

SANTA FE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)



**PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT AND
ENGINEERING SERVICES REGARDING
PER-and POLYFLUOROALKYL
SUBSTANCE (PFAS) CONTAMINANTS IN
DOMESTIC WELLS**

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**I. ADVERTISEMENT
SANTA FE COUNTY
PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES REGARDING PFAS
CONTAMINATES IN DOMESTIC WELLS
RFP NO. 2024-0265-PW/BT**

Santa Fe County requests proposals from qualified firms to provide *professional consulting and engineering services for investigations, assessments, modeling associated with the presence of emerging chemical group Per-Polyfluoroalkyl Substance (PFAS) contaminates in domestic wells in Santa Fe County*. All proposals submitted shall be valid for ninety (90) days subject to action by the County. Santa Fe County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in part or in whole. A completed proposal shall be submitted in a sealed container indicating the proposal title and number along with the Offeror's name and address clearly marked on the outside of the container. All proposals must be received by **2:00PM on Friday, May 17, 2024, at the Santa Fe County Purchasing Division, 102 Grant Avenue, (First Floor), Santa Fe, NM 87501**. The submission of Proposals **will also be accepted electronically** utilizing a DropBox. Please utilize this link to upload your proposal submission. <https://www.dropbox.com/request/mEqVrVfPSsD7omjiWM29>.

By submitting a proposal for the requested services each Offeror is certifying that it is a qualified firm and its proposal complies with the requirements stated within the Request for Proposals.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at **10:00 AM Local Time on Tuesday April 16, 2024 online via WebEx using the link provided below or by calling (480) 418-9388 meeting number: 2482 924 7250. Attendance is not mandatory but highly recommended.**
<https://sfco.webex.com/sfco/j.php?MTID=mad96a569ee7440a363622022fdb44654>

This project is wholly or partially funded with United States Environmental Protection Agency funds, and therefore must comply with all federal requirements contained in the Supplemental Conditions, Exhibit A. Neither the United States nor its department's agencies or employees is or will be party to this request for proposals or any resulting contract.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: All qualified Offerors will receive consideration of contract(s) without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin, ancestry, age, physical and mental handicap, serious medical condition, disability, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Request for Proposals will be available by contacting Bill Taylor, Procurement Manager, 102 Grant Avenue, (First Floor) Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, or by telephone at (505)-986-6373 or by email at wtaylor@santafecountynm.gov or on our website at <https://www.santafecountynm.gov/finance/purchasing-division/current-bid-solicitations>.

PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED ABOVE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND WILL BE REJECTED BY SANTA FE COUNTY.

Santa Fe County Public Works—
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II. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Due to the progressive public concerns regarding Per- Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), Santa Fe County is pursuing a contract with a qualified PFAS Consultant and Engineer to identify the areas of potential contamination and provide a plan to include technical investigation, review of existing sampling data, provide an implementation of sampling plan, modeling based on sampling data. The final report must identify alternative options for potential mediation or mitigation of PFAS recently found in a sampling of domestic water wells in the Communities of La Cienega and La Cieneguilla in Santa Fe New Mexico.

B. BACKGROUND

PFAS are a group of man-made chemicals that have been in use in industrial and commercial products since the 1940s. PFAS are often referred to as "forever chemicals" because they break down very slowly, if at all. One product known to contain PFAS is aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF). AFFF is used for firefighting, primarily to extinguish fuel-based fires. All AFFFs contain PFAS. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) required certified airports to use AFFF for firefighting (the Department of Defense (DOD) similarly previously required use of AFFF at military installations. Over the past few years, AFFF at airports and military bases has been identified as a potential source of soil and/or groundwater contamination in communities near airports and military bases throughout the United States.

