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**RE: Addendum #1 to the
Department of Homeless Services
Meal Program Request for
Proposals
EPIN: 07117P0003**

Dear Prospective Proposer:

The Department of Social Services and The Department of Homeless Services (“DSS/DHS”) appreciates your interest in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for The Department of Homeless Services Meal Program, issued on December 27, 2018.

Please find attached Addendum #1 for the above referenced RFP. Addendum #1 contains:

- **Revisions to the RFP:** Attached to this Addendum as Attachment A are revisions to the Department of Homeless Services Meal Program Request for Proposals (RFP). All new language is **bolded and underlined. Language that is crossed out is being deleted from the RFP.**
- **Revised Attachment F:** Attached to this Addendum as Attachment B is, Revised Attachment F, Schedule B – M/WBE Utilization Plan, to the RFP.
- **Notice to All Prospective Contractors:** Attached to this Addendum as Attachment C is Attachment AA, Notice to All Prospective Contractors, to the RFP.


Please acknowledge your receipt of Addendum #1 by listing it on the Acknowledgement of Addenda (Attachment C of the RFP package) and include it in your proposal submission.

Proposers are reminded that they must hand deliver their proposals by **February 1, 2019 at 2:00 PM to:**

NYC Department of Social Services
Office of Contracts – Attention RFP Unit
150 Greenwich Street (4 World Trade Center), 37th floor – BID Window
New York, NY 10007

Please note when bringing your proposal package to the building for submission, the package must be screened **through** the messenger portal in the lobby. Please allow additional time for the screening process.

Sincerely,



Vincent Pullo

Attachment A

Revisions to the Department of Homeless Services Meal Program RFP EPIN: 07117P0003

Please be advised that the subject Request for Proposals is described below. All new language **is bolded and underlined**. Language that is crossed out is being deleted from the Request for Proposals.

- Page 1, Table of Contents is revised as follows:

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- Page 8, Section C. Meal Specifications, ii., is revised as follows:
 - ii. The agency reserves the right to request updated menus **and nutritional information** if/when updated standards are released. All poultry served must be antibiotic free. The contractor must be capable of providing allergen-free options or alternative meals upon request.

- Page 8, Section C. Meal Specifications, iii., is revised as follows:
 - iii. Gluten containing products would be replaced with a food item that contains similar nutrients or gluten free products~~.~~

- Page 8, Section C. Meal Specifications, vi., is revised as follows:
 - vi. The contractor should be capable of providing ~~kosher, halal, vegetarian, and vegan~~ **vegan, vegetarian, halal, kosher, gluten-free, pureed food, renal for dialysis, heart-healthy low sodium/fat and carbohydrate controlled** options upon request (“Special Meals”). Kosher, halal, vegetarian, and vegan must meet New York City Food Standards (Attachment M), and the U.S Department of Agriculture Dietary Guidelines (<https://health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015/guidelines/>).

- Page 9, D. Schedule of Deliveries, iv., is revised as follows:
 - D. Schedule of Deliveries
 - i. If hot meals are served, they must be delivered, at most, sixty (60) minutes prior to the beginning of the scheduled serving period of each meal, as specified by the location attached hereto and made part hereof; or as may be otherwise specifically requested, in order to keep the food warm and reduce heating time.
 - ii. The delivery time, provided may be modified at the discretion and approval of the Program Director or designee and upon twenty-four (24) hours advance notice to the contractor.
 - iii. Upon approval of the Program Director and Contract Manager, contractor may be required to make more than one delivery within 24 hours or deliver more than one meal at a time to the shelter location(s) at no additional cost.
 - iv. The contractor would be given a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours advance notice in the event the Department requests a multiple meal delivery, except during inclement weather or emergency. The contractor would make the multiple meal delivery at most ~~sixty (60) minutes~~ **two (2) hours** prior to the beginning of the scheduled serving period of the first meal of that delivery. Delivery at any other time or partial delivery of multiple meals (i.e.; delivery of breakfast and lunch without dinner) would be constructed as lateness because of the Department’s expectation of delivery of the entire multiple meal order and liquidated damages would be charged in accordance with Section III (p) “Late Delivery,” of these specifications.
 - v. In addition to the above delivery specifications, contractors may be required to deliver additional meals or make multiple deliveries during inclement weather emergencies.**
 - vi. Only designated shelter program employee(s) on duty at the shelter sites would be authorized to accept the contractor’s delivery. At the time of each delivery, the contractor would provide the DHS Shelter employee accepting delivery with an itemized receipt, specifying the date, and the time of the exact items delivered. Both parties to the delivery must sign the receipt. The agency and shelter program employees reserve the right to verify quantities and quality (temperature, appearance) delivered before

signing-off on the delivery receipt. The agency and shelter program employees also reserve the right to inspect and reject substandard meals delivered to any location within reasonable time of such. Upon award of the contract, the contractor would be informed of the staff members authorized to accept food deliveries at each Shelter site.

- vii. If there are no standing meals orders, designated shelter staff would call the contractor to inform them, prior to the delivery of each meal, the number of meals required. The calls would be made at least four hours (4) prior to the scheduled serving of each meal as specified by the location.
- viii. No payments would be approved for any items delivered without Program Director or his/her designee's and the Contract Manager's authorization.

ix. Meals will be delivered to the kitchen or preparation area designated by DHS shelter staff.

