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Dear Prospective Bidders,

**SUBJECT: Instructions to Bidders
Invitation to Bid: FY20-118 – Emergency Debris Clean Up and Removal Services**

The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC) is interested in receiving bids in response to the attached Invitation to Bid (ITB) for **Emergency Debris Clean Up and Removal Services**. Any questions regarding this ITB should be addressed to me, in writing, at the address stated above, via facsimile at 754-321-0533 or via e-mail to edgar.lugo@browardschools.com. No other School Board staff member should be contacted in relation to this ITB. Any information that amends any portion of this ITB, which is received by any method other than an Addendum issued to the ITB, is not binding on SBBC.

In order to assure that your bid is in full compliance with all requirements of the ITB, carefully read all portions of the ITB document, paying particular attention to the following areas:

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY OUTREACH PROGRAM (SDOP)

SBBC has implemented a Supplier Diversity Outreach Program (SDOP) as part of the SBBC's competitive solicitation and contracting activity in accordance with School Board Policy 3330 Supplier Diversity Outreach Program. The purpose of the program is to remedy the ongoing effects of identified marketplace discrimination that the School Board has found continue to adversely affect the participation of Small/Minority and/or Women Business Enterprises ("S/M/WBE") in School Board contracts. S/M/WBE vendors utilized for this contract must be certified by SBBC's Supplier Diversity Outreach Program Office prior to submission of bid proposal. For information on S/M/WBE Certification or Policy 3330, contact SBBC's Supplier Diversity Outreach Program at 754-321-0550 or visit <http://www.browardschools.com/sdop>.

• **SECTION 2, SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

Section 2, Submittal Requirements, is a listing of all submittals that are required to be part of your bid package. Please make sure that all required submittals have been included as part of your bid package.

• **COMPLETION OF BIDS**

The Bid Summary Sheets upon which the Bidder submits its prices shall be completed in excel. The Bidder Acknowledgement Section should be completed in full and fully executed by an authorized representative of the Bidder. SBBC reserves the right to reject any bid which is not completed in full.

• **PRICING CORRECTIONS**

If a price correction is necessary on the Bid Summary Sheet, update the excel spreadsheet. SBBC reserves the right to not tabulate any illegible entries, pencil bids or price corrections not initialed and to reject any bid containing any of these errors.

• **DUE DATE**

Bids are due in Procurement and Warehousing Services on the date and time stated on Page 1 of the ITB. In order to have your bid considered, it must be received on or before the date and time due. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. ET on date due will not be considered.

• **STATEMENT OF "NO BID"**

If you are **not** submitting a bid in response to this ITB, please complete Section 8, Statement of "No Bid" and return via facsimile to 754-321-0533 or scan and send via e-mail to edgar.lugo@browardschools.com. Your response to the Statement of "No" Bid is very important to Procurement and Warehousing Services when creating future ITBs.

Thank you for your interest in SBBC. Again, if you have any questions, please contact me at the telephone number or email address stated above.

Edgar Lugo
Purchasing Agent III

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PROCUREMENT AND WAREHOUSING SERVICES
 7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323
 Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704
 754-321-0505

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

DUE DATE: Bids due on or before 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) at Procurement & Warehousing Services:
9/16/2019

ITB NO.:
FY20-118

RELEASE DATE:
8/23/2019

PURCHASING AGENT:
 Edgar Lugo
 754-321-0508

Check Addenda for any revised opening dates before submitting your bid. **Bid(s) received, after the date and time stated above, shall not be considered for award.** Faxed bids are not allowed and will not be considered for award.

BID TITLE:
EMERGENCY DEBRIS CLEAN UP AND REMOVAL SERVICES

SECTION 1 – Bidder Acknowledgement

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL CONDITION 1, THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY INCLUDING THE SIGNATURE OF AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE WHERE INDICATED BELOW AND SUBMITTED WITH THE BID. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS DOCUMENT, WITH THE BID, WILL RESULT IN BID BEING CONSIDERED NON-RESPONSIVE.

Bidder's Name and state "Doing Business As", where applicable:

"REMIT TO" ADDRESS FOR PAYMENT: If payment(s) is/are to be mailed to address other than as stated on left, please complete section below. Check this box if address is the same as stated on the left.

Address:

P.O. Address:

City:

State: Zip Code:

City:

Telephone Number:

State: Zip Code:

Toll Free Number:

Contact:

Fax Number:

Telephone Number:

E-Mail Address of Authorized Representative:

Toll Free Number:

E-mail Address to Send Purchase Orders:

Fax Number:

Federal Tax Identification Number:

I hereby certify that: I am submitting the following information as my firm's (Bidder) bid and am authorized by Bidder to do so. Bidder agrees to complete and unconditional acceptance of the contents of all pages in this Invitation To Bid (ITB), and all appendices and the contents of any Addenda released hereto; Bidder agrees to be bound to any and all specifications, terms and conditions contained in the ITB, and any released Addenda and understand that the following are requirements of this ITB and failure to comply will result in disqualification of bid submitted; Bidder has not divulged, discussed, or compared the bid with other Bidders and has not colluded with any other Bidder or party to any other bid; Bidder, its principals, or their lobbyists has not offered campaign contributions to School Board Members or offer contributions to School Board Members for campaigns of other candidates for political office during the period in which the Bidder is attempting to sell goods or services to the School Board. This period of limitation of offering campaign contributions shall commence at the time of the "cone of silence" period for any solicitation for a competitive procurement as described by School Board Policy 3320, Part II, Section GG as well as School Board Policy 1007, Section 5.4 – Campaign Contribution Fundraising. Bidder acknowledges that all information contained herein is part of the public record as defined by the State of Florida Sunshine and Public Records Laws; all responses, data and information contained in this bid are true and accurate.

I agree that this bid cannot be withdrawn within 90 days from date due.

Signature of Authorized Representative (Manual)

Name of Authorized Representative (Typed or Printed)

Title

SECTION 2 – Submittal Requirements

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS: In order to assure that your bid is in compliance with bid requirements, please verify that the submittals indicated by the below have been submitted.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bid Summary Sheet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> References Form
Special Condition 11a | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S/M/WBE Participation Schedule
(Exhibit A) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement of Intent to Perform as
an S/M/WBE Subcontractor (Exhibit B) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Experience
Special Condition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drug Free Workplace
Section 7, Attachment 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conflict of Interest Form
Section 7, Attachment 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Debarment
General Condition 45 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W-9 Form
Section 7, Attachment 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACH Payment Agreement Form
Section 7, Attachment 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Special Condition ___ | |

Note: If your firm wishes to not submit a bid in response to the ITB, please complete and return, via mail or fax, the Statement of No Bid attached as the last page of this ITB.

SECTION 3, GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. **SEALED BID REQUIREMENTS:** The "Bidder Acknowledgement Section" must be completed, signed and returned with the bid. The Bid Summary Sheet pages on which the Bidder actually submits a bid, and any pages, upon which information is required to be inserted, must be completed and submitted with the bid. **The School Board of Broward County (SBBC) reserves the right to reject any bid that fails to comply with these submittal requirements.**
 - a) **BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY:** It is the responsibility of the Bidder to be certain that all numbered pages of the bid and all attachments thereto are received and all Addendum released are received prior to submitting a bid without regard to how a copy of this ITB was obtained. All bids are subject to the conditions specified herein on the attached bid documents and on any Addenda issued thereto.
 - b) **BID SUBMITTED:** Completed bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope with bid number and name clearly typed or written on the front of the envelope. Bids must be time stamped in Procurement and Warehousing Services **on or before 2:00 p.m. ET on date due** for bid to be considered. Bids shall be opened at 2:00 p.m. ET on date due. Bids submitted by telegraphic or facsimile transmission shall not be accepted.
 - c) **EXECUTION OF BID:** Bid must contain an original manual signature of an authorized representative in the space provided above. All bids must be completed in ink or typewritten. **If a price correction is necessary, draw a single line through the entered figure and enter the corrected figure or use an opaque correction fluid. All price corrections must be initialed by the person signing the bid even when using opaque correction fluid.** SBBC reserves the right to reject any bid or bid item completed in pencil or any bid that contains illegible entries or price corrections not initialed.
 - d) **BIDDING PREFERENCE LAWS: ALL BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE LEGAL OPINION OF BIDDER'S PREFERENCE FORM IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD.** The State of Florida provides a Bidder's preference for Florida vendors for the purchase of personal property. The local preference is five (5) percent. Bidders outside the State of Florida must have an Attorney, licensed to practice law in the out-of-state jurisdiction, as required by Section 2, Chapter 287.084, Florida Statutes, execute the "Opinion of Out-of-State Bidder's Attorney on Bidding Preferences" form and must submit this form with the submitted bid. Such opinion should permit SBBC's reliance on such attorney's opinion for purposes of complying with Chapter 287.084, Florida Statutes. Florida Bidders must also complete its portion of the form. Failure to submit and execute this form, with the bid, shall result in bid being considered "non-responsive" and bid rejected.
2. **PRICES QUOTED:** Deduct trade discounts and quote firm net prices. Give both unit price and extended total. Prices must be stated in units to quantity specified in the bidding specification. In case of discrepancy in computing the amount of the bid, the **Unit Price** quoted shall govern.

All prices quoted shall be F.O.B. destination and freight prepaid (Bidder pays and bears freight charges). Awardee owns goods in transit and files any claims. Discounts for prompt payment: Award, if made, shall be in accordance with terms and conditions stated herein. Each item must be bid separately and no attempt is to be made to tie any item or items in with any other item or items. **Cash or quantity discounts offered shall not be a consideration in determination of award of bid(s).** If an Awardee offers a discount or offers terms less than Net 30, it is understood that a minimum of 30 days shall be required for payment, and if a payment discount is offered, the discount time shall be computed from the date of satisfactory delivery at place of acceptance and receipt of correct invoice at the office specified.

 - a) **TAXES:** SBBC does not pay Federal Excise and State taxes on direct purchase of tangible personal property. The applicable tax exemption number is shown on the Purchase Order. This exemption does not apply to purchases of tangible personal property made by contractors who use the tangible personal property in the performance of contracts for the improvement of SBBC owned real property as defined in Chapter 192, Florida Statutes.
 - b) **MISTAKES:** Bidders are expected to examine the specifications, delivery schedules, bid prices and extensions, and all instructions pertaining to supplies and services. Failure to do so shall be at Bidder's risk.
 - c) **CONDITION AND PACKAGING:** It is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped as a result of this bid shall be new (current production model at the time of this bid) unless otherwise specified. All containers shall be suitable for storage or shipment and all prices shall include standard commercial packaging.
 - d) **UNDERWRITERS' LABORATORIES:** Unless otherwise stipulated in the Bid, all manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall be UL listed where such has been established by UL for the item(s) offered and furnished. In lieu of the UL listing, Bidder may substitute a listing by an independent testing laboratory recognized by OSHA under the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTL) Recognition Program.

