

NOTICE

By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary bidder is providing the certification set out below. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why he/she cannot provide the certification set out below. Certification or explanation will be considered concerning Hennepin County's determination whether to enter this transaction. Failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or a written explanation why he/she cannot provide the certification shall disqualify such people from participation in this transaction.

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when Hennepin County decided to enter this transaction. If it is later decided that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, beyond other remedies available to the Federal Government, Hennepin County may end this transaction for cause of default. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to Hennepin County if any time the prospective primary participant learns that his/her certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous due to changed circumstances.

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 Definition and Coverage sections of the rules carrying out Federal Executive Order 12549 dated February 18, 1986. Bidders may contact Mn/DOT for assistance in obtaining a copy of these regulations.

The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered, he/she shall not knowingly enter 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 Hennepin County and Mn/DOT. Nothing contained in this shall be construed to require establishment of system of records to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant are not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that he/she will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction" provided by Mn/DOT without modification in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that he/she and his/her principals are not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded, from the covered transaction by any Federal agency, unless he/she knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which he/she decides the eligibility of his/her principals.

Except as authorized by Mn/DOT, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, beyond other remedies available to the Federal Government, Hennepin County may end this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other
Responsibility Matters-Primary Covered Transactions

(I)(We) certify that the firm or any person associated with it in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, project director, manager auditor, or any position involving the administration of Federal funds:

- . are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntary excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- . have not within the three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; or violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements; or receiving stolen property;
- . are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with commission of any of the above enumerated offenses;
- . have not within a three year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

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

(I)(We) agree that (my)(our) signatures on this proposal form certification of "status" under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States.