Recently, regulatory agencies at the state and federal level have progressed with planning and rulemaking to address PFAS. Although progress is being made, there are still few

states with laws in place, and there are no current federal standards or regulation of PFAS. In 2021, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released their PFAS Strategic Roadmap, which outlines the 'whole-of-agency' approach to address PFAS. This document includes their strategic plan for regulation of PFAS from manufacture, to use in products, to cleanup. The 2023 National Defense Authorization Act required the DOD to stop buying PFAS containing AFFF by October 2023, and to stop using it altogether by October 2024. In January, 2023, the DOD issued military specifications, MIL-PRF-32725, in order to comply with such mandates.

The EPA has initiated the process to designate two PFAS chemicals (PFOS and PFOA) as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

of 1980 (CERCLA), also known as the Superfund law. EPA has also initiated multiple regulation changes to the Clean Water Act, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), and others that will directly impact environmental permits and compliance. In addition, EPA is expected to establish permissible exposure limits relating to PFAS in the near future. It is important to note that the establishment of these limits has been anticipated for the past several years. Continued PFAS characterization will also assist

Santa Fe County departments in their efforts to identify PFAS contamination within Santa Fe County and will assist assessment of potential remediation or mitigation projects.

In October of this year Santa Fe County commissioned the limited testing of 6 domestic water wells in the La Cienega/La Cieneguilla area of Santa Fe County, which includes the approx. 1,000 domestic water wells located south and southwest of the Santa Fe Airport where the Army National Guard (ANG) originally found PFAS in groundwater beneath its facility located at the Santa Fe Airport. Test results were received in November, with five wells showing the presence of PFAS. However, only three of the wells had PFAS above the current EPA health advisory levels. Also of note is that the control sample also contained detectable levels of PFAS. This product of this contract will provide Santa Fe County staff with technical resources to assess potential remediation or mitigation.

A separate procurement is underway which will focus on a communications strategy and outreach with both local constituents directly affected by this issue, and the general public as well. Close coordination between that communications consultant and the entity selected to perform the technical analysis addressed herein will be critical to the overall success of these projects.

C. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Scope of Work anticipated to be conducted under this project is categorized into the following major activities:

1. Development of a Professional Report (PR) which would:
 - a. Review and evaluate any and all existing PFAS sampling data for the region. Data sources would include, but not be limited to City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, NMED, DOD, etc.
 - b. Develop and implement a sampling plan; gather and analyze data from samples.
 - c. Generate modelling based upon data analyses utilizing established and adopted modelling techniques and procedures; assess and interpret results of model outputs.
 - d. Produce a brief technical report summarizing and documenting the sampling program as conducted.

- e. Provide a comparison of how this project was designed and executed vs. other such projects in New Mexico and this region of the US with similar attributes.
 - f. As a part of e, above, compare and contrast various approaches to dealing with the PFAS issue and recommend best practices
 - g. Produce actionable reports and plans associated with the above activities.
2. Identification of potential alternative options for remediation or mitigation: prioritized plan to mitigate or potentially eliminate impact of PFAS and associated cost estimates.
- a. Identify actual and potential sources of PFAS contamination.
 - b. Provide cost estimates for various remediation options.
 - c. Propose potential practical means and methods to remediate or mitigate PFAS in surface and groundwater.
 - d. Coordinate with communications project consultant to generate a comprehensive FAQ sheet to address PFAS issue, concerns and treatment options.

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D. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The insurance required by Offeror are listed below.

1. General Conditions. Contractor shall submit evidence of insurance as is required herein. Policies of insurance shall be written by companies authorized to write such insurance in New Mexico.
2. General Liability Insurance, Including Automobile. Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement a comprehensive general liability and automobile insurance policy with liability limits in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limits of liability for bodily injury, including death, and property damage for any one occurrence. Said policies of insurance shall include coverage for all operations performed for County by Contractor; coverage for the use of all owned, non-owned, hired automobiles, vehicles and other equipment, both on and off work; and contractual liability coverage under which this Agreement is an insured contract. County of Santa Fe shall be a named additional insured on the policy.
3. Workers' Compensation Insurance. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act.
4. Professional Liability Insurance. The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement a Professional Liability Insurance.
5. Increased Limits. If, during the life of this Agreement, the Legislature of the State of New Mexico increases the maximum limits of liability under the Tort Claims Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 41-4-1 through 41-4-29, as amended), Contractor shall increase the maximum limits of any insurance required herein.