- e) **BIDDER'S CONDITIONS:** Bid conditions and specifications **shall not** be changed, altered or conditioned in any way. SBBC specifically reserves the right to reject any conditional bid.
3. **SAMPLES:** Samples of items, when required, must be furnished free of expense within five (5) working days of request unless otherwise stated and, if not destroyed, will, upon request, be returned at the Bidder's expense. Bidders shall be responsible for the removal of all samples furnished within 30 days after bid opening. All samples shall be disposed of after 30 days. Each individual sample must be labeled with Bidder's name, bid number and item number. Failure of Bidder to either deliver required samples or to clearly identify samples as indicated may be reason for rejection of the bid item. Unless otherwise indicated, samples should be delivered to Procurement and Warehousing Services, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, 7720 West Oakland, Park Boulevard, Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704.
4. **DELIVERY:** All deliveries shall be F.O.B. destination point. Unless actual date of delivery is specified (or if specified delivery cannot be met), show number of days required to make delivery after receipt of Purchase Order in space provided. Delivery time may become a basis for making an award (see Special Conditions). Delivery shall be within the normal working hours of the user, Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays and days during which SBBC administration is closed.
5. **INTERPRETATIONS:** Any questions concerning conditions and specifications must be submitted in writing and received by Procurement and Warehousing Services no later than **ten working days, or as stated in the Special Conditions**, prior to the original bid opening date. If necessary, an Addendum shall be issued.
6. **AWARDS:** In the best interest of SBBC, SBBC reserves the right to: 1) withdraw this ITB at any time prior to the time and date specified for the bid opening; 2) to reject any or all bids received when there are sound documented business reasons that serve the best interest of SBBC; 3) to accept any item or group of items unless qualified by Bidder; and 4) to acquire additional quantities at prices quoted on this ITB unless additional quantities are not acceptable, in which case, the bid sheets must be noted "BID IS FOR SPECIFIED QUANTITY ONLY." All awards made as a result of this bid shall conform to applicable Florida Statutes and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, and must have venue established in the 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Broward County, Florida or the United States Court of the Southern District of Florida.
7. **BID OPENING:** Shall be public, on the date and at the time specified on the bid form. All bids received after that time shall not be considered.
8. **ADVERTISING:** In submitting a bid, Bidder agrees not to use the results there from as a part of any commercial advertising without prior approval of SBBC.
9. **INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE & TITLE:** Inspection and acceptance shall be at destination unless otherwise provided. Title to/ or risk of loss or damage to all items shall be the responsibility of the Awardee until acceptance by the buyer unless loss or damage resulting from negligence by the buyer. If the materials or services supplied to SBBC are found to be defective or not conform to specifications, SBBC reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the seller and return product at Awardee's expense.
10. **PAYMENT:** Payment shall be made by SBBC after the items awarded have been received, inspected, found to comply with award specifications and free of damage or defect and properly invoiced. All payments shall be made by ACH (Automated Clearing House) for automatic deposits (credits).
11. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP:** Section 112.313 (3) and (7), Florida Statutes, sets forth restrictions on the ability of SBBC employees acting in a private capacity to rent, lease, or sell any realty, goods or services to SBBC. It also places restrictions on SBBC employees concerning outside employment or contractual relationships with any business entity which is doing business with SBBC. Each Bidder is to disclose any employees it has who are also SBBC employees by submitting Attachment 1, Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest and Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship, with its Bid. Any employees identified by the Bidder when completing Attachment 1 should obtain legal advice as to their obligations and restrictions under Section 112.313 (3) and (7), Florida Statutes.
12. **INSURANCE:** Bidder, by virtue of submitting a bid, shall be in full compliance with paragraph 20: LIABILITY INSURANCE, LICENSES AND PERMITS of the General Conditions. Insurance Requirements are shown in FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS Section of this ITB. Bidder shall take special notice that SBBC shall be named as an additional insured under the General Liability policy including Products Liability.

The insurance policies shall be issued by companies qualified to do business in the State of Florida. The insurance companies must be rated at least A-VI by AM Best or Aa3 by Moody's Investor Service. All policies must remain in effect during the performance of the contract.

13. **LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS:** As of the Bid Opening Date, Bidder must have all Licenses, Certifications and Registrations required when performing the services as described herein, in order for Bid to be considered a responsive and responsible Bid. Licenses, Certifications and Registrations required for this Bid shall be as required by Chapter 489, Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time; by the State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF), latest version; and by Broward County, Florida. Bidder must submit a copy of all its current Licenses, Certifications and Registrations required as described herein, either with its Bid or within five working days of notification.
- An Awardee who has any License, Certification or Registration either suspended, revoked or expired after the date of the Bid Opening, shall provide notice to the Director of Procurement & Warehousing Services within five working days of such suspension, revocation or expiration. However, such suspension, revocation or expiration after the date of the Bid Opening shall not relieve the Awardee of its responsibilities under this ITB.*
14. **PATENTS & ROYALTIES:** The Awardee, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless SBBC and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by SBBC. If the Awardee uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent, or copyright, it is mutually understood and agreed without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or cost arising from the use of such design, device or materials in any way involved in the work.
15. **OSHA:** The Awardee warrants that the product supplied to SBBC shall conform in all respects to the standards set forth in the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended, and the failure to comply with this condition shall be considered as a breach of contract.
16. **SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** The Superintendent or Designee has the authority to issue Special Conditions and Specifications as required for individual bids. Any and all Special Conditions that may vary from these General Conditions shall have precedence.
17. **NONDISCRIMINATION:** The respondent hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct: In preparing its response on this project, the respondent has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not engaged in "discrimination" as defined in the District's Policy No. 3330 – Supplier Diversity Outreach Program, Section D.1; to wit: discrimination in the solicitation, selection, or commercial treatment of any subcontractor, vendor, supplier, or commercial customer on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or on the basis of disability or other unlawful forms of discrimination. Without limiting the foregoing, "discrimination" also includes retaliating against any person or other entity for reporting any incident of "discrimination." Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation for responses on this project, it is understood and agreed that, if this certification is false, such false certification will constitute grounds for the School District to reject the response submitted by the respondent on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the response. As part of its response, the respondent shall provide to the School District a list of all instances within the immediate past four (4) years where there has been a final adjudicated determination in a legal or administrative proceeding in the State of Florida that the respondent discriminated against its subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, and a description of the status or resolution of that complaint, including any remedial action taken. As a condition of submitting a response to the School Board, the respondent agrees to comply with the District's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as described under its School Board Policy No. 3330 – Supplier Diversity Outreach Program, Section D.1.
18. **QUALITY:** All materials used for the manufacture or construction of any supplies, materials or equipment covered by this bid shall be new unless otherwise specified. The items bid must be new, the latest model, of the best quality and highest grade workmanship.
19. **LIABILITY INSURANCE, LICENSES AND PERMITS:** Where Awardees are required to enter or go onto SBBC property to deliver materials or perform work or services as a result of a bid award, the Awardee agrees to The Hold Harmless Agreement stated herein and shall assume the full duty obligation and expense of obtaining all necessary licenses, permits and insurance. The Awardee shall be liable for any damages or loss to SBBC occasioned by negligence of the Awardee (or agent) or any person the Awardee has designated in the completion of the Contract as a result of their bid.
20. **BID BONDS, PERFORMANCE BONDS AND CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE:** Bid bonds, when required, shall be submitted with the bid in the amount specified in Special Conditions. Bid bonds shall be returned to non-Awardees. After acceptance of bid, SBBC shall notify the Awardee to submit a performance bond and certificate of insurance in the amount specified in Special Conditions. Upon receipt of the performance bond, the bid bond shall be returned to the Awardee.
21. **CANCELLATION:** In the event any of the provisions of this bid are violated by the Awardee, the Superintendent shall give written notice to the Awardee stating the deficiencies and unless deficiencies are corrected within five days, recommendation shall be made to SBBC for immediate cancellation.
22. **IRREVOCABILITY OF BID:** A bid may not be withdrawn before the expiration of 90 days from the date of bid opening.
23. **INFORMATION NOT IN ITB:** No verbal or written information which is obtained by a Bidder other than by information within this document or Addenda to this ITB shall be binding on SBBC.
24. **EXPENDITURE:** No guarantee is given or implied as to any sums payable or the quantity or scope of any award under this ITB. SBBC is not obligated to place any order for goods/services as a result of this award. Order placement shall be based upon the needs and best interest of SBBC.
25. **BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:** Invoices, unless otherwise indicated, must show Purchase Order numbers and shall be submitted in duplicate to The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Accounting and Financial Reporting Department, Attn: Accounts Payable, 600 S.E. 3rd Avenue, 7th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301. (Unless otherwise stated in the Special Conditions) Payment shall be made a minimum of 30 days after delivery, authorized inspection and acceptance. When vendors are directed to send invoices to a school, the school shall make direct payments to the vendor.
26. **NOTE TO VENDORS DELIVERING TO CENTRAL WAREHOUSE:** Receiving hours are Monday through Friday (excluding state holidays and days during which SBBC administration is closed) 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.
27. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** SBBC SHALL NOT accept substitute shipments of any kind. Awardees are expected to furnish the brand quoted in their bid once awarded by SBBC. Any substitute shipments shall be returned at the Awardee's expense.
28. **FACILITIES:** SBBC reserves the right to inspect the Awardee's facilities at any time with prior notice. SBBC may use the information obtained from this in determining whether a Bidder is a responsible Bidder.
29. **ASBESTOS AND FORMALDEHYDE STATEMENT:** All building materials, pressed boards, and furniture supplied to SBBC shall be **100% asbestos free. It is desirable that all building materials, pressed boards and furniture supplied to SBBC also be 100% formaldehyde free.** Bidder, by virtue of bidding, certifies by signing bid that, if awarded this bid, only building materials, pressed boards, and/or furniture that is **100% asbestos free** shall be supplied.
30. **ASSIGNMENT:** Neither any award of this bid nor any interest in any award of this bid may be assigned, transferred or encumbered by any party without the prior written consent from the Director, Procurement and Warehousing Services. There shall be no partial assignments of this ITB including, without limitation, the partial assignment of any right to receive payments from SBBC.
31. **EXTENSION:** In addition to any extension options contained herein, SBBC is granted the right to extend any award resulting from this bid for the period of time necessary for SBBC to release, award and implement a replacement bid for the goods, products and/or services provided through this bid. Such extension shall be upon the same prices, terms and conditions as existing at the time of SBBC's exercise of this extension right. The period of any extension under this provision shall not be for a period in excess of six months from (a) the termination date of a contract entered into as a result of this bid or (b) the termination date under any applicable period of extension under a contract entered into as a result of this bid.
32. **OMISSION FROM THE SPECIFICATIONS:** The apparent silence of this specification and any Addendum regarding any details or the omission from the specification of a detailed description concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best available units shall be provided and the best commercial practices are to prevail, and that only materials and workmanship of first quality are to be used. All interpretations of this specification shall be made upon the basis of this agreement.
33. **SUBMITTAL OF INVOICES:** All Bidders are hereby notified that any invoice submitted as a result of the award of this bid must be in the same format as any Purchase Order released as a result of the award of this bid. **Each line of the invoice must reference a corresponding single line shown on the Purchase Order.** A single invoice line must not correspond to or commingle the cost shown on multiple Purchase Order lines. An invoice submitted that does not follow the same format and line numbering as shown on the Purchase Order shall be deemed to be not correct, and may be returned to the vendor by the Accounts Payable Department for correction. Address for submitting invoices is included on Purchase Order.
34. **PURCHASE AGREEMENT:** This bid and the corresponding Purchase Orders shall constitute the complete agreement. SBBC shall not accept proposed terms and conditions that are different than those contained in this Invitation to Bid, including pre-printed text contained on catalogs, price lists, other descriptive information submitted or any other materials. By virtue of submitting a bid, Awardee agrees to not submit to any SBBC employee, for signature, any document that contains terms and conditions that are different than those contained herein and that in the event any document containing any term or condition that differs from those contained herein is executed, said document shall not be binding on SBBC.

