

**CONSULTANT AGREEMENT SPECIFICATIONS**  
**Construction Engineering & Inspection**

These specifications supplement all Professional and Term agreements for Construction Engineering and Inspection services and shall be attached to said agreements.

**I. DEFINITIONS**

1. **Administrator:** Person directly responsible for administering a consultant agreement on behalf of the State or a Local Public Agency.
2. **Combined Overhead:** The sum of the payroll additives and general administrative overhead expressed as a percent of the direct labor cost.
3. **Cost:** Cost is the sum of the hourly charge out rate and other direct costs.
4. **Cost Plus Fixed Fee:** Cost Plus Fixed Fee is the sum of the payroll costs, combined overhead, and other direct costs, plus the fixed fee.
5. **CPM:** Critical Path Scheduling. The CPM will list all work tasks, their durations, negotiated milestones and their dates, and all State/Local review periods.
6. **Fixed Fee:** A dollar amount established to cover the Consultant's profit and business expenses not allocable to overhead. The fixed fee is based on a negotiated percent of direct labor cost and combined overhead and shall take into account the size, complexity, duration, and degree of risk involved in the work. The fee is "fixed," i.e. it does not change. If extra work is authorized, an additional fixed fee can be negotiated, if appropriate.
7. **General Administrative Overhead (Indirect Expenses):** The allowable overhead (indirect expenses) expressed as a percent of the direct labor cost.
8. **Hourly Charge Out Rate:** The negotiated hourly rate to be paid to the Consultant which includes all overhead for time worked directly on the project.
9. **Incentive/Disincentive Clause:** Allows for the increase or decrease of total agreement amount paid based on factors established in the agreement. Normally, these factors will be completion time and completion under budget.
10. **Lump Sum:** An agreed upon total amount, that will constitute full payment for all work described in the Agreement.
11. **Milestones:** Negotiated portions of projects to be completed within the negotiated time frame. Normally the time frame will be negotiated as a calendar date, but it could also be "working" or "calendar" days. As many milestones as the Consultant and the State believe necessary for the satisfactory completion of the agreement will be negotiated.
12. **Not-To-Exceed Amount:** The Agreement amount is considered to be a Not-to-Exceed amount, which amount shall be the maximum amount payable and shall not be exceeded unless adjusted by a Supplemental Agreement.
13. **Other Direct Costs:** The out-of-pocket costs and expenses directly related to the project that are not a part of the normal company overhead expense.

14. **Payroll Additives:** All payroll additives allocable to payroll costs such as FICA, State Unemployment Compensation, Federal Unemployment Compensation, Group Insurance, Workmen's Compensation, Holiday, Vacation, and Sick Leave. The payroll additive is expressed as a percent of the direct labor cost.
15. **Payroll Costs (Direct Labor Cost):** The actual salaries paid to personnel for the time worked directly on the project. Payroll costs are referred to as direct labor cost.
16. **State:** Normally "State" refers to the Idaho Transportation Department. However, in the case of Local Sponsor projects, "State" may be interchangeable with "Sponsor", "Agreement Administrator" or just "Administrator".
17. **Unit Prices:** The allowable charge out rate for units or items directly related to the project that are not a part of the normal overhead expense.

NOTE: All cost accounting procedures, definitions of terms, payroll cost, payroll additives, general administrative overhead, direct cost, and fixed fee shall comply with Federal Acquisition Regulations, 48 CFR, Part 31 and be supported by audit accepted by the State.

## II. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

The Consultant agrees that all work performed under this agreement will be performed professionally in accordance with the ITD Construction Manual, Standard Specifications for Highway Construction - Subsection 105.10 and other appropriate standards. The Consultant shall be responsible for construction engineering and inspection on all tasks assigned (as stated in the Scope of Services) when on duty to ensure they are constructed in substantial conformance to the plans, special provisions and specifications.

The Consultant shall identify and recommend corrections for any omissions, substitutions, defects and deficiencies in the work of the Contractor.