- Page 12, G. Competition Pools, c. Medically Prescribed Diet Meals – Low Sodium Carbohydrate Controlled Meals; Renal for Dialysis Meals, Gluten Free, and Pureed Meals:, ii., is revised as follows:

- ii. For medically prescribed diet meals, the contractor should be capable of providing **the following meals**: carbohydrate controlled and Heart Healthy (low sodium and low fat) meals, Heart Healthy, carbohydrate controlled renal for dialysis meals, **gluten free** and pureed meals. Carbohydrate controlled heart healthy meals should emphasize protein and vegetables with smaller amounts of high-fiber, starchy carbohydrates and fruit (including whole grains and beans, and fresh fruit or canned fruit without added sugar). Each meal should provide 60-75 grams of carbohydrates per meal, < 500 mg Na per meal (including milk and snack), < 6% kcal from saturated fat and < 30% kcal for total fat. Carbohydrate controlled renal dialysis meals should provide the following per day- 60-75 gm carbohydrates per meal, < 2300 mg Na, <2300 mg potassium, <1200 mg phosphorus and > 100 gm of protein per day. Unless otherwise specified, medically prescribed meals should be compliant with New York City Food Standards (Attachment M), the U.S Department of Agriculture Dietary Guidelines (<https://health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015/guidelines/>) and The Institute of Medicine (IOM) Dietary Reference Intake (Attachment N) for all micro and macro nutrients not defined in the NYC food standards and Dietary Guidelines. Gluten free meals would provide nutritious, balanced, gluten free meals meeting the New York City Food Standards (Attachment M), the U.S Department of Agriculture Dietary Guidelines (<https://health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015/guidelines/>) and The Institute of Medicine (IOM) Dietary Reference Intake (Attachment N) for all micro and macro nutrients not defined in the NYC food standards and Dietary Guidelines. Food items with comparable nutrient composition must be used as substitutes for food items that contain gluten.

- Page 18, R. Participation by Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise in City Procurement, i. is revised as follows:

- i. If the contract resulting from this Request for Proposals will be subject to M/WBE participation requirements under Section 6-129 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, as indicated by the inclusion of Schedule B- M/WBE Utilization Plan (Attachment F) and the Participation Goals indicated in Part I thereof, proposers must complete the Schedule B- M/WBE Utilization Plan and submit it with their proposal. Please refer to the Schedule B-M/WBE Utilization Plan and the Notice to All Prospective Contractors (~~Appendix C~~) (**Attachment AA**) for information on the M/WBE requirements established for this solicitation and instructions on how to complete the required forms. If the proposer intends to seek a full or partial waiver of the Participation Goals on the grounds described in Section 10 of the Notice to all Prospective Contractors, including but not limited to, the proposer's intention to use its own forces to perform any or all of the required contract work would result in a

failure to attain the Participation Goals, the proposer must request and obtain from the Agency a full or partial waiver of the Participation Goals (M/WBE utilization plan, Part III) in advance of proposal submission and submit the waiver determination with the proposal. Please note that if a partial waiver is obtained, the proposer is required to submit a completed Schedule B-M/WBE Utilization Plan based on the revised Participation Goals in order to be found responsive.

- Attachment F, Schedule B – M/WBE Utilization Plan, is revised as follows:

Email: ~~akumab@dss.nyc.gov~~ **MWBE@dss.nyc.gov**

Attachment B

Revised Attachment F, Schedule B – M/WBE Utilization Plan

Tax ID #: _____

APT E- 07117P0003
 PIN #: _____

SCHEDULE B – M/WBE Utilization Plan

Part I: M/WBE Participation Goals

Part I to be completed by contracting agency

Contract Overview

APT E- Pin # 07117P0003 FMS Project ID#: _____
 Project Title/ Agency PIN # Department of Homeless Services Meal Program RFP
 Bid/Proposal Response Date _____
 Contracting Agency Department of Homeless Services
 Agency Address 150 Greenwich Street City New York State NY Zip Code 10007
 Contact Person Bobby Akumah Title Associate M/WBE Officer
 Telephone # 929-221-6381 Email MWBE@dss.nyc.gov

Project Description *(attach additional pages if necessary)*

This Request for Proposals is needed to identify qualified vendors specializing in delivery of prepared meals and capable of operating in a twenty four hour, seven day a week setting to furnish all labor, materials and equipment necessary for the provision of food services to DHS shelters citywide.

M/WBE Participation Goals for Services

Enter the percentage amount for each group or for an unspecified goal. Please note that there are no goals for Asian Americans in Professional Services.

Prime Contract Industry: _____

Group	Percentage
<u>Unspecified</u>	<u>30%</u>
or	
Black American	%
Hispanic American	%
Asian American	%
Women	%
Total Participation Goals	% Line 1

SCHEDULE B - Part II: M/WBE Participation Plan

Part II to be completed by the bidder/proposer.

Please note: For Non-M/WBE Prime Contractors who will NOT subcontract any services and will self-perform the entire contract, you must obtain a FULL waiver by completing the Waiver Application on pages 5 and 6 and timely submitting it to the contracting agency pursuant to the Notice to Prospective Contractors. Once a FULL WAIVER is granted, it must be included with your bid or proposal and you do not have to complete or submit this form with your bid or proposal.