35. **SBBC INFORMATION SECURITY GUIDELINES:** It is the responsibility of the Awardee to read and adhere to the SBBC Information Security Guidelines when using any device connected to the SBBC's network. Following the conclusion of the contract term, all of SBBC's confidential information must be removed from Awardee's equipment and all access privileges must be revoked. Final payment shall be withheld until the Awardee has confirmed, in writing, that all SBBC's confidential information has been purged from any and all electronic technology devices that were used during this contract and were connected to the SBBC's network.
36. **PROTESTING OF BID CONDITIONS/SPECIFICATIONS:** Any person desiring to protest the conditions/specifications in this ITB, or any Addenda subsequently released thereto, shall file a notice of intent to protest, in writing, within 72 hours after electronic release of the competitive solicitation or Addendum and shall file a formal written protest within ten calendar days after the date the notice of protest was filed. Saturdays, Sundays, state holidays or days during which SBBC administration is closed shall be excluded in the computation of the 72 hours. If the tenth calendar day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, state holiday or day during which SBBC administration is closed, the formal written protest must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. ET of the next calendar day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, state holiday or day during which SBBC administration is closed. Section 3 b, Chapter 120.57, Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, states that **"The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based."**
- Failure to file a notice of protest or to file a formal written protest within the time prescribed by Section 3, Chapter 120.57, Florida Statutes, or a failure to post the bond or other security required by SBBC Policy 3320, within the time allowed for filing a bond, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings. The bond shall be conditioned upon the payment of all costs which may be adjudged against the protestant in an Administrative Hearing in which the action is brought and in any subsequent appellate court proceeding. In lieu of a bond, SBBC may accept a cashier's check, official bank check or money order in the amount of the bond. If, after completion of the Administrative Hearing process and any appellate court proceedings, SBBC prevails, SBBC shall recover all costs and charges which shall be included in the Final Order or judgment, including charges made by the Division of Administrative Hearings, but excluding attorney's fees. Upon payment of such costs and charges by the protestant, the bond shall be returned. The failure to post the bond required by SBBC Policy 3320, Part VIII, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings. Notices of protest, formal written protests, and the bonds required by SBBC Policy 3320, shall be filed at the office of the Director, Procurement and Warehousing Services, 7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704 (fax 754-321-0936). Fax filing shall not be acceptable for the filing of bonds.
37. **POSTING OF BID RECOMMENDATIONS/TABULATIONS:** ITB Recommendations and Tabulations shall be posted in Procurement and Warehousing Services and on www.demandstar.com on 9/23/2019 at 3:00 pm, and shall remain posted for 72 hours. Any change to the date and time established herein for posting of ITB Recommendations/Tabulations shall be posted in Procurement and Warehousing Services and/or at www.demandstar.com (under the document section for this ITB). In the event the date and time of the posting of ITB Recommendations/Tabulations is changed, it is the responsibility of each Bidder to ascertain the revised date of the posting of ITB Recommendations/Tabulations. Any person desiring to protest the intended decision shall file a notice of protest, in writing, within 72 hours after the posting of the ITB tabulation and shall file a formal written protest within ten calendar days after the date the notice of protest was filed. Saturdays, Sundays, state holidays and days during which SBBC administration is closed shall be excluded in the computation of the 72 hours. If the tenth calendar day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, state holiday or day during which SBBC administration is closed, the formal written protest must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. ET of the next calendar day that is not a Saturday or Sunday, state holiday or days during which SBBC administration is closed. No submissions made after the Bid opening amending or supplementing the Bid shall be considered. Section 120.57(3)(b), Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, states that **"The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based"**. Any person who files an action protesting an intended decision shall post with SBBC, **at the time of filing the formal written protest**, a bond, payable to SBBC, in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of SBBC's estimate of the total volume of the contract. SBBC shall provide the estimated contract amount to the vendor within 72 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and other days during which SBBC administration is closed, of receipt of notice of intent to protest. The estimated contract amount is not subject to protest pursuant to Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes. The bond shall be conditioned upon the payment of all costs which may be adjudged against the protestant in an Administrative Hearing in which the action is brought and in any subsequent appellate court proceeding. In lieu of a bond, SBBC may accept a cashier's check, official bank check or money order in the amount of the bond. If, after completion of the Administrative Hearing process and any appellate
37. (Continued): court proceedings, SBBC prevails, SBBC shall recover all costs and charges which shall be included in the Final Order or judgment, including charges made by the Division of Administrative Hearings, but excluding attorney's fees. Upon payment of such costs and charges by the protestant, the bond shall be returned. **All documentation necessary for the protest proceedings shall be provided electronically by SBBC.**
- Failure to file a notice of protest or to file a formal written protest within the time prescribed by Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or a failure to post the bond or other security required by SBBC Policy 3320 within the time allowed for filing a bond, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings. The failure to post the bond required by SBBC Policy 3320, Part VIII, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings. Notices of protests, formal written protests, and the bonds required by Policy 3320, shall be filed at the office of the Director, Procurement and Warehousing Services, 7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704 (fax 754-321-0936). Fax filing shall not be acceptable for the filing of bonds.**
38. **SUBMITTAL OF BIDS:** All Bidders are reminded that it is the sole responsibility of the BIDDER to assure that their bid is time stamped in PROCUREMENT AND WAREHOUSING SERVICES on or before 2:00 p.m. ET on date due. The address for bid submittal, including hand delivery and overnight courier delivery, is indicated as: 7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323, Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704. The Bidder is fully and completely responsible for the payment of all delivery costs associated with the delivery of their bid or related material. Procurement and Warehousing Services shall not accept delivery of any bid or related material requiring SBBC to pay for any portion of the delivery cost or the complete delivery cost. Prior to bid submittal, it is the responsibility of the Bidder to be certain that all Addenda released have been received, that all Addendum requirements have been completed, and that all submittals required by the Addendum have been timely filed. (See General Condition 1.)
39. **PACKING SLIPS:** It shall be the responsibility of the Awardee to attach all packing slips to the OUTSIDE of each shipment. Packing slip must reference SBBC Purchase Order number/control number. Failure to provide packing slip attached to the outside of shipment shall result in refusal of shipment at Awardee's expense.
40. **USE OF OTHER CONTRACTS:** SBBC reserves the right to utilize any other SBBC contract, any State of Florida Contract, any contract awarded by any other city or county governmental agencies, other school s, other community college/state university system cooperative bid agreement, or to directly negotiate/purchase per SBBC and/or Rule 6A-1.012, Florida Administration Code as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, in lieu of any offer received or award made as a result of this bid if it is in its best interest to do so.
41. **INDEMNIFICATION:** This General Condition of the bid is NOT subject to negotiation and any bid that fails to accept these conditions shall be rejected as "non-responsive."
- a) SBBC agrees to be fully responsible for its acts of negligence or its agents' acts of negligence when acting within the scope of their employment and agrees to be liable for any damages resulting from said negligence. Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by SBBC. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by SBBC to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver by SBBC of any rights or limits to liability under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.
- b) AWARDEE agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend SBBC, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, judgments, costs and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, reasonable investigative and discovery costs, court costs and all other sums which SBBC, its agents, servants and employees may pay or become obligated to pay on account of any, all and every claim or demand, or assertion of liability, or any claim or action founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen out of the products, goods or services furnished by the AWARDEE, its agents, servants or employees; the equipment of the AWARDEE, its agents, servants or employees while such equipment is on premises owned or controlled by SBBC; or the negligence of AWARDEE or the negligence of AWARDEE's agents when acting within the scope of their employment, whether such claims, judgments, costs and expenses be for damages, damage to property including SBBC's property, and injury or death of any person whether employed by the AWARDEE, SBBC or otherwise.
42. **PURCHASE BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES:** With the consent and agreement of the awarded contractor(s), purchases may be made under this bid by other agencies. Such purchases shall be governed by the same terms and conditions as stated herein.
43. **GOVERNING LAW:** This ITB, and any award(s) resulting from this ITB shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Any protests arising from this ITB shall be subject to Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes. Any disputes or controversies arising out of a contract award under this ITB shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the state courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Broward County, Florida.