## III. AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATOR

The Agreement Administrator will administer this agreement for performance and payment, and will decide all questions which may arise as to quality and acceptability of the work, rate of progress, definition of work to be performed, and acceptable fulfillment of this Agreement. The Consultant shall address all correspondence, make all requests, and deliver all documents to the Administrator. The Administrator shall be responsible for the timely coordination of all work performed by the State or their representatives.

## IV. PERSONNEL

The Consultant shall provide adequate staff of experienced personnel or subconsultants capable of and devoted to the successful accomplishment of work to be performed under this agreement. The specific individuals or subconsultants listed in the agreement, including Project Manager, shall be subject to approval by the State and shall not be removed or replaced without the prior written approval of ITD. Replacement personnel submitted for approval must have qualifications, experience and expertise at least equal to those listed in the proposal

## V. SUBCONSULTANTS

The Consultant shall have sole responsibility for the management, direction, and control of each Subconsultant and shall be responsible and liable to the State for the satisfactory performance and quality of work performed by Subconsultants under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Consultant shall include all the applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement in each

Subconsultant Agreement between the Consultant and Subconsultant, and provide the State with a copy of each Subconsultant Agreement prior to the Subconsultant beginning work. No other Subconsultant shall be used by the Consultant without prior written consent by the State.

#### **VI. DIRECT COST**

It is understood that overtime will be incurred after forty (40) hours of work for this agreement during each week. When the need for overtime has been approved by the Agreement Administrator, the overhead rate and fee are **not** to be applied to the premium time paid.

The out-of-pocket cost and expenses directly related to the project must be pre-approved and agreed to, by the Agreement Administrator, prior to receiving any compensation. Relocation, lodging and Per Diem cost will not be allowed for this type of agreement unless agreed and pre-approved by the Agreement Administrator.

#### **VII. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AUTHORIZATION**

1. A written PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AUTHORIZATION (PSA) will be issued by the State to authorize the Consultant to proceed with a specific portion of the work under this Agreement. The number of PSAs required to accomplish all the work under this Agreement is one to several. Each PSA will authorize a maximum dollar amount for which the PSA represents. The State assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by the Consultant prior to the issuance of the PSA; for any expenses incurred by the Consultant for services performed outside the work authorized by the PSA; and for any dollar amount greater than authorized by the PSA.
2. It is not necessary for a PSA to be completed prior to the issuance of the next PSA. The Consultant shall not perform work which has not been authorized by a PSA. When the money authorized by a PSA is nearly exhausted, the Consultant shall inform the Administrator of the need for the next PSA. The Administrator must concur with the Consultant prior to the issuance of the next PSA.
3. The Agreement amount is lump sum, unit cost, or cost plus fixed fee amount for the negotiated services and an additional services amount is set up for possible extra work not contemplated in original scope of work. For the Consultant to receive payment for any work under the additional services amount of this Agreement, said work must be performed under a PSA issued by the State. Should the State request that the Consultant perform additional services, then the scope of work and method of payment will be negotiated. The basis of payment for additional work will be set up either as a Lump Sum or Cost Plus Fixed Fee.

#### **VIII. MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

The Consultant shall submit to the State a monthly progress report on Form ITD-771, as furnished by the State.

The monthly progress report will be submitted by the tenth of each month following the month being reported or as agreed upon in the scope of services.

The Agreement Administrator will review the progress report and submit approved billings for payment within two weeks of receiving monthly report.

Each progress report shall list billings by PSA number and reference milestones.

## IX. PROGRESS AND FINAL PAYMENTS

1. Progress payments will be made once a month for services performed which qualify for payment under the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Such payment will be made based on invoices submitted by the Consultant in the format required by the State. The monthly invoice shall be submitted by the tenth of each month following the month being invoiced.

### Lump Sum

Progress payments will be made, based on a percentage of the work or milestones satisfactorily completed.