E. DESIGNATED PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST

The County has designated a Procurement Specialist who is responsible for the conduct of this procurement whose name, address and telephone number is listed below. All deliveries via express carrier should be addressed as follows:

Bill Taylor, Procurement Manager
Santa Fe County Purchasing Division
102 Grant Avenue, First Floor
Santa Fe, NM 87501
(505) 986-6373
wtaylor@santafecountynm.gov

Any inquiries or requests regarding this procurement should be submitted to the Procurement Specialist in writing. **Offerors may ONLY contact the Procurement**

Specialist listed above regarding the procurement. Other County employees do not have the authority to respond on behalf of the County.

F. DEFINITION OF TERMINOLOGY

This section contains definitions and abbreviations that are used throughout this procurement document.

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“BCC” means the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners

“Close of Business” means 5:00 PM Mountain Standard Time or Mountain Daylight Time, whichever is in effect on the date given.

“Contract” or **“Agreement”** means a written agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property or services.

“Contractor” means a successful offeror who enters into a binding contract.

“County” means Santa Fe County.

“Determination” means the written documentation of a decision by the Procurement Manager including findings of fact supporting a decision. A determination becomes part of the procurement file.

“Desirable” The terms “may”, “can”, “should”, “preferably”, or “prefers” identify a desirable or discretionary item or factor (as opposed to “mandatory”).

“Evaluation Committee” means a body appointed by the County management to perform the evaluation of offeror proposals.

“Finalist” is defined as an offeror who meets all the mandatory specifications of this Request for Proposals and whose score on evaluation factors is sufficiently high to merit further consideration by the Evaluation Committee.

“Mandatory” The terms “must”, “shall”, “will”, “is required”, or “are required”, identify a mandatory item or factor (as opposed to “desirable”). Failure to meet a mandatory item or factor will result in the rejection of the offeror’s proposal.

“Offeror” is any person, corporation, or partnership who chooses to submit a proposal.

“Procurement Manager” means the person or designee authorized by the County to manage or administer a procurement requiring the evaluation of competitive sealed proposals.

“Purchasing Division” means the Santa Fe County Purchasing Division, Finance Department.

“Request for Proposals” or ***“RFP”*** means all documents, including those attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting proposals.

“Responsible Offeror” means an offeror who submits a responsive proposal and who has furnished, when required, information and data to prove that its financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services or items of tangible personal property described in the RFP.

“Responsive Offer” or ***“Responsive Proposal”*** means an offer or proposal which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the request for proposals. Material respects of a request for proposals include, but are not limited to, price, quality, quantity or delivery requirements.

III. CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE PROCUREMENT

This section of the RFP contains the schedule for the procurement, describes the major procurement events and the conditions governing the procurement.

A. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The Procurement Manager will make every effort to adhere to the following schedule:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. Issuance of RFP	Purchasing Division	April 7 & 8, 2024
2. Pre-Proposal Conference	Owner/Offerors/ Purchasing	April 16, 2024
3. Acknowledgement of Receipt Form	Offerors	April 17, 2024
4. Deadline to Submit Additional Questions	Offerors	April 18, 2024
5. Response to Written Questions	Purchasing Division	April 23, 2024
6. Submission of Proposal (2:00 PM)	Offerors	May 17, 2024
7. Proposal Evaluation Review	Evaluation Committee	May 17 th – May 24, 2024
8. Selection of Finalist	Evaluation Committee	Week of May 27, 2024
9. Oral Presentation by Finalists (if applicable)	Offeror	May – June 2024
10. Contract Negotiations	County, Offeror	June 2024
11. Contract Award	Purchasing Division	June 2024

Note: *If the Evaluation Committee makes a selection at the Selection of Finalists, event 9 will not occur.*

B. EXPLANATION OF EVENTS

The following paragraphs describe the activities listed in the sequence of events shown in Section III, Paragraph A.