44. **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES:** Section 287.133(2)(a), Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, states that a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO [currently \$25,000] for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
45. **CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY OR VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION - Lower Tier Covered Transactions:** Executive Order 12549, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, provides that, to the extent permitted by law, Executive departments and agencies shall participate in a government-wide system for non-procurement debarment and suspension. A person who is debarred or suspended shall be excluded from Federal financial and non-financial assistance and benefits under Federal programs and activities. Except as provided in § 85.200, Debarment or Suspension, § 85.201, Treatment of Title IV HEA participation, and § 85.215, Exception Provision, debarment or suspension of a participant in a program by one agency shall have government-wide effect. A lower tier covered transaction is, in part, any transaction between a participant [SBBC] and a person other than a procurement contract for goods or services, regardless of type, under a primary covered transaction; and any procurement contract for goods or services between a participant and a person, regardless of type, expected to equal or exceed the Federal procurement small purchase threshold fixed at 10 U.S.C. 2304(g) and 41 U.S.C. 253(g) (currently \$100,000) under a primary covered transaction; or any procurement contract for goods or services between a participant and a person under a covered transaction, regardless of amount, under which that person shall have a critical influence on or substantive control over that covered transaction. A participant may rely upon the certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it and its principals are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. Each participant shall require participants in lower tier covered transactions to include the certification for it and its principals in any bid submitted in connection with such lower tier covered transactions.
- CERTIFICATION**
- a) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this bid, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- b) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this bid.
- Every time a Bid is submitted that includes reference to this Form, a new Form is required. Any Bid that does not include this required Form shall not be evaluated and shall not be considered for award. **A signature is required on BOTH the Debarment Form AND the Invitation to Bid page.** A signature on one document cannot be substituted for the signature required on the other document. **Failure to complete and sign both documents requiring signature shall result in rejection of bid submitted.**
46. **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION:** Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities (EEO) at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY 754- 321-2158.
47. **SEVERABILITY:** In case of any one or more of the provisions contained in this Bid shall be for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void in any respect, the invalidity, illegality, unenforceability or unlawful or void nature of that provision shall not affect any other provision and this Bid shall be considered as if such invalid, unlawful, unenforceable or void provision had never been included herein.
48. **DISTRIBUTION:** DemandStar by Onvia, www.demandstar.com, is the official method approved by Procurement and Warehousing Services for the distribution of all competitive solicitations including ITBs and RFPs. It is the responsibility of all Bidders to assure they have received all necessary documents, including Addenda and have included all necessary information within their response. SBBC is not responsible for Bidder's failure to obtain complete bidding documents from DemandStar. SBBC reserves the right to reject any bid as non-responsive for failure to include all necessary documents or required Addenda. For information regarding the above referenced solicitation, contact the designated Purchasing Agent as stated herein.
49. **LOBBYIST ACTIVITIES:** In accordance with SBBC Policy 1100B, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time, persons acting as lobbyists must state, at the beginning of their presentation, letter, telephone call, e-mail or facsimile transmission to School Board Members, Superintendent or Members of Senior Management, the group, association, organization or business interest she/he is representing.
- a) A lobbyist is defined as a person who for immediate or subsequent compensation, (e.g., monetary profit/personal gain) represents a public or private group, association, organization or business interest and engages in efforts to influence School Board Members on matters within their official jurisdiction.
- b) A lobbyist is not considered a person representing school-affiliated groups (e.g., PTA, DAC, Band Booster Associations, etc.) nor a public official acting in her/his official capacity.
- c) Lobbyists shall annually (July 1) disclose in each instance and for each client prior to any lobbying activities, their identity and activities by completing the lobbyist statement form which can be obtained from Official School Board Records, School Board Member's Offices or the Superintendent's Office and shall be recorded on SBBC's website, www.browardschools.com.
- d) The lobbyist must disclose any direct business association with any current elected or appointed official or employee of SBBC or any immediate family member of such elected or appointed official or employee of SBBC.
- e) Senior-level employees (Pay Grade 30 and above) and/or School Board Members are prohibited from lobbying activities for one year after resignation or retirement or expiration of their term of office.
50. **TIE BID PROCEDURES:** When identical prices are received from two or more Bidders and all other factors are equal, priority for award shall be given to Bidders in the following sequence:
- A business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 287.087, Florida Statutes, as currently enacted or as amended from time to time;
 - The Broward County Certified Minority/Women Business Enterprise Bidder;
 - The Palm Beach County or Miami-Dade County Certified Minority/Women Business Enterprise Bidder;
 - The Florida Certified Minority/Women Business Enterprise Bidder;
 - The Broward County Bidder, other than a Minority/Women Business Enterprise Bidder;
 - The Palm Beach County or Miami-Dade County Bidder, other than a Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor;
 - The Florida Bidder, whose main office is in the State of Florida, other than a Minority/Women Business Enterprise vendor.
 - If application of the above criteria does not indicate a priority for award, the award shall be decided by a coin toss. The coin toss shall be held publicly in Procurement and Warehousing Services; the tie low bid Bidders invited to be present as witnesses.
- Included as a part of these bid documents is a Form entitled **SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 287.087, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS CURRENTLY ENACTED OR AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, ON PREFERENCE TO BUSINESSES WITH DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAMS.** This form shall be used by the Bidder to certify that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program. In order for bid to be considered, the Invitation to Bid form (Page 1 of this bid) must be properly signed in order for the bid to be considered. A Bidder cannot sign this form in lieu of properly signing the Invitation to Bid form.
51. **DISPUTES:** in the event of a conflict between the documents, the order of priority of the documents shall be as follows:
- Addenda released for this ITB, with the latest Addendum taking precedence, then;
 - The ITB; then
 - Bidder's submitted bid.
- In case of any other doubt or difference of opinion, the decision of SBBC shall be final and binding on both parties.

52. **SUPPLIER DIVERSITY OUTREACH PROGRAM (SDOP):** SBBC has implemented a Supplier Diversity Outreach Program (SDOP) as part of the SBBC's competitive solicitation and contracting activity in accordance with School Board Policy 3330, Administrative Procedures for The School Board of Broward County, Florida's Supplier Diversity & Outreach Program. The purpose of the program is to utilize available small, minority, and women business enterprises within the Board's market area to compete for the award of SBBC construction and purchasing contracts. S/M/WBE vendors utilized for this contract must be certified by SBBC's Supplier Diversity Outreach Program Office prior to submission of Bid. For information on M/WBE Certification, contact SBBC's Supplier Diversity Outreach Program at 754-321-0550 or visit www.browardschools.com/sdop.
53. **SBBC MATERIAL NUMBER:** The seven-digit number shown in parenthesis at the beginning of an item on the Bid Summary Sheet represents SBBC's material number for the item. It does not represent any manufacturer/distributor model/part number.
54. **SBBC PHOTO IDENTIFICATION BADGE:**
- Background Screening:** Awardee agrees to comply with all the requirements of Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes, and that Awardee and all its personnel who (1) are to be permitted access to school grounds when students are present, (2) will have direct contact with students, or (3) have access or control of school funds shall successfully complete the background screening required by the referenced statutes and meet the standards established by the statutes. **Personnel shall include employees, representatives, agents or sub-contractors performing duties under the contract to SBBC, and who meet any or all of the three requirements identified above.** This background screening shall be conducted by SBBC in advance of Awardee or its personnel providing any services. Awardee shall bear the cost of acquiring the background screening required under Section 1012.32, Florida Statutes, and any fee imposed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to maintain the fingerprints provided with respect to Awardee and its personnel. The Parties agree that the failure of Awardee to perform any of the duties described in this section shall constitute a material breach of this ITB entitling SBBC to terminate immediately with no further responsibilities or duties to perform under this Agreement. Awardee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SBBC, its officers and employees of any liability in the form of physical or mental injury, death or property damage resulting in Awardee's failure to comply with the requirements of this section or Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes.
- SBBC issued identification badges must be worn at all times when on SBBC property and must be worn where they are visible and easily readable.**
- As of July 1, 2015, Fieldprint, Inc. has been contracted to provide all background and fingerprinting services. All questions pertaining to fingerprinting, photo identification and background check services must be directed to the Project Coordinator at 754-321-1830 or 754-321-2374. **Each individual, for whom a SBBC photo identification badge is requested, must be registered into the Fieldprint, Inc. applicant enrollment website.** A background check shall be conducted for each badge applicant. SBBC reserves the right to require additional information, should it be necessary, and to deny the issuance of a badge to an applicant. Any applicant, that has been denied a badge, is prohibited from entering SBBC property as an employee, sub-contractor or agent of a contract Awardee. **Applicant enrollment and scheduling website is www.fieldprintflorida.com.** The total fee(s) for the SBBC photo identification badge, fingerprinting and a FBI background check can be found at the following website: http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/police/pdf/seccl/FIELDPRINT_CODES.pdf. Payment options can be made by electronic check (e-check), Visa, MasterCard or use of an established escrow account code. **These fees are non-refundable and are subject to change without notice. Badges are issued for a one-year period and must be renewed annually. The renewal date shall be one year from date of issuance. Failure to renew the badge, at that time, shall result in the Awardee being required to re-apply and pay the going rate for badging and fingerprinting.**
- Awardees shall return expired and/or terminated employee badges to the following location: The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Attn: Fieldprint, Inc., 600 S.E. 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.**
55. **AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF AWARDEE'S DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS:** The District or its representative reserves the right to inspect and/or audit all the Awardee's documents and records as they pertain to the products and services delivered under this agreement. Such rights shall be exercised with notice to the Awardee to determine compliance with and performance of the terms, conditions and specifications on all matters, rights and duties, and obligations established by this agreement. Documents/records in any form shall be open to the District or State's representative and may include but are not limited to all correspondence, ordering, payment, inspection, and receiving records, contracts or sub-contracts that directly or indirectly pertain to the transactions between the District and the Awardee(s).
56. **ORIGINAL DOCUMENT FORMAT:** Only the terms and conditions of this solicitation as they were released by SBBC, or amended via Addendum, are valid. Any modification to any term or condition by a Bidder is not binding unless it is expressly agreed to, in writing, by SBBC.
57. **CREDIT CARDS:** Individual schools and departments may place some orders and utilize, as the form of payment, a District-issued credit card to the extent authorized by SBBC. These orders shall be made via phone or fax for direct delivery and billing to the requesting work location. Please note that credit card purchases will benefit all vendors by providing immediate payment (i.e. within 48-72 hours), thereby eliminating the need to submit an invoice to the District's Accounts Payable Department or reconcile receivable balances. For credit card purchases, all Awardees must have the capability to accept fax orders, which must be confirmed by calling back the requesting work location to verify prices and obtain a credit card number. Only actual items shipped/delivered can be charged to the credit card account (i.e., no back-orders). All purchase deliveries must include a packing slip or receipt/invoice listing the items and prices of goods delivered. For security reasons, the credit card charge receipt showing the work location's credit card number cannot be attached to the packing slip or receipt/invoice submitted as part of the purchase delivery. District work locations may request that an Awardee maintains secure records of the credit card account assigned an alias or password, to avoid divulging the actual credit card number upon every purchase.
58. **NONCONFORMANCE TO CONTRACT CONDITIONS:** Items offered may be tested for compliance with bid conditions and specifications at any time. Items delivered, not conforming to bid conditions or specifications, may be rejected and returned at Awardee's expense. Goods or services not delivered as per delivery date in bid and/or Purchase Order may be rejected upon delivery and/or may be purchased on the open market. Any increase in cost may be charged against the Awardee. Any violation of these stipulations may also result in:
- For a period of two years, any bid submitted by Awardee shall not be considered and shall not be recommended for award.
 - All departments being advised not to do business with Awardee.
59. **CONE OF SILENCE:** Any Bidder, or lobbyist for a Bidder, is prohibited from having any communications (except as provided in this rule) concerning any solicitation for a competitive procurement with any School Board member, the Superintendent, any Evaluation Committee Member, or any other School District employee after Procurement and Warehousing Services releases a solicitation to the General Public. All communications regarding this solicitation shall be directed to the designated Purchasing Agent unless so notified by Procurement and Warehousing Services. This "Cone of Silence" period shall go into effect and shall remain in effect from the time of release of the solicitation until the contract is awarded by SBBC. Further, any Awardee, its principals, or their lobbyists shall not offer campaign contributions to School Board Members or offer contributions to School Board Members for campaigns of other candidates for political office during the period in which the Awardee is attempting to sell goods or services to SBBC. This period of limitation of offering campaign contributions shall commence at the time of the "cone of silence" period for any solicitation for a competitive procurement as described by School Board Policy 3320, Part II, Section GG as well as School Board Policy 1007, Section 5.4 – Campaign Contribution Fundraising. **Any Bidder or lobbyist who violates this provision shall cause their Bid (or that of their principal) to be considered non-responsive and therefore be ineligible for award.**
60. **TERMINATION:** This contract award may be terminated with or without cause by SBBC during the term hereof thirty (30) days after the Superintendent gives written notice to the other parties that a recommendation shall be made to SBBC for the contract award's termination.
61. **EVALUATION AND BIDS:** SBBC evaluates all Bids in accordance with Chapters 119.071 and 286.0113, Florida Statutes.