### Cost Plus Fixed Fee

The Consultant shall submit a breakdown of costs by each item of work on the monthly invoice, and shall show the percent complete of each item of work, each milestone and percent complete of the entire Agreement. Progress payments will be made based on the invoiced cost less the fixed fee for the work satisfactorily completed for each billing period. Said payment shall not exceed the percent complete of the entire Agreement. Upon satisfactory completion of each milestone, full payment for all approved work performed for that milestone will be made including Fixed\_Fee.

### Cost

The Consultant shall submit a breakdown of costs by each item of work on the monthly invoice, and shall show the percent complete of each item of work and percent complete of the entire Agreement. Progress payments will be made based on the invoiced cost for the work satisfactorily completed for each item of work. Said payment shall not exceed the percent complete of the entire Agreement.

Direct expenses will be reimbursed at actual cost, not to exceed the current approved rates as identified at <http://www.itd.idaho.gov/design/cau/policies.htm>.

For "Cost Plus Fixed Fee" and "Cost" agreements, invoices must include backup documentation to support expenditures as appropriate, and as requested by the Agreement Administrator. Such support may consist of copies of time sheets or cost accounting system print-out of employee time, and receipts for direct expenses.

2. The State will make full payment for the value of the services performed which qualify for payment. This full payment will apply until 95 percent of the work under each Project Agreement or Work Task has been completed. No further progress payments will be made until all work under the individual agreement has been satisfactorily accomplished.

If at any time, the State determines that the work is not progressing in a satisfactory manner, the State may refuse to make full progress payments and may withhold from any progress payment(s) such sums that are deemed appropriate for unsatisfactory services.

3. Final payment of all amounts retained shall be due 90 days after all work under the Agreement has been completed by the Consultant and accepted by the State. Such final payment will not be made until satisfactory evidence by affidavit is submitted to the State that all indebtedness incurred by the Consultant on this project has been fully satisfied.
4. Agreements which include an incentive/disincentive clause will normally have the clause applied only to the completion of the milestones identified.
5. Payments to Subconsultants

Consultant shall pay each subconsultant for satisfactory performance of its contract items no later than twenty (20) calendar days from receipt of each payment the consultant receives from the State, in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 26. The consultant shall return retainage payments to each subconsultant within twenty (20) calendar days after the subconsultant's work is satisfactorily completed.

Form ITD-2892 (Certification of Payment) shall be filled out by the consultant for each invoice and provided to the Agreement Administrator verifying payment to subconsultants. Upon completion of the work, the consultant shall certify total payment to all subconsultants on Form ITD-2921 (Certification of Payment Amounts). Forms will be provided by the State.

## **X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **1. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

a. The Consultant warrants that they have not:

Employed or retained for a commission, percentage, brokerage, contingent fee, or other consideration, any firm or person to solicit or secure this contract, other than a bona fide employee of the firm;

agreed, as an expressed or implied condition for obtaining this contract, to employ or retain the services of any firm or person in connection with carrying out the contract, or;

paid, or agreed to pay, to any firm, organization or person (other than a bona fide employee of the firm) any fee, contribution, donation, or consideration of any kind for, or in connection with, procuring or carrying out the contract.

b. The State warrants that the above consulting firm, or firm representative, has not been required, directly or indirectly as an expressed or implied condition in connection with obtaining or carrying out this contract to:

Employ or retain, or agree to employ or retain, any firm or person, or; pay, or agree to pay to any firm, person or organization, any fee, contribution, donation or consideration of any kind.

### **2. PROHIBITION AGAINST HIRING PERSONNEL AND WORKING FOR CONTRACTOR**

In compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations, (23 CFR, Section 1.33, Conflict of Interest), the Consultant agrees that no one in their employ will work on a part time basis under this Agreement while also in the full-time employ of any Federal Agency or the State, without the written consent of the public employer of such person. The Consultant agrees that no one in their employ under any circumstances shall perform any services for the contractor on the construction of this project. This includes employees who leave the Consultant's employment.

### **3. CHANGES IN WORK**

All changes in work shall conform to one or more of the following conditions and in no instance shall such change in work be undertaken without written order or written approval of the State.