Section I: Prime Contractor Contact Information	
Tax ID # _____	FMS Vendor ID # _____
Business Name _____	Contact Person _____
Address _____	
Telephone # _____	Email _____

Section II: M/WBE Utilization Goal Calculation: Check the applicable box and complete subsection.

PRIME CONTRACTOR ADOPTING AGENCY M/WBE PARTICIPATION GOALS

<input type="checkbox"/> For Prime Contractors (including Qualified Joint Ventures and M/WBE firms) adopting Agency M/WBE Participation Goals. Calculate the total dollar value of your total bid that you agree will be awarded to M/WBE subcontractors for services and/or credited to an M/WBE prime contractor or Qualified Joint Venture. Please review the Notice to Prospective Contractors for more information on how to obtain credit for M/WBE participation.	Total Bid/Proposal Value		Agency Total Participation Goals (Line 1, Page 1)		Calculated M/WBE Participation Amount
	\$	X		=	\$ Line 2

PRIME CONTRACTOR OBTAINED PARTIAL WAIVER APPROVAL: ADOPTING MODIFIED M/WBE PARTICIPATION GOALS

<input type="checkbox"/> For Prime Contractors (including Qualified Joint Ventures and M/WBE firms) adopting Modified M/WBE Participation Goals. Calculate the total dollar value of your total bid that you agree will be awarded to M/WBE subcontractors for services and/or credited to an M/WBE prime contractor or Qualified Joint Venture. Please review the Notice to Prospective Contractors for more information on how to obtain credit for M/WBE participation.	Total Bid/Proposal Value		Adjusted Participation Goal (From Partial Waiver)		Calculated M/WBE Participation Amount
	\$	X		=	\$ Line 3

Section III: M/WBE Utilization Plan: How Proposer/Bidder Will Fulfill M/WBE Participation Goals. Please review the Notice to Prospective Contractors for more information on how to obtain credit for M/WBE participation. Check applicable box. The Proposer or Bidder will fulfill the M/WBE Participation Goals:

As an M/WBE Prime Contractor that will self-perform and/or subcontract to other M/WBE firms a portion of the contract the value of which is at least the amount located on Lines 2 or 3 above, as applicable. The value of any work subcontracted to non-M/WBE firms will not be credited towards fulfillment of M/WBE Participation Goals. Please check all that apply to Prime Contractor:

MBE WBE

As a Qualified Joint Venture with an M/WBE partner, in which the value of the M/WBE partner's participation and/or the value of any work subcontracted to other M/WBE firms is at least the amount located on Lines 2 or 3 above, as applicable. The value of any work subcontracted to non M/WBE firms will not be credited towards fulfillment of M/WBE Participation Goals.

As a non M/WBE Prime Contractor that will enter into subcontracts with M/WBE firms the value of which is at least the amount located on Lines 2 or 3 above, as applicable.

Section IV: General Contract Information

What is the expected percentage of the total contract dollar value that you expect to award in subcontracts for services, regardless of M/WBE status? % _____

Enter brief description of the type(s) and dollar value of subcontracts for all/any services you plan on subcontracting if awarded this contract. For each item, indicate whether the work is designated for participation by MBEs and/or WBEs and the time frame in which such work is scheduled to begin and end. Use additional sheets if necessary.

✓ Scopes of Subcontract Work

1. _____
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17. _____

Section V: Vendor Certification and Required Affirmations

I hereby:

- 1) acknowledge my understanding of the M/WBE participation requirements as set forth herein and the pertinent provisions of Section 6-129 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York ("Section 6-129"), and the rules promulgated thereunder;*
- 2) affirm that the information supplied in support of this M/WBE Utilization Plan is true and correct;*
- 3) agree, if awarded this Contract, to comply with the M/WBE participation requirements of this Contract, the pertinent provisions of Section 6-129, and the rules promulgated thereunder, all of which shall be deemed to be material terms of this Contract;*
- 4) agree and affirm that it is a material term of this Contract that the Vendor will award the total dollar value of the M/WBE Participation Goals to certified MBEs and/or WBEs, unless a full waiver is obtained or such goals are modified by the Agency; and*
- 5) agree and affirm, if awarded this Contract, to make all reasonable, good faith efforts to meet the M/WBE Participation Goals, or If a partial waiver is obtained or such goals are modified by the Agency, to meet the modified Participation Goals by soliciting and obtaining the participation of certified MBE and/or WBE firms.*

Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Title _____

SCHEDULE B – PART III – REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF M/WBE PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT

Contract Overview			
Tax ID #	_____	FMS Vendor ID #	_____
Business Name	_____		
Contact Name	_____	Telephone #	_____
		Email	_____
Type of Procurement	<input type="checkbox"/> Competitive Sealed Bids	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Bid/Response Due Date _____
APT E-PIN # (for this procurement):	_____		
07117P0003	Contracting Agency: _____		

M/WBE Participation Goals as described in bid/solicitation documents

30% Agency M/WBE Participation Goal

Proposed M/WBE Participation Goal as anticipated by vendor seeking waiver

 % of the total contract value anticipated **in good faith** by the bidder/proposer to be subcontracted for services and/or credited to an M/WBE Prime Contractor or Qualified Joint Venture.