62. **MEET OR RELEASE:** If during the contract term, SBBC is offered a lower price from a third party supplier for a product or service awarded under this contract, or offers another item that meets or exceeds the specifications for the item at a lower price than the awarded price, SBBC shall request Awardee to meet the lower price offered by the third party supplier. Awardee shall be required to respond to this request within three (3) days of request. If Awardee is unable to meet the lower price, SBBC shall be released from its contractual obligation to purchase the item under this contract. No response to this request shall indicate that Awardee is unable to offer item at a lower price. This action, purchasing awarded item from third party supplier, shall not hold SBBC in default of contract. Each purchase shall be considered separate and apart from each other.

63. **CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS:** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary within this Contract, any party contracting with SBBC under this Contract shall fully comply with the requirements of Sections 1002.22 and 1002.221, Florida Statutes; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and any other state or federal law or regulation regarding the confidentiality of student information and records. Each such party agrees, for itself, its officers, employees, agents, representatives, contractors or subcontractors, to fully indemnify and hold harmless SBBC and its officers and employees for any violation of this section, including, without limitation, defending SBBC and its officers and employees against any complaint, administrative or judicial proceeding, payment of any penalty imposed upon SBBC, or payment of any and all costs, damages, judgments or losses incurred by or imposed upon SBBC arising out of a breach of this covenant by the party, or an officer, employee, agent, representative, contractor, or sub-contractor of the party to the extent that the party or an officer, employee, agent, representative, contractor, or sub-contractor of the party shall either intentionally or negligently violate the provisions of this section or of Sections 1002.22 and/or 1002.221, Florida Statutes.

Awardee agrees that it may create, receive from or on behalf of SBBC, or have access to, records or record systems that are subject to FERPA and/or HIPAA (collectively, the "Confidential Records"). Awardee represents, warrants, and agrees that it shall: (1) hold the Confidential Records in strict confidence and shall not use or disclose the Confidential Records except as (a) permitted or required by this Agreement, (b) required by law, or (c) otherwise authorized by the SBBC in writing; (2) safeguard the Confidential Records according to commercially reasonable administrative, physical and technical standards as required by law; and (3) continually monitor its operations and take any and all action necessary to assure that the Confidential Records are safeguarded in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. At the request of the SBBC, Awardee agrees to provide SBBC with a written summary of the procedures Awardee uses to safeguard the Confidential Records. A breach of these confidentiality requirements shall constitute grounds for the SBBC to terminate any Agreement with Awardee.

64. **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, bids received as a result of this ITB shall not become public record until thirty (30) days after the date of opening or until posting of the recommendation for award, whichever occurs first. Thereafter, all bid documents or other materials submitted by all Bidders in response to this ITB shall be open for inspection by any person and in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. To the extent a Bidder asserts any portion of its bid is confidential and exempt, long with specific citations of the Florida Statutes establishing the confidentiality or exemption. Failure to identify the portions of the bid claimed to be exempt or the specific statutory authority establishing the exemption shall be deemed a waiver by the Bidder that any unidentified portion of the bid is confidential or exempt from disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

Should a public records request for bid documents or other materials submitted by a Bidder be submitted, SBBC shall notify the contact person identified in the bid of the request in writing. The notice provided shall indicate that requested materials shall be produced unless, within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the written notification, the Awardee initiated an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to obtain an injunction or protective order prohibiting the release of the requested materials. Awardee shall name the party requesting the materials as a defendant and shall not name SBBC as a party to the action. Awardee agrees to hold SBBC harmless from any award to a plaintiff for damages, costs or attorney's fees based on nondisclosure of information asserted to be confidential and exempt. Failure to timely initiate the action shall be deemed a waiver by the Awardee that the requested information is confidential and exempt. Awardee agrees to waive any cause of action it may have against SBBC for the release of materials pursuant to a public records request except those based on the intentional or grossly negligent conduct of any employee of SBBC. Submission by a Bidder in response to this ITB shall be deemed as Bidder's consent to the foregoing conditions.

SECTION 4, SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 1. INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE:** The School Board of Broward County, Florida (hereinafter referred to as "SBBC") desires bids on EMERGENCY DEBRIS CLEAN UP AND REMOVAL SERVICES as specified herein. The purpose of this bid is to establish a pool of vendors who can assist SBBC with debris management and removal after a storm, natural disaster, or similar event. The scope of this contract is hazardous debris removal and disposal due to a natural disaster or emergency situation in accordance with all local, state and federal guidelines. All work will be performed on school grounds and/or public rights-of-way directly adjacent to school property. The work to be performed consists of hazardous tree removal, hazardous limb removal, re-standing leaning or fallen trees, hazardous stump removal (extraction), hazardous stump grinding, tree gathering and collection of all vegetative material, and removal. Also included is removal of construction and demolition debris from the school grounds and/or right-of-way areas directly adjacent to school property and removal. The term "removal" - includes all loading and hauling to a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and/or local authority as directed by SBBC. SBBC reserves the right to use in-house resources, multiple awardees, or other contracts in order to accomplish this work.

One (1) original, clearly marked, hard-copy bid must be sent with the bid; one IDENTICAL to the original hard-copy, electronic version of the bid, in PDF Format on a flash drive with exception to the Bid Summary Spreadsheet, which must be both in the original PDF file as well as a separate attachment in an Excel (.xls) format, should be submitted in time for bid opening. If there is a discrepancy between the hard copy and the electronic copy, the original hard copy shall govern.

- 2. TERM:** The award of this bid shall establish a contract for the period **beginning 12/1/2019 and continuing through 11/30/2020**. Bids shall not be considered for a shorter period of time. Items shall be ordered on an as-needed basis. If only one bid is received, the term of the contract shall be reduced to one year.
- 3. AWARD:** Bid shall be awarded in its **ENTIRETY** to **ALL** bidders who are responsive and responsible meeting all specifications, terms and conditions. Therefore, it is necessary to bid on every item in the group, in order to have the bid considered for award. Those responsive and responsible bidders who comply with all specifications, terms and conditions of this bid will then be ranked based on pricing offered. The lowest bidder will become the primary awardee. The next lowest bidder will become the first alternate and so on. When services are required, the primary awardee will be called first, then the first alternate, etc.

After award of this bid, any Awardee who violates any specification, term or condition of this bid can be found in default of its contract, have its contract canceled, be subject to the payment of liquidated damages, and be removed from the bid list and not be eligible to do business with SBBC for two years, as described in General Conditions 21 and 58.

- 4. INFORMATION:** Any questions by prospective Bidders concerning this Invitation to Bid should be addressed to Edgar Lugo, **Procurement and Warehousing Services, 754-321-0508 or e-mail at edgar.lugo@browardschools.com** who is authorized only to direct the attention of prospective Bidders to various portions of the bid so they may read and interpret such for themselves. Neither Edgar Lugo, nor any employee of SBBC, is authorized to interpret any portion of the bid or give information as to the requirements of the bid in addition to that contained in the written bid document. **Questions should be submitted in accordance with General Condition 5.** Interpretations of the bid or additional information as to its requirements, where necessary, shall be communicated to Bidders only by written Addendum. Any verbal or written information, which is obtained other than by information in this ITB document or by Addenda, shall not be binding on SBBC.
- 5. CONTRACT RENEWAL:** The purpose of this bid is to establish a contract, at firm unit prices, for the purchase of estimated requirements for the items listed. The term of the bid shall be for one (1) year(s), and may, by mutual agreement between SBBC and the Awardee, be renewed for two additional one-year periods and, if needed, 90 days beyond the expiration date of the final renewal period. Procurement and Warehousing Services, will, if considering renewing, request a letter of intent to renew from each Awardee, prior to the end of the current contract period. The Awardee shall be notified when the recommendation has been acted upon by the School Board. All prices shall be firm through the period stated in Special Condition 14 - Price Adjustments for the term of the contract. The Bidder(s) agrees to this condition by signing its bid.
- 6. QUANTITIES:** The quantities listed on the Bid Summary Sheet are estimated quantities to be ordered throughout the contract period for each item and are not a guarantee. Actual quantities ordered throughout the contract period may be greater or less than the bid estimates and shall be furnished at the fixed contract price. Purchases shall be requested as needed throughout the contract period and as few as one each may be ordered at one time.

7. **COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE:** Bidder(s) should indicate, in the space provided on the Bid Summary Sheet, the name, address, telephone number, etc., of the representative who could make scheduled visits to the schools/departments and who shall be available, upon request, to resolve billing and delivery problems.
8. **FLORIDA BIDDER'S PREFERENCE:** General Condition 1.d) does not apply to this Bid as no personal property is being purchased.
9. **SUPPLIER DIVERSITY OUTREACH PROGRAM (SDOP):** The SBBC's Supplier Diversity Outreach Program administers a Small/Minority/Women Business Enterprise (S/M/WBE) Program. S/M/WBE is defined by SBBC as any legal entity, other than a joint venture, which is organized to engage in commercial transactions and which is at least 51% owned, operated and controlled by minorities or women, and is an enterprise whose annual revenues and number of employees shall be no greater than fifty percent (50%) of the small business size standards for its industry(ies) as established by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

SDOP encourages all small and minority business owners to become a certified S/M/WBE with the SBBC. Please visit our website www.browardschools.com/pws for information on how to apply for S/M/WBE certification, and to view our upcoming outreach events and educational workshops. You can also contact us at (754) 321 0505 with questions or concerns.

The Affirmative Procurement Initiative (API) implemented in this solicitation is the M/WBE Annual Aspirational Goals:

In accordance with SBBC Policy No. 3330, Section E.8.a., the GSC has initially established the M/WBE Annual Aspirational Goals at forty-one percent (41%) MBE prime contract participation and twenty-three percent (23%) WBE prime contract participation based upon the industry availability estimates in accordance with the District's 2015 Disparity Study findings".

The M/WBE Annual Aspirational Goals: based upon availability analysis of current data collected from registered bidders of the School District, as well as the best available data on similar types of registered bidders from other jurisdictions within the three-county relevant market place (i.e., Miami-Dade County, Broward County and Palm Beach County), the proportion of other contractual services firms that are certified M/WBEs and that are ready, willing, and able to perform the type of work required to be performed under this contract is estimated to be forty-one percent (41%) for MBE prime contractor and twenty-three percent (23%) for WBE prime contractor. This percentage represents an aspirational goal for M/WBE participation that the School District is striving to obtain in similar contracts over the course of the year.

