restrictive than this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, any disclosure by the Project Participants of work product received from the Employment Assistance Firm shall not be considered a breach of this Agreement.

1. The Employment Assistance Firm will use at least the same degree of care to avoid the publication, disclosure, reproduction or other dissemination of the Confidential Information as employed with respect to its own valuable, proprietary information which it protects from unauthorized publication, disclosure, reproduction or other dissemination and in no event shall the Employment Assistance Firm use less than reasonable care.

1. If the Employment Assistance Firm receives notice that it may be required or ordered to disclose any Confidential Information in connection with legal proceedings or pursuant to a subpoena, order or a requirement or an official request issued by a court of competent jurisdiction or by a judicial, administrative, legislative, regulatory or self-regulating authority or body, the Employment Assistance Firm shall (a) first give written notice of the intended disclosure to the Project Participants as far in advance of disclosure as is practicable and in any case within a reasonable time prior to the time when disclosure is to be made, (b) consult with the Project Participants on the advisability of taking steps to resist or narrow such request and (c) if disclosure is required or deemed advisable, cooperate with the Project Participants in any attempt made to obtain an order or other reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded to designated portions of the Confidential Information or that the Confidential Information will otherwise be held in the strictest confidence to the fullest extent permitted under the laws, rules or regulations of any other applicable governing body.

1. The Employment Assistance Firm acknowledges that the unauthorized disclosure or use of Confidential Information could cause irreparable harm and significant injury, the precise measure of which may be difficult to ascertain. Accordingly, the Employment Assistance Firm agrees that the Project Participants will be entitled to specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief, without bond, as a remedy for any such breach or threatened breach, in addition to all other rights and remedies to which the Project Participants may have. The Employment Assistance Firm will, except to the extent inconsistent with (a) its use in connection with legal proceedings or (b) applicable law, regulations, rules or official requests, at the Authority's election, destroy or return to the Project Participants any tangible copies of the Confidential Information and permanently delete all electronic copies of the Confidential Information in its possession or control, if any, at the earlier of the request of the Project Participants or the completion of the Project and will certify in writing to the Project Participants that it has completed the foregoing.

1. In the event of any litigation between the Project Participants and the Employment Assistance Firm in connection with this Confidentiality Agreement, the unsuccessful party to such litigation will pay to the successful party therein all costs and expenses, including but not limited to actual attorneys' fees incurred therein by such successful party, which costs, expenses and attorneys' fees shall be included as a part of any judgment rendered in such action in addition to any other relief to which the successful party may be entitled.

1. All references to the Employment Assistance Firm herein also include any of its officers, directors, employees, attorneys, agents, professional advisors and independent contractors and any person, corporation, partnership or other entity which, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the undersigned. This Agreement supersedes all previous agreements, written or oral, relating to the above subject matter, and may be modified only by a written instrument duly executed by the parties hereto. All clauses and covenants contained in this Agreement are severable and in the event any of them is held to be invalid by any court, this Agreement will be interpreted as if such invalid clauses and covenants were not contained herein. The Employment Assistance Firm represents and warrants that it has the right and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement. This Agreement may not be assigned without the Project Participants' prior written consent (in their sole discretion). This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Minnesota, USA, without regard to its principles of conflicts of laws. None of the provisions of this Agreement can be waived or modified except expressly in writing by the parties hereto.

Dated and effective this _____ day of _____, 2015

("Authority")

("Employment Assistance Firm")

(If Employment Assistance Firm is a corporation, complete below)

By: _____

Title: _____

Attest: _____

Title: _____

(if applicable)

Exhibit D

Hiring and Employment Principles

See attached plan labeled:

Equity Plan

The Equity Plan for “Stadium Operations” to include “Concessions” is currently in development. This plan will outline the targets for workforce integration of minorities, women and veterans. Specifically, the plan will provide “goals” or “targets” of these underutilized groups. The EAF will work in tandem with the stadium operator, concessionaire and the MSFA in the development of this document. The immediate expectation for the EAF will be to respond to the initial Request for Services, which will include but not be limited to conducting job/career fair(s) and other outreach, assessment and workforce maintenance activities.