Basis for Waiver Request: Check appropriate box & explain in detail below (attach additional pages if needed)

- Vendor does not subcontract services, and has the capacity and good faith intention to perform all such work itself with its own employees.

- Vendor subcontracts *some* of this type of work but at a *lower* % than bid/solicitation describes, and has the capacity and good faith intention to do so on this contract. (Attach subcontracting plan outlining services that the vendor will self-perform and subcontract to other vendors or consultants.)

- Vendor has other legitimate business reasons for proposing the M/WBE Participation Goal above. Explain under separate cover.

References
List 3 most recent contracts performed for NYC agencies (if any). Include information for each subcontract awarded in performance of such contracts. Add more pages if necessary.

CONTRACT NO.	AGENCY	DATE COMPLETED
Total Contract Amount \$ _____	Total Amount Subcontracted \$ _____	_____
Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____
CONTRACT NO. _____	AGENCY _____	DATE COMPLETED _____
Total Contract Amount \$ _____	Total Amount Subcontracted \$ _____	_____
Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____
CONTRACT NO. _____	AGENCY _____	DATE COMPLETED _____
Total Contract Amount \$ _____	Total Amount Subcontracted \$ _____	_____
Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____

List 3 most recent contracts performed for other entities. Include information for each subcontract awarded in performance of such contracts. Add more pages if necessary.

(Complete ONLY if vendor has performed fewer than 3 New York City contracts.)

TYPE OF Contract	_____	ENTITY	_____	DATE COMPLETED	_____
Manager at entity that hired vendor (Name/Phone No./Email)					
Total Contract Amount	\$ _____	Total Amount Subcontracted	\$ _____		
Type of Work Subcontracted	_____		_____		_____

TYPE OF Contract	_____	AGENCY/ENTITY	_____	DATE COMPLETED	_____
Manager at agency/entity that hired vendor (Name/Phone No./Email)					
Total Contract Amount	\$ _____	Total Amount Subcontracted	\$ _____		
Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract	_____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract	_____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract	_____

TYPE OF Contract	_____	AGENCY/ENTITY	_____	DATE COMPLETED	_____
Manager at entity that hired vendor (Name/Phone No./Email)					
Total Contract Amount	\$ _____	Total Amount Subcontracted	\$ _____		
Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract	_____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract	_____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract	_____

VENDOR CERTIFICATION: I hereby affirm that the information supplied in support of this waiver request is true and correct, and that this request is made in good faith.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Shaded area below is for agency completion only

AGENCY CHIEF CONTRACTING OFFICER APPROVAL

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

CITY CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER APPROVAL

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Waiver Determination

Full Waiver Approved:

Waiver Denied:

Partial Waiver Approved:

Revised Participation Goal: _____%

Attachment C

Attachment AA - Notice to All Prospective Contractors

NOTICE TO ALL PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS
PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY-OWNED AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES IN CITY PROCUREMENT

ARTICLE I. M/WBE PROGRAM

Local Law No. 129 of 2005 added and Local Law 1 of 2013 amended Section 6-129 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York (hereinafter “Section 6-129”). Section 6-129 establishes the program for participation in City procurement (“M/WBE Program”) by minority-owned business enterprises (“MBEs”) and women-owned business enterprises (“WBEs”), certified in accordance with Section 1304 of the New York City Charter. As stated in Section 6-129, the intent of the program is to address the impact of discrimination on the City’s procurement process, and to promote the public interest in avoiding fraud and favoritism in the procurement process, increasing competition for City business, and lowering contract costs. The contract provisions contained herein are pursuant to Section 6-129, and the rules of the Department of Small Business Services (“DSBS”) promulgated thereunder.

If this Contract is subject to the M/WBE Program established by Section 6-129, the specific requirements of MBE and/or WBE participation for this Contract are set forth in Schedule B of the Contract (entitled the “M/WBE Utilization Plan”), and are detailed below.

The Contractor must comply with all applicable MBE and WBE requirements for this Contract.

All provisions of Section 6-129 are hereby incorporated in the Contract by reference and all terms used herein that are not defined herein shall have the meanings given such terms in Section 6-129.

Article I, Part A, below, sets forth provisions related to the participation goals for construction, standard and professional services contracts.

Article I, Part B, below, sets forth miscellaneous provisions related to the M/WBE Program.

PART A

PARTICIPATION GOALS FOR CONSTRUCTION, STANDARD
AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS OR TASK ORDERS

1. The **MBE and/or WBE Participation Goals** established for this Contract or Task Orders issued pursuant to this Contract, (“**Participation Goals**”), as applicable, are set forth on Schedule B, Part I to this Contract (see Page 1, line 1 Total Participation Goals) or will be set forth on Schedule B, Part I to Task Orders issued pursuant to this Contract, as applicable.

The **Participation Goals** represent a percentage of the total dollar value of the Contract or Task Order, as applicable, that may be achieved by awarding subcontracts to firms certified with New York City Department of Small Business Services as MBEs and/or WBEs, and/or by crediting the participation of prime contractors and/or qualified joint ventures as provided in Section 3 below, unless the goals have been waived or modified by Agency in accordance with Section 6-129 and Part A, Sections 10 and 11 below, respectively.

2. If **Participation Goals** have been established for this Contract or Task Orders issued pursuant to this Contract, Contractor agrees or shall agree as a material term of the Contract that Contractor shall be subject to the **Participation Goals**, unless the goals are waived or modified by Agency in accordance with Section 6-129 and Part A, Sections 10 and 11 below, respectively.