Please go to the following link to view the current list of SBBC-Certified firms: browardschools.com/Page/46981

The Proposer must identify itself as an SBBC-Certified M/WBE firm, by completing the *Form 00475* and *Form 00470* (see **Attachment A**). The Statement of Intent submitted with the proposal reflects the intent to self-perform. Additionally, it will detail the scope of work and dollar amount to perform.

Indicate the extent and nature of the firm's work with specificity, as it relates to the services as described in this ITB.

Provide proof, in writing, that the M/WBE proposer is certified by The School Board of Broward County (SBBC), Florida. Any participation by firms not certified with SBBC at the time the proposal is due will not count towards the points for this solicitation. **If you are not a SBBC Certified M/WBE Proposer state N/A on the form and return it with your Proposal.**

10. **INVOICES:** Delivery copies, packing slips and invoices to SBBC **MUST** include the following to permit SBBC to verify prices with this contract and expedite the use of material. **FAILURE OF AN AWARDEE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION SHALL RESULT IN EITHER THE INVOICE BEING RETURNED FOR CLARIFICATION OR A DELAY IN PROCESSING SAID INVOICE FOR PAYMENT.** Invoices are to be mailed to **District Maintenance, 3897 N. W. 10th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.**
 - Material release number OR the control number
 - Purchase Order number
 - Complete description of the items and work location
 - Itemized list price
 - Total dollar amount shall be net

11. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Failure to provide this documentation will result in bid being considered non-responsive and ineligible for award.
- a. **References:** Bidder(s) shall supply three (3) references (Attachment 6) **with this bid** for projects completed within the last five (5) years of similar scope and size to this solicitation. Failure to provide this documentation will result in bid being considered non-responsive and ineligible for award. References that show experience with K-12 organizations are preferred.
12. **DEBRIS REMOVAL:** All materials hauled by the Awardee(s) from SBBC property become the property of the Awardee(s). SBBC will not be responsible for any materials, once removed from SBBC property.
13. **SUBCONTRACTING:** Subcontracting will be permitted, with prior approval by PPO representative. The Awardee(s) may use subcontractors. However, subcontractors of the Awardee(s) may not use subcontractors of their own.
14. **PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:** Prices offered shall remain firm through the first year of the contract. A request for price adjustment, with proper documentation justifying the adjustment, may be submitted, in writing, 30 days prior to the first anniversary date of the contract. Price adjustment requests shall be evaluated on an annual basis thereafter. Unit price adjustments must have written approval from SBBC prior to invoicing. Any unit price adjustment invoiced without written approval from SBBC shall not be paid and the invoice returned to the Awardee for correction. Requests for price adjustments shall not exceed 3% per adjustment.
15. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Hourly rates, arborist information, equipment list, and employee/subcontractor list listed under "Additional Information" in the bid summary sheet are for informational purposes only and are not part of the award process. Hourly rates offered must be stated in the space provided on the Bid Summary Sheet. Hourly rate offered must remain firm through November 30, 2020. (See Special Condition 16).
16. **PRICE REDUCTIONS:** If, from date of bid opening, the Awardee either bids the same products at a lower price than offered to SBBC or reduces the price of the bid product, the lowest of these reduced prices shall be extended to SBBC.
17. **PROTECTION OF WORK, PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL:** The Awardee shall at all times guard against damage and/or loss to the property of SBBC and shall replace and/or repair any loss or damages unless caused by SBBC. SBBC may withhold payment or make such deductions, as it might deem necessary, to insure reimbursement for loss and/or damages to the property through negligence of the Awardee. The Awardee shall take the necessary safety precautions to protect both personnel and property while the work is in progress.
18. **W-9 FORMS:** All Bidders are required to complete a W-9 form; it can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf> , and submit with their bid.
19. **ITB TIMELINE:**
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| a. Release of ITB: | 8/23/2019 |
| b. Written Questions due on or before 5:00 p.m. ET in Procurement & Warehouse Service Department: | 9/2/2019 |
| c. Proposals due on or before 2:00 p.m. ET in Procurement & Warehousing Service Department:
Proposal Opening will be at:
7720 West Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 323,
Sunrise, Florida 33351-6704 | 9/16/2019 |
| d. Posting of Recommendation : | 9/23/2019 |

SECTION 5, BID SUMMARY SHEET

BID SUMMARY SHEET: Vendor **MUST** fill out the attached “Bid Summary Sheet” electronically with the corresponding price per unit of measure as stated. No handwritten summary sheets will be accepted.

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: Vendor **MUST** fill out the attached “Bid Summary Sheet” with the contact information.

SECTION 6A, BID SPECIFICATIONS - GENERAL

1. **WORKING HOURS:** Unless otherwise notified, working hours shall be during daylight hours and seven (7) days a week.
2. **EQUIPMENT:** Awardee(s) may store and stage equipment at a designated SBBC location prior to the storm upon approval by the SBBC representative. Awardee(s) will be responsible for providing all equipment necessary to complete the work assigned. All equipment must meet DOT safety standards for operation. Grapple trucks and trailers for debris removal shall be capable of accessing all areas of school campuses. Oversized grapple trucks that cannot maneuver around campuses for debris pickup will not be allowed. Trucks or equipment which is designated for use at SBBC locations shall not be used for any other purpose during the working hours of this contract.
3. **AWARDEE(S) REQUIREMENTS:**
 - a. Awardee(s) shall provide an Operations Manager to serve as the principal liaison between SBBC representative(s) and the Awardee(s)' staff. The assigned Operations Manager must be knowledgeable of the Awardee(s)' operations at all times and have the authority to act in all ways necessary to perform the required tasks. The Operations Manager will participate in daily and/or weekly meetings at the request of SBBC representative(s).
 - b. Awardee(s) shall be responsible for control of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in assigned areas at all times. No work shall be done when students, parents, staff members or others are in the immediate area of work. The Awardee(s) shall work closely with the location's administration to ensure the safety of all students, parents and staff.
 - c. **Awardee(s) shall take photos of all work (before and after) and keep written documentation of all work performed, especially for FEMA reimbursement purposes.**
 - d. Awardee(s) shall supervise and direct the work, using professional skilled labor and equipment in good condition and appropriate for all assigned and approved tasks. Safety of the Awardee's personnel and equipment is the responsibility of the Awardee.
4. **PERFORMANCE:** Awardee(s) shall arrive to start work within 24 hours after notification by the SBBC representative. All work shall be completed within 45 days of the issuance of a Notice to Proceed to the Awardee(s). If necessary, or as conditions may warrant, the Awardee(s) may submit a written request for an extension beyond the 45 days. Multiple passes for the same group of work will delay the recovery process, incur additional monitoring costs, and will not be tolerated. SBBC reserves the right to stop work and utilize other resources to complete assigned work if the awardee(s) cannot complete the work with a minimum number of passes. Tree work will be grouped as noted below:
 - a. Unless otherwise directed, the Awardee(s) will be required to complete all hazardous limb removal, hazardous tree removal, re-standing trees, and vegetative debris removal at one site prior to moving to a new site. The SBBC representative(s) will monitor Awardee(s)' performance and determine when a site is complete.
 - b. Unless otherwise directed, the Awardee(s) will be required to complete all Tree Stump work at one site prior to moving to a new site including: grinding, removal (extraction), backfill, and removal. SBBC representative(s) will monitor Awardee(s)' performance and determine when a site is complete.
5. **INSPECTION:** SBBC representative(s) shall inspect each site once the Awardee(s) indicates that work is complete at each site. Any work which has been overlooked or is unfinished shall be completed within 24 hours of notification.

SECTION 6A, BID SPECIFICATIONS – GENERAL (CONTINUED)

6. **CHANGE OF SCOPE:** If a condition is observed, after the initial inspection, requiring attention beyond the original scope of work, the condition shall be reported to an SBBC representative immediately. No additional work shall be performed until authorized by SBBC.
7. **HAZAROUS MATERIAL, WHITE GOODS, OR E-WASTE:** Contact SBBC representative immediately for direction when hazardous material, white goods, or e-waste material is identified at school sites.
8. **TEMPORARY PROTECTION:** The Awardee shall provide temporary fencing, barricades or guards as needed to protect remaining trees and other plants from damage. All safety hazards, which might present a threat to students, faculty or staff, must be removed or a clearly established working perimeter must be provided by mesh-type physical barriers and monitored for trespassers during the course of the work.
9. **EQUIPMENT:** The Awardee must obtain permission from the Principal or Administrator of the school or site in order to leave equipment on SBBC property. Equipment may be left at a site overnight only if it is left in a safe and unobtrusive manner.
10. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**
 - a. **Initial Debris Push Crew (70 Hour First Push)** – defined as an initial emergency road or access debris clearance and may be required during the first 70 hours (+ or -) after the initial notice to proceed is given by the PPO Representative. Awardee(s) must keep a log with time sheets and provide photos (before and after) for each work location. The composition or makeup of a 70 hour push crew is itemized in the bid summary sheet (additional information section) and defined as: Rubber tired front end loader 3-5 yard capacity with operator, Trackhoe 2-3 yard capacity with operator, dump truck 16-24 yard capacity with operator, two (2) person chainsaw / laborer crew with chainsaws (16' bar minimum) along with traffic control flags and miscellaneous small tools (axes, shovels, safety equipment, etc.), and one (1) Supervisor with ½-1 ton pickup truck and cell phone.
 - b. **Laborer, additional staff** – defined as an additional laborer at an hourly rate.
 - c. **Related Materials** - may be purchased under this contract at the discretion of PPO on a strictly cost pass-thru basis (FEMA does not allow markup of materials). Itemized receipts including item description must be submitted for each item for reimbursement consideration. The related materials, beyond the requirements set forth in the Bid Specifications under this contract must be verified by the submission of an itemized list of materials proposed for purchase from the identified source. This will include each unit price and the Awardee's cost. Any remaining materials, after project completion, become the property of SBBC. The Physical Plant Operations Department is under NO OBLIGATION to purchase any labor, services or related materials under this contract if these materials are available using other SBBC contracts. All prices for materials, provided in written estimates, shall be verified by SBBC. Materials prices may be rejected if found to be inconsistent with current market prices.
 - d. **Arborist Certification** – if available, submit an Arborist Certification issued by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). The Arborist may be either on staff or available on-call services.
 - b. **Equipment List** – if available, provide a detailed list of trucks & large equipment available for this work (either bidder or subcontractor owned) such as bucket/man lifts, chippers, trucks, trailers, brush/log chippers, power stump grinders and root pruners, grapple trucks, etc.
 - c. **Employee/Subcontractor Employee List** – if available, provide a list of bidders' employees or planned subcontractor employees with their job titles & planned roles during an Emergency Clean Up and Removal Services event.