- a. Increase in the work required by the State due to unforeseen circumstances.
- b. Revision in the work required by the State subsequent to acceptance of such work at the appropriate conference or after revision of such work as outlined at said conference.
- c. Items of work which are beyond the scope of intent of this Agreement and pre-approved by the State.
- d. Reduction in the work required by the State due to unforeseen circumstances.

An increase in compensation shall not result from underestimating the complexity of the work.

Adjustment in compensation for either an increase or reduction in work shall be on a negotiated basis arrived at by mutual agreement between the State and the Consultant. During such negotiations the State may examine the documented payrolls, transportation and subsistence costs paid employees actively engaged in the performance of a similar item or items of work on the project, and by estimated overhead and profit from such similar items or items of work.

Said mutual agreement for a negotiated increase or reduction in compensation shall be determined prior to commencement of operations for an increase in a specific item or items of work. In the case of State order for nonperformance a reduction in the specific item or items of work will be made as soon as circumstances permit. In the event that a mutual agreement is not reached in negotiations for an increase in work, the State will use other methods to perform such item or items of work.

The mutually agreed amount shall be covered by a Supplemental Agreement and shall be added to or subtracted from the total amount of the original Agreement.

Adjustment of time to complete the work as may pertain to an increase or a reduction in the work shall be arrived at by mutual agreement of the State and the Consultant after study of the change in scope of the work.

#### **4. DELAYS AND EXTENSIONS**

- a. Extensions of time may be granted for the following reasons:
  - i. Delays in major portions of the work caused by excessive time used in processing of submittals, delays caused by the State, or other similar items which are beyond the control of the Consultant.
  - ii. Additional work ordered in writing by the State.
- b. Extensions of time will not be granted for the following reasons:
  - i. Underestimating complexity of work.
  - ii. Redoing work rejected by the State.

#### **5. TERMINATION**

The State may terminate or abandon this Agreement at any time upon giving notice of termination hereof as hereinafter provided, for any of the following reasons:

- a. Evidence that progress is being delayed consistently below the progress indicated in a schedule of operations given to the State at meetings and conferences herein provided for.
- b. Continued submission of sub-standard work.
- c. Violation of any of the terms of conditions set forth in the Agreement, other than for the reasons set forth in a and b above.
- d. At the convenience of the State.

Prior to giving notice of termination for the reasons set forth in a and b above, the State shall notify the Consultant in writing of any deficiencies or default in the performance of the terms of this Agreement, and said Consultant shall have ten (10) days thereafter in which to correct or remedy any such default or deficiency, and upon their failure to do so within said ten (10) days, or for the reasons set forth in 3 above, such notice of termination in writing shall be

given by the State. Upon receipt of said notice the Consultant shall immediately discontinue all work and service unless directed otherwise, and shall transfer all documents pertaining to the work and services covered under this Agreement, to the State. Upon receipt by the State of said documents, payment shall be made to the Consultant as provided herein for all acceptable work and services.

## **6. DISPUTES**

Should any dispute arise as to performance or abnormal conditions affecting the work, such dispute shall be referred to the Director of the Idaho Transportation Department or his duly authorized representative(s) for determination.

Such determination shall be final and conclusive unless, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the decision Consultant files for arbitration with the American Arbitration Association (AAA). Consultant agrees that any arbitration hearing shall be conducted in Boise, Idaho. Consultant and State agree to be bound by the decision of the arbitration. Expenses incurred due to the arbitration will be shared equally by the parties involved.

## **7. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK**

- a. The Consultant warrants that all work submitted shall be in accordance with good professional practices and shall meet tolerances of accuracy required by State practices and procedures.
- b. Acceptance of the work shall not constitute a waiver of any of the State's rights under this agreement or in any way relieve the consultant of any liability under their warranty or otherwise.
- c. It is understood by the Consultant that the State is relying upon the professional expertise and ability of the Consultant in performance of this contract. Any examination of the Consultant's work product by the State will not be considered acceptance or approval of the work product which would relieve the Consultant for any liability or expense.

