CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify on behalf of the bidder to be true and complete in every respect:

1) I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2) I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
3) Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4) For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word “competitor” shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
   • has been requested to submit a bid in response to this invitation for bids;
   • could potentially submit a bid in response to this invitation for bids, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience;
5) The bidder discloses that [check one of the following, as applicable]:
   ___(a) the bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with, any competitor;
   ___(b) the bidder has entered into consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with one or more competitors regarding this invitation for bids, and the supplier/bidder discloses, in the attached document(s), complete details thereof, including the names of the competitors and the nature of, and reasons for, such consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements;
6) Without limiting the generality of paragraphs (5)(a) or (5)(b) above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement by or on behalf of the bidder with any competitor regarding:
   • prices;
   • methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
   • the intention or decision to submit, or not to submit, a bid; or
   • the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications of the invitation for bids; except as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (5)(b) above;
7) In addition, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor by or on behalf of the bidder regarding the quality, quantity, specifications or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this invitation for bids relates, except as specifically authorized by the procuring authority or as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (5)(b) above;
8) The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, knowingly disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening, or of the awarding of the contract, whichever comes first, unless otherwise required by law or as specifically disclosed pursuant to paragraph (5)(b) above; and,
9) I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this certification is found not to be true and complete in every respect.

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Signature of Authorized Agent   Date

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Printed Name

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Title

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