SECTION 6A, BID SPECIFICATIONS – GENERAL (CONTINUED)

- d. Additional services and labor (not specifically listed) but related to emergency debris clean up and removal services, may be necessary upon approval and as directed by Physical Plant Operations (PPO) at an hourly rate.
11. **ADHERENCE TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS:** All Awardee(s) shall strictly comply with all requirements set forth in Code of Federal Regulation 2 C.F.R. § 200.317 – 200.326.
12. **WARRANTY:** All work performed by the vendor shall be warranted for a period of one year. Normal tree growth and overall health of the serviced specimens shall continue through the warranted period. Improper pruning, careless tree removal, and any other inappropriate procedures by the Awardee must be corrected where identified within one year from the date of job completion.
13. **PROTECTION OF UTILITIES (OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND):** Awardee must use due care and not damage any underground or overhead utilities during their work. For underground work, awardee is responsible for contacting Sunshine State One Call of Florida at 811 or www.sunshine811.com, for member public utility locations and must repair any and all member public damaged utility or service lines damaged by their excavation immediately upon notice of such damage. The work area may have existing utilities, such as irrigation, phone, electrical, sewers, water, etc. Awardee shall verify the location of all such utilities by hand excavation or other appropriate means and shall contact Sunshine State One Call of Florida at 811 or www.sunshine811.com prior to beginning excavation work. Once the work is completed, repair, replace, and restore immediately all services to any utility or necessary services, which have been disrupted due to contractor activities. As necessary, engage any outside services required to execute repairs on a round-the-clock basis until interrupted services are restored. Awardee shall provide and operate any supplemental temporary services to maintain uninterrupted utility service the facility. All costs involved in the repairs and restoration of disrupted utility services shall be borne by Awardee. The Awardee shall be responsible for any/all claims made as a result of utility service disruption.

SECTION 6B, BID SPECIFICATIONS – TREE WORK

1. **QUALITY ASSURANCE:** A Certified Arborist employed or engaged by the Awardee shall be available to verify that proper techniques were employed prior to submitting an invoice for the service requested. Improper pruning, careless tree removal, inappropriate procedures, or any other corrective work by the Awardee must be corrected where identified shall be completed within 24 hours and prior to invoice approval.
2. **HAZARDOUS LIMB REMOVAL (HANGERS):** The determination of the existence of a hazardous situation is the responsibility of SBBC-assigned representative(s).
 - a. Awardee(s) is to remove all broken and hanging limbs still attached to the tree. Broken and hanging limbs are to be cut at the closest main branch junction from the point of break. All broken and hanging limbs in the tree must be removed from the tree at the same time and each tree shall be considered a single unit per the bid summary sheet.
 - b. For clarification and billing purposes - if a tree contains one (1) or more hazardous limb removals (hangers) greater than 2" in diameter, the billing category tree shall be considered 2" or greater.
 - c. Multiple passes on a single tree to remove limbs will not be allowed.

SECTION 6B, BID SPECIFICATIONS – TREE WORK (CONTINUED)

- d. All felled tree limbs must be gathered into piles in accessible areas for later debris pickup by awardee. The preferred method would be to dispose of tree limbs in a wood chipper and not left onsite. Tree limbs may not be piled or stored on walkways or in any unsafe areas.
3. **RESTANDING, LEANING OR FELLED TREES:** Utilizing accepted industry standards, straighten or re-stand trees and ensure the tree is adequately secured. Once the tree has been re-established, the removal of material used to secure a tree will be the responsibility of SBBC. The following methods may be used:
 - a. Wood Stakes: Straight, sound, rough-sawn lumber not less than 2" x 4". Steel pins or rebar are NOT acceptable.
 - b. Black Webbing Tape: As supplied by Terra International, Inc., Miami, Florida; Florida Landscape Supplies, Miami, Florida, or approved equal. Wire or cable is NOT acceptable.
 - c. Deadmen: Straight, sound, rough-sawn lumber not less than 2" x 4".
 4. **HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL (LEANERS):** The determination of the existence of a hazardous situation is the responsibility of SBBC-assigned representative(s). Felled trees completely on the ground are not considered Leaners, they are considered debris and will be treated as such.
 - a. Leaning trees (greater than 30 degrees) that have 50 percent or less of the root ball exposed shall be flush cut at ground level.
 - b. Excessively destroyed trees shall be flush cut at ground level. Trees that have less than 50 percent of the root ball exposed shall be cut flush at the ground level.
 - c. Excessively destroyed trees are defined as trees with more than 50% of the tree crown destroyed or damaged, or a tree with a split trunk or broken branches that expose the heartwood and shall be cut flush at the ground level.
 - d. Removal of all trees that are uprooted, leaning, and safety hazards. Trees that are partially uprooted and leaning may be, at the discretion of SBBC, excluded from removal for the purpose of safely securing and re-establishing the tree. Trees that are leaning but still firmly rooted in the ground may not be removed without permission from SBBC.
 - e. Tree size is categorized by increments of inches at Diameter Breast Height (DBH). DBH is a standard method expressing the diameter of the tree trunk at 4.5 feet above ground level. In cases of a single tree developing multiple leaders at Diameter Breast Height, the size will be determined at the smallest point between the root swell and the point at which the leader divides.
 5. **HAZARDOUS STUMP REMOVAL (EXTRACTION):** The determination of the existence of a hazardous situation is the responsibility of the SBBC assigned representative(s). All hazardous tree stumps and debris being removed shall be collected and hauled away from the site by Awardee. SBBC representative(s) will determine the method of removal.
 - a. Stump size is categorized by diameter of inches to be measured at a point 24 inches above grade.
 - b. Stumps identified for removal (extraction) will have typically been pruned to a height of two feet above grade. The cost of removing all material up to two feet above grade shall be included in the prices for stump removal (extraction).
 - c. Stumps that have 50 percent or more of the root-ball exposed, will be removed (extracted). Stump removal (extraction), whether by mechanical means or by hand, shall completely remove the stump and all associated above ground roots. The depression resulting from the stump extraction shall be filled with sand or topsoil. The resulting depression may be, in appropriate circumstances, graded level by mechanical means or by hand without the addition of new fill. The cost of filling and grading the

resulting depression from stump extraction shall be included in the hazardous stump removal (extraction) pricing.

SECTION 6B, BID SPECIFICATIONS – TREE WORK (CONTINUED)

6. **HAZARDOUS STUMP GRINDING:** Tree stumps may be either ground or extracted at the discretion of SBBC assigned representative(s).
 - a. Mechanical grinding of stumps must remove all stump material to a minimum depth of four inches below grade. All above ground roots associated with stump must be removed by mechanical grinding or cutting by Awardee. The depth of mulch remaining after grinding a stump shall be no more than four inches above grade. Any mulch that would result in a mound greater than four inches above grade must be removed by the Awardee. Upon completion of surface root removal, the area shall be backfilled to grade with sand or topsoil if needed. The cost of removal of excess mulch and any backfill or grading of the area shall be inclusive of the stump grinding.
 - b. Stump size is categorized by diameter of inches to be measured at a point 24 inches above grade.

SECTION 6C, BID SPECIFICATIONS - DEBRIS REMOVAL (HAULING)

1. **DEBRIS REMOVAL:** Storm debris shall be hauled to approved disposal sites only. Awardee(s) will be directed by SBBC to use a particular disposal site(s). Debris that may be eligible for local, state or federal reimbursement must be taken to an FDEP and/or local authority permitted dumpsite as directed by SBBC.
 - a. Awardee(s) must completely remove all storm-generated vegetative debris. Vegetative debris consists of whole trees, tree stumps, tree branches, tree trunks, and other leafy material. Depending on the size of the debris, the collection of vegetative debris may require the use of flatbed trucks, dump trucks and grapple loaders. Awardee(s) is responsible to cut any debris into a size that can be managed by its hauler. Vegetative debris shall be removed from the entire campus or facility. Vegetative debris may or may not be consolidated by others prior to pick up.
 - b. Awardee(s) must provide complete removal of all storm-generated construction and demolition (C & D) debris. Construction and demolition debris, for the purpose of this bid, is being defined as damaged and scattered components of buildings and structures, to include, but not limited to: lumber and wood, gypsum wallboard, glass, metal, roofing material, tile, carpeting and floor coverings, window coverings, pipe, concrete, asphalt, equipment, furnishings and fixtures. Construction and demolition debris shall be removed from the entire campus or facility. Construction and demolition debris may or may not be consolidated by others prior to pick up.
 - c. Awardee(s) shall take care not to mix vegetative and C & D debris. The mixing of debris types does not facilitate effective recycling and waste stream reduction efforts. However, conditions at the site may create situations in which mixed debris types exist and sorting is not feasible. Hauling of mixed debris loads will be allowed for these situations. SBBC representative(s) will determine when this will be permitted.

2. **EQUIPMENT/DEBRIS REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- a. **Truck Certification** – Prior to any debris hauling, each truck or trailer to be utilized for hauling debris must be certified by SBBC representative(s). Each truck will be inspected and measured. The maximum capacity will be determined and recorded. Once approved, trucks designated for debris removal shall be equipped with two signs; one attached to each side. The signs shall indicate, in large, legible type, the Awardee(s)' or owner(s)' name, vehicle number and maximum capacity. Trucks or trailers that are altered during the execution of the contract will be re-measured and reapproved.
- b. **Hand Loading** – Hand loading of trucks and trailers is prohibited. Awardee(s) must utilize mechanical equipment to load and reasonably compact debris into trucks and trailers.
- c. **Tipping Fees** – Awardee(s) shall not include tipping fees in the unit price for hauling and disposal of debris. All tipping fees will be invoiced directly to SBBC. SBBC shall be responsible to pay only those tipping fees billed directly to SBBC for debris removal from SBBC property at cost with no markup.
- d. **Load Tickets** – Load tickets will be issued by SBBC-assigned representative(s) prior to departure from the loading site. The load ticket is:
 - i. A paper ticket that is five part and multi-colored. The ticket will be distributed as follows. The goldenrod copy will be retained by the site representative(s). The white copy will be retained by the tower representative(s) at the dumpsite. The green copy will be retained by SBBC. The yellow copy will be retained by the Awardee(s). The pink copy will be retained by the Awardee(s)' contractor/driver.
 - ii. An electronic ticket printout from an Automated Debris Management System (ADMS), which will be followed up by a similar drop ticket at the point of debris drop.
- e. **Measurement** – Measurement of tree debris will be by the cubic yard. Trucks with less than full capacities will be adjusted down by visual inspection by a dump site representative(s) employed or contracted by SBBC.

SECTION 7, FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS

Please fill out all attachments below. Some attachments must be notarized.

ATTACHMENT 1

DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP

In accordance with General Condition 11, each Bidder must disclose in its Bid, the names of any employees who are employed by Bidder who are also an employee of SBBC. Persons identified below may have obligations and restrictions applicable to them under Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

Name of Bidder's Employee	SBBC Title or Position of Bidder's Employee	SBBC Department/ School of Bidder's Employee
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Check one of the following and sign:

I hereby affirm that there are no known persons employed by Bidder who are also an employee of SBBC.

I hereby affirm that all known persons who are employed by Bidder who are also an employee of SBBC have been identified above.