3. If **Participation Goals** have been established for this Contract or Task Order issued pursuant to this Contract, a Contractor that is an MBE and/or WBE shall be permitted to count its own participation toward fulfillment of the relevant **Participation Goal**, provided that in accordance with Section 6-129 the value of Contractor's participation shall be determined by subtracting from the total value of the Contract or Task Order, as applicable, any amounts that the Contractor pays to direct subcontractors (as defined in Section 6-129(c)(13)), and provided further that a Contractor that is certified as both an MBE and a WBE may count its own participation either toward the goal for MBEs or the goal for WBEs, but not both.

A Contractor that is a qualified joint venture (as defined in Section 6-129(c)(30)) shall be permitted to count a percentage of its own participation toward fulfillment of the relevant **Participation Goal**. In accordance with Section 6-129, the value of Contractor's participation shall be determined by subtracting from the total value of the Contract or Task Order, as applicable, any amounts that Contractor pays to direct subcontractors, and then multiplying the remainder by the percentage to be applied to total profit to determine the amount to which an MBE or WBE is entitled pursuant to the joint venture agreement, provided that where a participant in a joint venture is certified as both an MBE and a WBE, such amount shall be counted either toward the goal for MBEs or the goal for WBEs, but not both.

4. A. If **Participation Goals** have been established for this Contract, a prospective contractor shall be required to submit with its bid or proposal, as applicable, a completed Schedule B, M/WBE Utilization Plan, Part II (see Pages 2-4) indicating: (a) whether the contractor is an MBE or WBE, or qualified joint venture; (b) the percentage of work it intends to award to direct subcontractors; and (c) in cases where the contractor intends to award direct subcontracts, a description of the type and dollar value of work designated for participation by MBEs and/or WBEs, and the time frames in which such work is scheduled to begin and end. In the event that this M/WBE Utilization Plan indicates that the bidder or proposer, as applicable, does not intend to meet the **Participation Goals**, the bid or proposal, as applicable, shall be deemed non-responsive, unless Agency has granted the bidder or proposer, as applicable, a pre-award waiver of the **Participation Goals** in accordance with Section 6-129 and Part A, Section 10 below.

B. (i) If this Contract is for a master services agreement or other requirements type contract that will result in the issuance of Task Orders that will be individually registered ("Master Services Agreement") and is subject to M/WBE **Participation Goals**, a prospective

contractor shall be required to submit with its bid or proposal, as applicable, a completed Schedule B, M/WBE Participation Requirements for Master Services Agreements That Will Require Individually Registered Task Orders, Part II (page 2) indicating the prospective contractor's certification and required affirmations to make all reasonable good faith efforts to meet participation goals established on each individual Task Order issued pursuant to this Contract, or if a partial waiver is obtained or such goals are modified by the Agency, to meet the modified **Participation Goals** by soliciting and obtaining the participation of certified MBE and/or WBE firms. In the event that the Schedule B indicates that the bidder or proposer, as applicable, does not intend to meet the **Participation Goals** that may be established on Task Orders issued pursuant to this Contract, the bid or proposal, as applicable, shall be deemed non-responsive.

(ii) **Participation Goals** on a Master Services Agreement will be established for individual Task Orders issued after the Master Services Agreement is awarded. If **Participation Goals** have been established on a Task Order, a contractor shall be required to submit a Schedule B – M/WBE Utilization Plan For Independently Registered Task Orders That Are Issued Pursuant to Master Services Agreements, Part II (see Pages 2-4) indicating: (a) whether the contractor is an MBE or WBE, or qualified joint venture; (b) the percentage of work it intends to award to direct subcontractors; and (c) in cases where the contractor intends to award direct subcontracts, a description of the type and dollar value of work designated for participation by MBEs and/or WBEs, and the time frames in which such work is scheduled to begin and end. The contractor must engage in good faith efforts to meet the **Participation Goals** as established for the Task Order unless Agency has granted the contractor a pre-award waiver of the **Participation Goals** in accordance with Section 6-129 and Part A, Section 10 below.

C. THE BIDDER/PROPOSER MUST COMPLETE THE SCHEDULE B INCLUDED HEREIN (SCHEDULE B, PART II). A SCHEDULE B SUBMITTED BY THE BIDDER/PROPOSER WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE THE VENDOR CERTIFICATION AND REQUIRED AFFIRMATIONS (SEE SECTION V OF PART II) WILL BE DEEMED TO BE NON-RESPONSIVE, UNLESS A FULL WAIVER OF THE PARTICIPATION GOALS IS GRANTED (SCHEDULE B, PART III). IN THE EVENT THAT THE CITY DETERMINES THAT THE BIDDER/PROPOSER HAS SUBMITTED A SCHEDULE B WHERE THE VENDOR CERTIFICATION AND REQUIRED AFFIRMATIONS ARE COMPLETED BUT OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SCHEDULE B ARE NOT COMPLETE, OR CONTAIN A COPY OR COMPUTATION ERROR THAT IS AT ODDS WITH THE VENDOR CERTIFICATION AND AFFIRMATIONS, THE BIDDER/PROPOSER WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THE AGENCY AND WILL BE GIVEN FOUR (4) CALENDAR DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION TO CURE THE SPECIFIED DEFICIENCIES AND RETURN A COMPLETED SCHEDULE B TO THE AGENCY. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT THE BID/PROPOSAL IS NON-RESPONSIVE. RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION IS DEFINED AS THE DATE NOTICE IS E-MAILED OR FAXED (IF THE BIDDER/PROPOSER HAS PROVIDED AN E-MAIL ADDRESS OR FAX NUMBER), OR NO LATER THAN FIVE (5) CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MAILING OR UPON DELIVERY, IF DELIVERED.