Acceptance or approval of any portion of Consultant's work product by the State or payment, partial or final, shall not constitute a waiver of any rights the State may have against the Consultant. The Consultant shall respond to the State's notice of any error or omission within twenty four hours of receipt, and give immediate attention to any corrections to minimize any delay to the construction contract.

If the Consultant discovers errors or omissions in its work, it shall notify the State within seven days of discovery. Failure of the Consultant to notify the State shall be grounds for termination of the agreement.

The Consultant's liability for damages incurred by the State due to negligent acts, errors or omissions by the Consultant in its work shall be borne by the Consultant. Increased construction costs resulting from errors, omissions or negligence in Consultant's work product shall not be the Consultant's responsibility unless the additional construction costs were the result of gross negligence of the Consultant.

## **8. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

All material acquired or produced by the Consultant in conjunction with this project, shall become the property of, and be delivered to, the State without restrictions or limitations of their further use. However, in any case, the Consultant has the right to make and retain

copies of all data and documents for project files. All material acquired or produced by the Consultant under this contract may be public records under the Idaho Public Records Act. Reference Idaho Code Section 74-102(13).

**9. INDEMNITY**

Concerning claims of third parties, the Consultant and the State to the extent the State may do so will indemnify, save harmless and defend each other from the damages of and against any and all suits, actions, claims or losses of every kind, nature and description, including costs, expenses and reasonable attorney fees that may be incurred by reason of any negligent act, error or omission of the Consultant or the State in the prosecution of the work which is the subject of this Agreement. Concerning claims of the State, the Consultant shall assume the liability and responsibility for negligent acts, errors or omissions caused by the Consultant or their agents or employees to the assignments completed under this Agreement, to the standards accepted at the time of work, and until one (1) year after the project construction has been completed. The State shall have until that time to give the consultant notice of the claim.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Consultant shall not be responsible for claims arising from the willful misconduct or negligent acts, errors, or omissions of the State for contamination of the project site which pre-exist the date of this Agreement or subsequent Task Authorizations. Pre-existing contamination shall include but not be limited to any contamination or the potential for contamination, or any risk to impairment of health related to the presence of hazardous materials or substances. The State agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Consultant from and against any claim, liability or defense cost related to any such pre-existing contamination except for claims caused by the negligence, or willful misconduct of the Consultant.

The Consultant, its agents, officials, employees, and subconsultant will be authorized representatives for the State and shall be protected against all suits, actions, claims or cost, expenses and attorney fees in accordance with Subsection 107.10 of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction 1999; and shall be protected against all personal liability in accordance with Subsection 107.13 of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction 1999.

**10. INSURANCE**

The Consultant, certifying it is an independent contractor licensed in the State of Idaho, shall acquire and maintain commercial general liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000.00 per occurrence, and worker compensation insurance in accordance with Idaho Law.

Regarding workers' compensation insurance, the consultant must provide either a certificate of workers' compensation insurance issued by an insurance company licensed to write workers' compensation insurance in the State of Idaho as evidence that the consultant has a current Idaho workers' compensation insurance policy in effect, or an extraterritorial certificate approved by the Idaho Industrial Commission from a state that has a current reciprocity agreement with the Idaho Industrial Commission.

The Consultant shall provide the State with certificates of insurance within ten (10) days of the Notice to Proceed.

**11. LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

The Consultant at all times shall observe and comply with all Federal, State and local laws, by-laws, safety laws, and any and all codes, ordinances and regulations affecting the work in any manner. The Consultant agrees that any recourse to legal action pursuant to this agreement shall be brought in the District Court of the State of Idaho, situated in Ada County, Idaho.



**12. SUBLETTING**

The services to be performed under this Agreement shall not be assigned, sublet, or transferred except by written consent of the State. Written consent to sublet, transfer or assign any portions of the work shall not be construed to relieve the Consultant of any responsibility for the fulfillment of this Agreement or any portion thereof.

**13. PERMITS AND LICENSES**

The Consultant shall procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges, fees, and taxes and give all notices necessary and incidental to the due and lawful prosecution of the work.