Signature

Company Name

03/28/13

**ATTACHMENT 2
DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.087, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS CURRENTLY ENACTED OR AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, ON PREFERENCE TO BUSINESSES WITH DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAMS.

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

This sworn statement is submitted to The School Board of Broward County, Florida,

by _____
(Print individual's name and title)

for _____
(Print name of entity submitting sworn statement)

whose business address is _____

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____
(If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: _____.)

I certify that I have established a drug-free workplace program and have complied with the following:

1. Published a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that shall be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Informed employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business' policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Given each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notified the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee shall abide by the terms of the statement and shall notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction.
5. Shall impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community by, any employee who is so convicted.
6. Am making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of this section.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____. _____ (Signature)

Personally known _____ or _____

Produced Identification _____ Notary Public – State of _____

_____ My commission expires: _____

(Type of Identification)

ATTACHMENT 3

MINIMUM LIMITS OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Insurance Requirements. Vendor shall comply with the following insurance requirements throughout the term of this Agreement.

General Liability. Limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for Bodily Injury/ Property Damage; \$1,000,000 General Aggregate. Limits not less than \$1,000,000 for Products/Completed Operations Aggregate.

Workers' Compensation. Florida Statutory limits in accordance with Chapter 440; Employer's Liability limits not less than \$100,000/\$100,000/\$500,000 (each accident/disease-each employee/disease-policy limit).

Auto Liability. Owned, Non-Owned and Hired Auto Liability with Bodily Injury and Property Damage limits of not less than \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit.

If Awardee does not own any vehicles, hired and non-owned automobile liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 shall be accepted. In addition, an affidavit signed by the Awardee must be furnished to SBBC indicating the following:

_____ (Awardee Name) does not own any vehicles. In the event insured acquires any vehicles throughout the term of this agreement, insured agrees to provide proof of "Any Auto" coverage effective the date of acquisition.

Acceptability of Insurance Carriers. The insurance policies shall be issued by companies qualified to do business in the State of Florida. The insurance companies must be rated at least A- VI by AM Best or Aa3 by Moody's Investor Service.

Verification of Coverage. Proof of Insurance must be furnished within 15 days of execution of this Agreement. To streamline this process, SBBC has partnered with EXIGIS RiskWorks to collect and verify insurance documentation. All certificates (and any required documents) must be received and approved by SBBC before any work commences to permit Awardee time to remedy any deficiencies. EXIGIS RiskWorks will send an email notification within three (3) business days after receipt of the award letter.

- New vendors will receive an email notification requesting account verification and insurance agent information.
- Existing vendors will receive an email notification of current status.

Required Conditions. Liability policies must contain the following provisions. In addition, the following wording must be included on the Certificate of Insurance:

1. The School Board of Broward County, Florida, its members, officers, employees and agents are added as additional insured.
2. All liability policies are primary of all other valid and collectable coverage maintained by the School Board of Broward County, Florida.
3. Certificate Holder: The School Board of Broward County, Florida, c/o EXIGIS Risk Management Services, P. O. Box 4668-ECM, New York, New York 10163-4668

Cancellation of Insurance. Vendors are prohibited from providing services under this Agreement with SBBC without the minimum required insurance coverage and must notify SBBC within two business days if required insurance is cancelled.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida reserves the right to review, reject or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverage's or endorsements, herein throughout the term of this agreement.

ATTACHMENT 4

W-9 Form

Please retrieve the latest version of the W-9 form from the IRS website listed below:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

- This form can be filled out online and printed for signature. Only page one (1) needs to be returned



ATTACHMENT 5

**ACH Payment Agreement Form (ACH CREDITS)
 The School Board of Broward County, Florida
 (See General Condition 10)**

VENDOR NAME:

Authorization Agreement

I (we) hereby authorize **The School Board of Broward County** to initiate automatic deposits (credits) to my account at the financial institution named below. Additionally, I authorize **The School Board of Broward County** to make the necessary debit entries/adjustments in the event that a credit entry is made in error.

Further, I agree not to hold **The School Board of Broward County** responsible for any delay or loss of funds due to incorrect or incomplete information supplied by me or by my financial institution or due to an error on the part of my financial institution in depositing funds to my account.

This agreement shall remain in effect until **The School Board of Broward County** receives written notification of cancellation from me or my financial institution and that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

Account Information

Name of Bank or Financial Institute: _____

Branch/ State: _____

Routing No: _____

Account No: _____ Checking Savings

VENDOR AREA: _____ Fax Email
 Remittance Confirmation: (please select one) _____

Federal Identification No. Vendor: _____ TAX ID# SS#

Update Purchase Order Fax & Email Address

Centralized Fax Number: _____ Dept. _____

Centralized Email: _____ Dept. _____

Centralized Phone No. _____ Dept. _____

Signature

Authorized Signature (Primary) and Business title: _____ Date: _____

Authorized Signature (Joint) and Business title: _____ Date: _____

Please attach a VOIDED check to verify bank details and routing number.

This form must be returned to: SBBC – Purchasing – Data Strategy Group
 7720 W. Oakland Park Blvd, Sunrise FL 33351 call: 754-321-0516 or fax # 754-321-0533

For Use by DATA STRATEGY GROUP

Vendor Account# _____ Date Entered _____ Initials: _____



ATTACHMENT 6 – REFERENCES

The School Board of Broward County, Florida

Vendor Name: _____

List a minimum number of required references as stated in the Special Conditions which show experience in similar work, to include nature and scope of work, which demonstrates an expertise in providing the services as stated herein. Provide scope of work, contact name, addresses, telephone numbers and dates of service.

Reference 1 –

Name of Firm: _____ Contact Person: _____
Phone #: _____ Email: _____
Date of Service: _____ Cost of Service: _____
Address: _____

Scope of Work:

Reference 2 –

Name of Firm: _____ Contact Person: _____
Phone #: _____ Email: _____
Date of Service: _____ Cost of Service: _____
Address: _____

Scope of Work:

Reference 3 –

Name of Firm: _____ Contact Person: _____
Phone #: _____ Email: _____
Date of Service: _____ Cost of Service: _____
Address: _____

Scope of Work:

SECTION 8, STATEMENT OF "NO BID"

If your company shall not be submitting a bid in response to this Invitation to Bid, please complete this Statement of "No Bid" Sheet and return, prior to the Bid Due Date established within, to:

The School Board of Broward County, Florida
Procurement and Warehousing Services
7720 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 323
Sunrise, Florida 33351

This information shall help SBBC in the preparation of future Bids.

Bid Number: _____ Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reasons for "NO Bid":
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to comply with product or service specifications.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to comply with scope of work.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to quote on all items in the group.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insufficient time to respond to the Invitation to Bid.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to hold prices firm through the term of the contract period.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to meet delivery requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to meet bond requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to meet insurance requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify below)

Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ATTACHMENT A – S/M/WBE FORMS

The following forms are due (if applicable) at the time of Bid submittal:

1. FORM 00475 - PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE FORM

Document Link:

https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/domain/12708/sdop%20files/sdop%20forms%20-%20policies/ParticipationSchedule_082017_Final.pdf

Document Preview:

Document Number 00475
Attachment _____

Procurement & Warehousing Services
Supplier Diversity Outreach Program
Broward County Public Schools

**SMALL/MINORITY/WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE**

DATE: _____

SOLICITATION INFORMATION

Contract #:	Project Start Date:		
Project Name:			
Project Location:			
Bidder/Proposer:			
Address:			
Contact Person:	Email Address:	Phone #:	

ORGANIZATION STATUS

Business Association	Business Name	Business Address	Business Phone #	Type of Work to be Performed	% of Work	\$ Amount
Prime Bidder/ Proposer					%	\$
Non S/M/WBE Subcontractor					%	\$
S/M/WBE Subcontractor					%	\$

2. FORM 00470

Document Link:

https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/domain/12708/sdop%20files/sdop%20forms%20-%20policies/00470%20StatementofIntent_082017_Final.pdf

Document Preview:

Document Number 00470
Attachment _____

Procurement & Warehousing Services
Supplier Diversity Outreach Program
Broward County Public Schools

**STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PERFORM
AS AN S/M/WBE SUBCONTRACTOR**

SOLICITATION #: _____

CONTRACT #: _____

A signed *Statement of Intent to Perform as a Small/Minority/Women Business Enterprise (S/M/WBE) Subcontractor* form must be completed by the owner or authorized principal of each S/M/WBE firm listed in the *S/M/WBE Subcontractor Participation Schedule*.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The undersigned is certified as an S/M/WBE vendor by The School Board of Broward County, Florida's (SBBC) Supplier Diversity Outreach Program: Yes No

_____ (Name of S/M/WBE Subcontractor) agrees to perform work on the above contract as a (check one):

Individual Partnership Corporation

The S/M/WBE subcontractor will enter into a formal agreement with _____ (Name of Bidder/Proposer) conditioned upon the Bidder/Proposer executing a contract with SBBC.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK & VALUE

Please provide the details and value of the work to be performed:


Item No.	Type of Work	Agreed Upon Price	% of Work

3. FORM: 00485 UTILIZATION REPORT

Document Link:

https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/domain/12708/sdop%20files/sdop%20forms%20-%20policies/00485%20SMWBEMonthlySubcontractorUtilizationReport%20082017_Finalv2.pdf

Document Preview:

 Procurement & Warehousing Services Supplier Diversity Outreach Program Broward County Public Schools		Document Number 00485 Attachment _____						
S/M/WBE MONTHLY SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION REPORT								
SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION								
Project Name:		Contract Number and Work Order Number (if applicable):						
Report #:	Reporting Period:	S/M/WBE Contract Goal:	Contract Completion Date:					
	to							
Prime Contractor Name:		Project Manager (PM) Name:						
Prime Contractor Street Address:								
Prime Contractor Phone #:	Prime Contractor Email Address:	PM Phone #:	PM Email Address:					
SECTION II - UTILIZATION INFORMATION								
Prime Contractor must list ALL Certified and non-certified subcontractors that will be utilized for the entire contract period. For assistance in completing this form, please call the Supplier Diversity Outreach Program at (754) 321-0505.								
ROLE	FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	BUSINESS NAME	S/M/WBE CERTIFIED BY SBBC (Y/N)	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT	AMOUNT PAID DURING REPORTING PERIOD	INVOICE #	TOTAL PAID TO DATE
PRIME CONTRACTOR					\$	\$		\$
SUBCONTRACTOR					\$	\$		\$
SUBCONTRACTOR					\$	\$		\$
SUBCONTRACTOR					\$	\$		\$

- **SBBC Supplier Diversity Outreach Policy 3330 can be seen at website URL:**
https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/12708/Policy_3330_Final_Adoption.pdf
- **SDOP website with list of Certified S/M/WBE Vendors:** <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32119>

(BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Organization Name ITB Number

Name(s) and Title(s) of Authorized Representative(s)

Signature(s) Date

EXHIBIT B

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION October 16, 2013 through September 30, 2017

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Non-procurement List (Telephone Number).
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.