5. Where an M/WBE Utilization Plan has been submitted, the Contractor shall, within 30 days of issuance by Agency of a notice to proceed, submit a list of proposed persons or entities to which it intends to award subcontracts within the subsequent 12 months. In the case of multi-year contracts, such list shall also be submitted every year thereafter. The Agency may also require the Contractor to report periodically about the contracts awarded by its direct

subcontractors to indirect subcontractors (as defined in Section 6-129(c)(22)). **PLEASE NOTE: If this Contract is a public works project subject to GML §101(5) (i.e., a contract valued at or below \$3M for projects in New York City) or if the Contract is subject to a project labor agreement in accordance with Labor Law §222, and the bidder is required to identify at the time of bid submission its intended subcontractors for the Wicks trades (plumbing and gas fitting; steam heating, hot water heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC); and electric wiring), the Contractor must identify all those to which it intends to award construction subcontracts for any portion of the Wicks trade work at the time of bid submission, regardless of what point in the life of the contract such subcontracts will occur. In identifying intended subcontractors in the bid submission, bidders may satisfy any Participation Goals established for this Contract by proposing one or more subcontractors that are MBEs and/or WBEs for any portion of the Wicks trade work.** In the event that the Contractor's selection of a subcontractor is disapproved, the Contractor shall have a reasonable time to propose alternate subcontractors.

6. MBE and WBE firms must be certified by DSBS in order for the Contractor to credit such firms' participation toward the attainment of the **Participation Goals**. Such certification must occur prior to the firms' commencement of work. A list of MBE and WBE firms may be obtained from the DSBS website at www.nyc.gov/buycertified, by emailing DSBS at buyer@sbs.nyc.gov, by calling (212) 513-6356, or by visiting or writing DSBS at 110 William St., New York, New York, 10038, 7th floor. Eligible firms that have not yet been certified may contact DSBS in order to seek certification by visiting www.nyc.gov/getcertified, emailing MWBE@sbs.nyc.gov, or calling the DSBS certification helpline at (212) 513-6311. A firm that is certified as both an MBE and a WBE may be counted either toward the goal for MBEs or the goal for WBEs, but not both. No credit shall be given for participation by a graduate MBE or graduate WBE, as defined in Section 6-129(c)(20).

7. Where an **M/WBE** Utilization Plan has been submitted, the Contractor shall, with each voucher for payment, and/or periodically as Agency may require, submit statements, certified under penalty of perjury, which shall include, but not be limited to,: the total amount the Contractor paid to its direct subcontractors, and, where applicable pursuant to Section 6-129(j), the total amount direct subcontractors paid to indirect subcontractors; the names, addresses and contact numbers of each MBE or WBE hired as a subcontractor by the Contractor, and, where applicable, hired by any of the Contractor's direct subcontractors; and the dates and amounts paid to each MBE or WBE. The Contractor shall also submit, along with its voucher for final payment: the total amount it paid to subcontractors, and, where applicable pursuant to Section 6-129(j), the total amount its direct subcontractors paid directly to their indirect subcontractors; and a final list, certified under penalty of perjury, which shall include the name, address and contact information of each subcontractor that is an MBE or WBE, the work performed by, and the dates and amounts paid to each.

8. If payments made to, or work performed by, MBEs or WBEs are less than the amount specified in the Contractor's **M/WBE** Utilization Plan, Agency shall take appropriate action, in accordance with Section 6-129 and Article II below, unless the Contractor has obtained a modification of its **M/WBE** Utilization Plan in accordance with Section 6-129 and Part A, Section 11 below.

9. Where an **M/WBE** Utilization Plan has been submitted, and the Contractor requests a change order the value of which exceeds the greater of 10 percent of the Contract or Task Order, as applicable, or \$500,000, Agency shall review the scope of work for the Contract or Task Order, as applicable, and the scale and types of work involved in the change order, and determine whether the **Participation Goals** should be modified.

10. Pre-award waiver of **the Participation Goals**. (a) A bidder or proposer, or contractor with respect to a Task Order, may seek a pre-award full or partial waiver of the Participation Goals in accordance with Section 6-129, which requests that Agency change one or more **Participation Goals** on the grounds that the **Participation Goals** are unreasonable in light of the availability of certified firms to perform the services required, or by demonstrating that it has legitimate business reasons for proposing a lower level of subcontracting in its M/WBE Utilization Plan.

(b) To apply for a full or partial waiver of the **Participation Goals**, a bidder, proposer, or contractor, as applicable, must complete Part III (Page 5) of Schedule B and submit such request no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the date and time the bids, proposals, or Task Orders are due, in writing to the Agency by email at **scimino@dep.nyc.gov** or via facsimile at (718)595-3221. Bidders, proposers, or contractors, as applicable, who have submitted requests will receive an Agency response by no later than two (2) calendar days prior to the due date for bids, proposals, or Task Orders; provided, however, that if that date would fall on a weekend or holiday, an Agency response will be provided by close-of-business on the business day before such weekend or holiday date.