**14. PATENTS**

The Consultant shall hold and save the State and its agents harmless from any and all claims for infringement by reason of the use of any patented design, device, material process, trademark, or copyright.

**15. CIVIL RIGHTS ACT**

During the performance of work covered by this Agreement, the Consultant for themselves, their assignees and successors in interest agree as follows:

**a. Compliance With Regulations.**

The Consultant shall comply with all regulations of the United States Department of Transportation relative to Civil Rights, with specific reference to Title 49 CFR Part 21, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23 CFR Part 230 as stated in the ITD EEO Special Provisions and Title 49 CFR Part 26 as stated in the appropriate ITD DBE Special Provisions.

(<http://www.itd.idaho.gov/civil/pdf/eeocc/dbesprgn.pdf>)

**b. Nondiscrimination.**

The Consultant, with regard to the work performed by them during the term of this Agreement, shall not in any way discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment; subcontractor or solicitations for subcontract including procurement of materials and equipment; or any other individual or firm providing or proposing services based on race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap/disability.

**c. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurement of Materials and Equipment.**

In all solicitations, either by bidding or negotiation, made by the Consultant for work or services performed under subcontract, including procurement of materials and equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be made aware by the Consultant of the obligations of this Agreement and to the Civil Rights requirements based on race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap/disability.

**d. Information and Reports.**

The Consultant shall provide all information and reports required by regulations and/or directives and sources of information, and their facilities as may be determined by the State or the appropriate Federal Agency. The Consultant will be required to retain all records for a period of three (3) years after the final payment is made under the agreement.

**e. Sanctions for Noncompliance.**

In the event the Consultant or subconsultant is in noncompliance with the EEO Special Provisions, the State shall impose such sanctions as it or the appropriate Federal Agency may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- Withholding of payments to the Consultant until they have achieved compliance;
- Suspension of the agreement, in whole or in part, until the consultant or subconsultant is found to be in compliance, with no progress payment being made during this time and no time extension made;
- Cancellation, termination or suspension of the Agreement, in whole or in part;
- Assess against the consultant's final payment on this agreement or any progress payments on current or future Idaho Federal-aid Projects an administrative remedy by reducing the final payment or future progress payments in an amount equal to 10% of this agreement or \$7,700, whichever is less.

f. **Incorporation of Provisions.**

The Consultant shall include the provisions of paragraphs a through e in every subcontract of \$10,000 or more, to include procurement of materials and leases of equipment unless exempt by regulations, orders, or directives pursuant thereto. The Consultant shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the State or the appropriate Federal Agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance. In the event the Consultant becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Consultant may request the State to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the State, and in addition, the Consultant may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the United States.

**16. INSPECTION OF COST RECORDS**

The Consultant shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred on the project. They shall make such data available for inspection, and audit, by duly authorized personnel, at reasonable times during the life of this Agreement, and for a period of three (3) years subsequent to date of final payment under this Agreement, unless an audit has been announced or is underway; in that instance, records must be maintained until the audit is completed and any findings have been resolved. Failure to provide access to records may affect payment and may constitute a breach of contract.

**17. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

By signing this document the Consultant certifies to the best of his knowledge and belief that except as noted on an attached Exception, the company or its subcontractors, material suppliers, vendors or other lower tier participants on this project:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b. have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

- c. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
- d. have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

**NOTE:** Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining Consultant responsibility. For any exception noted, indicate to whom it applies, initiating agency and dates of action. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.

## **18. CERTIFICATION CONCERNING LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**

By signing this document, the Consultant certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief that:

- a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.
- b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

The Consultant also agrees that he or she shall require that the language of this certification shall be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000, and that all such sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

## **19. EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY**

The Consultant warrants and takes the steps to verify that it does not knowingly hire or engage persons not authorized to work in the United States; and that any misrepresentation in this regard or any employment of person not authorized to work in the United States constitutes a material breach and shall be cause for the imposition of monetary penalties up to five percent (5%) of the contract price, per violation, and/or termination of its contract.