1. Issuance of RFP

This RFP is being issued by the Santa Fe County Manager's Office Department and the Purchasing Division.

2. Pre-Proposal Conference

A Pre-Proposal Conference are scheduled to occur on the date indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A. Questions may be submitted at the Pre-Proposal Conference and until the date indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A. **All questions must be in writing and e-mailed to Bill Taylor, Procurement Manager, wtaylor@santafecountynm.gov.** A public log will be kept of the names of potential offerors who attended the Pre-Proposal Conference and the Site Visit.

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt Form

Potential offerors should hand-deliver, return by facsimile or e-mail the Acknowledgement of Receipt Form provided as Appendix A to have its name and firm placed on the procurement distribution list. The form should be signed by an authorized representative of the organization, dated and returned by close of business on **Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

The Acknowledgement of Receipt Forms received will be used for the distribution of written responses to questions and any RFP addenda.

4. Deadline to Submit Additional Written Questions

Potential offerors may submit written questions regarding this RFP until the close of business on the date indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A. All written questions must be addressed to the Procurement Specialist, listed in Section II.E and sent via facsimile or e-mail. ***Any contact with any other County staff member or persons other than the Procurement Specialist named in this solicitation may be grounds for disqualification.***

5. Response to Written Questions

Written responses to written questions and any RFP addenda will be distributed on the date indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A, to all potential offerors whose names appear on the procurement distribution list.

Additional written requests for clarification of distributed answers or addenda must be received by the Procurement Specialist no later than one (1) day after the answers or addenda were issued.

6. **Submission of Proposal**

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION BY THE PROCUREMENT MANAGER OR DESIGNEE NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM Local Time, Friday, May 17, 2024. Proposals received after this deadline will not be accepted. The date and time of receipt will be recorded on each proposal. Proposals may be submitted in hardcopy form and must be addressed and delivered to the Procurement Specialist at the address listed in Section II.E. Hardcopy submittals must be sealed and labeled on the outside of the package to clearly indicate that they are in response to the County's Request for Proposals No. 2024-0265-PW/BT. **The County does encourage Proposals to be submitted electronically via Dropbox at the link provided below.** <https://www.dropbox.com/request/mEqVrVfPSsD7omjiWM29>

Hardcopy Submittals Proposals must be delivered to:

Bill Taylor, Procurement Manager and Procurement Specialist
Santa Fe County Purchasing Division
102 Grant Avenue (First Floor)
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

NOTE: All Offeror's Proposals must include all EPA forms listed in Exhibit A, Supplemental Conditions, and proof of solicitation of subcontractors. NMDOT maintains a list of DBE, MBE and WBE at the following website <https://nmdot.dbesystem.com/>

A public log will be kept of the names of all offeror's who submitted proposals. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-116, the contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed so as to be available to competing offerors during the negotiation process.

7. **Proposal Evaluation**

The evaluation of proposals will be performed by an Evaluation Committee appointed by the Procurement Specialist. This process will take place during the timeframe indicated in the Sequence of Events at III.A. During this time, the Procurement Specialist may initiate discussions with offerors who submit responsive or potentially responsive proposals for the purpose of clarifying aspects of the proposals, but proposals may be accepted and evaluated without such discussion. **Discussions SHALL NOT be initiated by the offerors.**

8. **Selection of Finalists (If Applicable)**

The Evaluation Committee may select and the Procurement Specialist may notify the finalist offerors on the date indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A. Only finalists will be invited to participate in the subsequent steps of the procurement if the finalist process is used.