EXHIBIT E

NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT

STATE OF _____

CITY/COUNTY OF _____

_____ being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is

Title of Person Signing
of _____

Name of Proposer

that all statements made and facts set out in the proposal for the above project are true and correct; and the bidder (The person, firm, association, or corporation making said bid) has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with said bid or any contract which may result from its acceptance.

Affiant further certifies that proposer is not financially interested in, or financially affiliated with, any other proposer for the above project.

BY _____

ITS _____

SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____ 20 ____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____

EXHIBIT F

State Of Minnesota – Affirmative Action Data Page (For responses in excess of \$100,000 only)

If your response to this solicitation is in excess of \$100,000, please complete the information requested below to determine whether you are subject to the Minnesota Human Rights Act (Minnesota Statutes 363.073) certification requirement, and to provide documentation of compliance if necessary. *It is your sole responsibility to provide this information and—if required—to apply for Human Rights certification prior to the due date and time of the bid or proposal and to obtain Human Rights certification prior to the execution of the contract.*

How to determine which boxes to complete on this form:

A.	Then you must complete these boxes...			
	BOX A	BOX B	BOX C	BOX D
On any single working day within the past 12 months, if your company...				
Employed more than 40 full-time employees in Minnesota	•			•
Did not employ more than 40 full-time employees in Minnesota, but did employ more than 40 full-time employees in the state where you have your primary place of business		•		•
Did not employ more than 40 full-time employees in Minnesota or in the state where you have your primary place of business.			•	•

B. **BOX A – For companies which have employed more than 40 full-time employees within Minnesota on any single working day during the previous 12 months**

Your response will be rejected unless your business:

Has a current Certificate of Compliance issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)

–or–

Has submitted an affirmative action plan to the MDHR, which the Department received prior to the date and time the responses are due.

Check one of the following statements if you have employed more than 40 full-time employees in Minnesota on any single working day during the previous 12 months:

We have a current Certificate of Compliance issued by the MDHR. **Proceed to BOX D.** Include a copy of your certificate with your response.

- We do not have a current Certificate of Compliance. However, we submitted an Affirmative Action Plan to the MDHR for approval, which the Department received on _____ (date) at _____ (time). [If you do not know when the Department received your Plan, contact the Department.] We acknowledge that the plan must be approved by the MDHR before any contract or agreement can be executed. **Proceed to BOX D.**
- We do not have a Certificate of Compliance, nor has the MDHR received an Affirmative Action Plan from our company. *We acknowledge that our response will be rejected.* **Proceed to BOX D. Call the Minnesota Department of Human Rights for assistance.**

Please note: Certificates of Compliance must be issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. Affirmative Action Plans approved by the Federal government, a county, or a municipality must still be reviewed and approved by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights before a certificate can be issued.

BOX B – For companies which *have not* had more than 40 full-time employees in Minnesota but *have* employed more than 40 full-time employees on any single working day during the previous 12 months in the state where they have their primary place of business

You may achieve compliance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act by certifying that you are in compliance with applicable Federal Affirmative Action requirements.

Check one of the following statements if you have not employed more than 40 full-time employees in Minnesota but you have employed more than 40 full-time employees on any single working day during the previous 12 months in the state where you have your primary place of business:

- We are not subject to Federal Affirmative Action requirements. **Proceed to BOX D.**
- We are subject to Federal Affirmative Action requirements, and we are in compliance with those requirements. **Proceed to BOX D.**

BOX C – For those companies not described in BOX A or BOX B

Check below. You are not subject to the Minnesota Human Rights Act certification requirement.

- We have not employed more than 40 full-time employees on any single working day in Minnesota or in the state of our primary place of business within the previous 12 months. **Proceed to BOX D**

BOX D – For all companies

By signing this statement, you certify that the information provided is accurate and that you are authorized to sign on behalf of the responder.

Name of Company: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____ Telephone number: _____

For further information regarding Minnesota Human Rights Act requirements, contact:

Minnesota Department of Human Rights, Compliance Services Section

Mail: 190 East 5th Street, Suite 700
St. Paul, MN 55101

Website: www.humanrights.state.mn.us
Email: employerinfo@therightsplace.net

Metro: (651) 296-5663
Toll Free: 800-657-3704
Fax: (651) 296-9042
TTY: (651) 296-1283