(c) If the Agency determines that the **Participation Goals** are unreasonable in light of the availability of certified firms to perform the services required, it shall revise the solicitation and extend the deadline for bids and proposals, or revise the Task Order, as applicable.

(d) Agency may grant a full or partial waiver of the **Participation Goals** to a bidder, proposer or contractor, as applicable, who demonstrates—before submission of the bid, proposal or Task Order, as applicable—that it has legitimate business reasons for proposing the level of subcontracting in its **M/WBE** Utilization Plan. In making its determination, Agency shall consider factors that shall include, but not be limited to, whether the bidder, proposer or contractor, as applicable, has the capacity and the bona fide intention to perform the Contract without any subcontracting, or to perform the Contract without awarding the amount of subcontracts represented by the **Participation Goals**. In making such determination, Agency may consider whether the **M/WBE** Utilization Plan is consistent with past subcontracting practices of the bidder, proposer or contractor, as applicable, whether the bidder, proposer or contractor, as applicable, has made efforts to form a joint venture with a certified firm, and whether the bidder, proposer, or contractor, as applicable, has made good faith efforts to identify other portions of the Contract that it intends to subcontract.

11. Modification of **M/WBE** Utilization Plan. (a) A Contractor may request a modification of its **M/WBE** Utilization Plan after award of this Contract. **PLEASE NOTE: If this Contract is a public works project subject to GML §101(5) (i.e., a contract valued at or below \$3M for projects in New York City) or if the Contract is subject to a project labor agreement in accordance with Labor Law §222, and the bidder is required to identify at the time of bid**

submission its intended subcontractors for the Wicks trades (plumbing and gas fitting; steam heating, hot water heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC); and electric wiring), the Contractor may request a Modification of its M/WBE Utilization Plan as part of its bid submission. The Agency may grant a request for Modification of a Contractor's M/WBE Utilization Plan if it determines that the Contractor has established, with appropriate documentary and other evidence, that it made reasonable, good faith efforts to meet the **Participation Goals**. In making such determination, Agency shall consider evidence of the following efforts, as applicable, along with any other relevant factors:

(i) The Contractor advertised opportunities to participate in the Contract, where appropriate, in general circulation media, trade and professional association publications and small business media, and publications of minority and women's business organizations;

(ii) The Contractor provided notice of specific opportunities to participate in the Contract, in a timely manner, to minority and women's business organizations;

(iii) The Contractor sent written notices, by certified mail or facsimile, in a timely manner, to advise MBEs or WBEs that their interest in the Contract was solicited;

(iv) The Contractor made efforts to identify portions of the work that could be substituted for portions originally designated for participation by MBEs and/or WBEs in the M/WBE Utilization Plan, and for which the Contractor claims an inability to retain MBEs or WBEs;

(v) The Contractor held meetings with MBEs and/or WBEs prior to the date their bids or proposals were due, for the purpose of explaining in detail the scope and requirements of the work for which their bids or proposals were solicited;

(vi) The Contractor made efforts to negotiate with MBEs and/or WBEs as relevant to perform specific subcontracts, or act as suppliers or service providers;

(vii) Timely written requests for assistance made by the Contractor to Agency's M/WBE liaison officer and to DSBS;

(viii) Description of how recommendations made by DSBS and Agency were acted upon and an explanation of why action upon such recommendations did not lead to the desired level of participation of MBEs and/or WBEs.

Agency's M/WBE officer shall provide written notice to the Contractor of the determination.

(b) The Agency may modify the **Participation Goals** when the scope of the work has been changed by the Agency in a manner that affects the scale and types of work that the Contractor indicated in its **M/WBE Utilization Plan** would be awarded to subcontractors.

12. If this Contract is for an indefinite quantity of construction, standard or professional services or is a requirements type contract and the Contractor has submitted an **M/WBE** Utilization Plan and has committed to subcontract work to MBEs and/or WBEs in order to meet the **Participation Goals**, the Contractor will not be deemed in violation of the M/WBE Program requirements for this Contract with regard to any work which was intended to be subcontracted to an MBE and/or WBE to the extent that the Agency has determined that such work is not needed.

13. If **Participation Goals** have been established for this Contract or a Task Order issued pursuant to this Contract, at least once annually during the term of the Contract or Task Order, as applicable, Agency shall review the Contractor's progress toward attainment of its **M/WBE** Utilization Plan, including but not limited to, by reviewing the percentage of work the Contractor has actually awarded to MBE and/or WBE subcontractors and the payments the Contractor made to such subcontractors.

14. If **Participation Goals** have been established for this Contract or a Task Order issued pursuant to this Contract, Agency shall evaluate and assess the Contractor's performance in meeting those goals, and such evaluation and assessment shall become part of the Contractor's overall contract performance evaluation.

PART B

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Contractor shall take notice that, if this solicitation requires the establishment of a **M/WBE** Utilization Plan, the resulting contract may be audited by DSBS to determine compliance with Section 6-129. See §6-129(e)(10). Furthermore, such resulting contract may also be examined by the City's Comptroller to assess compliance with the **M/WBE** Utilization Plan.