9. **Best and Final Offers from Finalists (If Applicable)**

Finalist offerors may be asked to submit revisions to their proposals for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers by the date indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A.

10. **Oral Presentation by Finalists (If Applicable)**

Finalist offerors may be required to present their proposals to the Evaluation Committee. The Procurement Specialist will schedule the time for each offeror presentation. All finalist offerors will be contacted to schedule presentations providing a location and instructions for the Oral presentations. Each presentation will be limited to one (1) hour in duration.

11. **Contract Negotiations**

The contract will be finalized with the most advantageous offeror during the timeframe indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A. In the event that mutually agreeable terms cannot be reached within the time specified, the County reserves the right to finalize a contract with the next most advantageous offeror without undertaking a new procurement process.

12. **Contract Award**

The County anticipates awarding the contract on the date in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A. These dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Santa Fe County Procurement Manager.

The contract shall be awarded to the offeror or offerors whose proposal is most advantageous to the County, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The most advantageous proposal may or may not have received the most points.

13. **Right to Protest**

Any protest by an offeror must be timely and in conformance with NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-172 and applicable procurement regulations. Protests must be written and must include the name and address of the protestor and the request for proposals

number. It must also contain a statement of grounds for protest including appropriate supporting exhibits. The protests must be delivered to the Santa Fe County Purchasing Division:

Santa Fe County Procurement Office
Attn: Bill Taylor, CPO/ Procurement Manager
P.O. Box 276
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

**Protests will not be accepted by facsimile or other electronic means.
Protests received after the deadline will not be accepted.**

C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

This procurement will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13, NMSA 1978, NMAC 1.4.1 and the Santa Fe County Procurement Regulations.

1. Acceptance of Conditions Governing the Procurement

Offerors must indicate their acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement section in the letter of transmittal. Submission of a proposal constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the contract template attached hereto as Appendix E.

2. Incurring Cost

Any cost incurred by the offeror in preparation, transmittal, presentation of any proposal or material submitted in response to this RFP shall be borne solely by the offeror.

3. Prime Contractor Responsibility

Any contract that may result from this RFP shall specify that the prime contractor is solely responsible for fulfillment of the contract with the County. The County will make contract payments to only the prime contractor.

4. Subcontractors

Use of subcontractors must be clearly explained in the proposal, and major subcontractors must be identified by name. The prime contractor shall be wholly responsible for the performance of the contract with the County whether or not subcontractors are used.

5. Amended Proposals

An offeror may submit an amended proposal before the deadline for receipt of proposals. Such amended proposal must be a complete replacement of the previously submitted proposal and must be clearly identified as such in the transmittal letter. County personnel will not merge, collate, or assemble proposal materials.

6. Offerors' Rights to Withdraw Proposal

Offerors will be allowed to withdraw their proposals at any time prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals. The offeror must submit a written withdrawal request signed by the offeror's duly authorized representative addressed to the Procurement Specialist. The approval or denial of withdrawal requests received after the deadline for receipt of the proposals is governed by the applicable procurement regulations.

7. Proposal Offer Firm

Responses to this RFP, including proposal prices, will be considered firm for 90 days after the due date for receipt of proposals or 90 days after receipt of a best and final offer if one is submitted.

8. Disclosure of Proposal Contents

Proposals shall not be opened publicly and shall not be open to public inspection until after an offeror has been selected for award of a contract.

An offeror may request in writing non-disclosure of confidential data. Proprietary or confidential data shall be readily separable from the proposal in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the proposal. Confidential data is normally restricted to confidential financial information concerning the offeror's organization and data that qualifies as a trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, 57-3A-1 to 57-3A-7, NMSA 1978. The price of products offered or the cost of services proposed shall not be designated as proprietary or confidential information.