2. Pursuant to DSBS rules, construction contracts that include a requirement for a **M/WBE** Utilization Plan shall not be subject to the law governing Locally Based Enterprises set forth in Section 6-108.1 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

3. DSBS is available to assist contractors and potential contractors in determining the availability of MBEs and/or WBEs to participate as subcontractors, and in identifying opportunities that are appropriate for participation by MBEs and/or WBEs in contracts.

4. Prospective contractors are encouraged to enter into qualified joint venture agreements with MBEs and/or WBEs as defined by Section 6-129(c)(30).

5. By submitting a bid or proposal the Contractor hereby acknowledges its understanding of the M/WBE Program requirements set forth herein and the pertinent provisions of Section 6-129, and any rules promulgated thereunder, and if awarded this Contract, the Contractor hereby agrees to comply with the M/WBE Program requirements of this Contract and pertinent provisions of Section 6-129, and any rules promulgated thereunder, all of which shall be deemed to be material terms of this Contract. The Contractor hereby agrees to make all reasonable, good

faith efforts to solicit and obtain the participation of MBEs and/or WBEs to meet the required **Participation Goals**.

ARTICLE II. ENFORCEMENT

1. If Agency determines that a bidder or proposer, as applicable, has, in relation to this procurement, violated Section 6-129 or the DSBS rules promulgated pursuant to Section 6-129, Agency may disqualify such bidder or proposer, as applicable, from competing for this Contract and the Agency may revoke such bidder's or proposer's prequalification status, if applicable.

2. Whenever Agency believes that the Contractor or a subcontractor is not in compliance with Section 6-129 or the DSBS rules promulgated pursuant to Section 6-129, or any provision of this Contract that implements Section 6-129, including, but not limited to any **M/WBE** Utilization Plan, Agency shall send a written notice to the Contractor describing the alleged noncompliance and offering the Contractor an opportunity to be heard. Agency shall then conduct an investigation to determine whether such Contractor or subcontractor is in compliance.

3. In the event that the Contractor has been found to have violated Section 6-129, the DSBS rules promulgated pursuant to Section 6-129, or any provision of this Contract that implements Section 6-129, including, but not limited to, any **M/WBE** Utilization Plan, Agency may determine that one of the following actions should be taken:

(a) entering into an agreement with the Contractor allowing the Contractor to cure the violation;

(b) revoking the Contractor's pre-qualification to bid or make proposals for future contracts;

(c) making a finding that the Contractor is in default of the Contract;

(d) terminating the Contract;

(e) declaring the Contractor to be in breach of Contract;

(f) withholding payment or reimbursement;

(g) determining not to renew the Contract;

(h) assessing actual and consequential damages;

(i) assessing liquidated damages or reducing fees, provided that liquidated damages may be based on amounts representing costs of delays in carrying out the purposes of the M/WBE Program, or in meeting the purposes of the Contract, the costs of meeting utilization goals through additional procurements, the administrative costs of investigation and enforcement, or other factors set forth in the Contract;

(j) exercising rights under the Contract to procure goods, services or construction from another contractor and charge the cost of such contract to the Contractor that has been found to be in noncompliance; or

(k) taking any other appropriate remedy.

4. If an **M/WBE** Utilization Plan has been submitted, and pursuant to this Article II, Section 3, the Contractor has been found to have failed to fulfill its **Participation Goals** contained in its **M/WBE** Utilization Plan or the **Participation Goals** as modified by Agency pursuant to Article I, Part A, Section 11, Agency may assess liquidated damages in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the difference between the dollar amount of work required to be awarded to MBE and/or WBE firms to meet the **Participation Goals** and the dollar amount the Contractor actually awarded and paid, and/or credited, to MBE and/or WBE firms. In view of the difficulty of accurately ascertaining the loss which the City will suffer by reason of Contractor's failure to meet the **Participation Goals**, the foregoing amount is hereby fixed and agreed as the liquidated damages that the City will suffer by reason of such failure, and not as a penalty. Agency may deduct and retain out of any monies which may become due under this Contract the amount of any such liquidated damages; and in case the amount which may become due under this Contract shall be less than the amount of liquidated damages suffered by the City, the Contractor shall be liable to pay the difference.

5. Whenever Agency has reason to believe that an MBE and/or WBE is not qualified for certification, or is participating in a contract in a manner that does not serve a commercially useful function (as defined in Section 6-129(c)(8)), or has violated any provision of Section 6-129, Agency shall notify the Commissioner of DSBS who shall determine whether the certification of such business enterprise should be revoked.

6. Statements made in any instrument submitted to Agency pursuant to Section 6-129 shall be submitted under penalty of perjury and any false or misleading statement or omission shall be grounds for the application of any applicable criminal and/or civil penalties for perjury. The making of a false or fraudulent statement by an MBE and/or WBE in any instrument submitted pursuant to Section 6-129 shall, in addition, be grounds for revocation of its certification.

7. The Contractor's record in implementing its **M/WBE** Utilization Plan shall be a factor in the evaluation of its performance. Whenever Agency determines that a Contractor's compliance with an **M/WBE** Utilization Plan has been unsatisfactory, Agency shall, after consultation with the City Chief Procurement Officer, file an advice of caution form for inclusion in VENDEX as caution data.