If a request is received for disclosure of data for which an offeror has made a written request for confidentiality, the Santa Fe County Procurement Manger shall examine the offeror's request and make a written determination that specifies which portions of the proposal should be disclosed. Unless the offeror takes legal action to prevent the disclosure, the proposal will be so disclosed. The proposal shall be open to public inspection subject to any continuing prohibition on the disclosure of confidential data.

9. No Obligation

This procurement in no manner obligates Santa Fe County or any of its departments to the use of any proposed professional services until a valid written contract is awarded and approved by the appropriate authorities.

10. Termination

This RFP may be canceled at any time and any and all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part when the County determines such action to be in the best interest of the County

11. Sufficient Appropriation

Any contract awarded as a result of this RFP process may be terminated if sufficient appropriations or authorizations do not exist. Such termination will be effected by sending written notice to the contractor. The County's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations are available will be accepted by the contractor as final.

12. Legal Review

The County requires that all offerors agree to be bound by the General Requirements contained in this RFP. Any offeror concerns must be promptly brought to the attention of the Procurement Specialist.

13. Governing Law

This procurement and any agreement with offerors that may result shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico.

14. Basis for Proposal

Only information supplied by the County in writing through the Procurement Specialist or in this RFP should be used as the basis for the preparation of offeror proposals.

15. Contract Terms and Conditions

The contract between the County and the Contractor will follow the format specified by the County and contain the terms and conditions set forth in Appendix C.

16. Contract Deviations

Any additional terms and conditions, which may be the subject of negotiation, will be discussed only between the County and the selected offeror and shall not be deemed an opportunity to amend the proposal.

17. Offeror Qualifications

The Evaluation Committee may make such investigations as necessary to determine the ability of the offeror to adhere to the requirements specified within this RFP. The Evaluation Committee will reject the proposal of any offeror who is not a responsible offeror or fails to submit a responsive offer as defined in Sections 13-1-83 and 13-1-85 NMSA, 1978, subject to Procurement Manager approval.

18. Right to Waive Minor Irregularities

The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to waive minor technical irregularities. This right is at the sole discretion of the Evaluation Committee subject to the Procurement Manager approval.

19. Change in Contractor Representatives

The County reserves the right to require a change in contractor representatives if the assigned representatives are not, in the opinion of the County, meeting the County's needs adequately. Any change in contractor representative must receive prior County approval.

20. Notice

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA 1978, imposes civil and misdemeanor criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kick-backs.

21. County Rights

The County reserves the right to accept all or a portion of an offeror's proposal.

22. Right to Publish

Throughout the duration of this procurement process and contract term, potential offerors and contractors must secure from the County written approval prior to the release of any information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by this procurement or the subsequent contract. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification of the offeror's proposal or termination of the contract.

23. Ownership of Proposals

All documents submitted in response to this Request for Proposals shall become the property of the County. However, any technical or user documentation submitted with the proposals of non-selected offerors shall be returned after the expiration of the protest period.

24. Electronic Mail Address Recommended

A large part of the communication regarding this procurement will be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail). It is recommended that the offeror should have a valid e-mail address to receive e-mail correspondence.

25. Double-Sided Documents

All submitted bids/proposal documents shall be double-sided, pursuant to Santa Fe County Resolution 2013-7, Adopting Sustainable Resource Management Principles, Section 2. A. Waste Reduction and Reuse...” all documents are to be double-sided, including those that are generated by outside entities using County funds and by consultants and contractors doing business with the County”.

26. Living Wage

Contractor shall comply with the requirements of Santa Fe County Ordinance No. 2014-1 (Establishing a Living Wage).

IV. RESPONSE FORMAT AND ORGANIZATION

A. NUMBER OF RESPONSES

Offerors shall submit only one response to this RFP.

B. NUMBER OF COPIES

If submitting a hardcopy proposal Offerors shall deliver one (1) original and four (4) identical copies of their proposal to the location specified in Section II, Paragraph E on or **before** the closing date and time for receipt of proposals. If submitting responses electronically via Dropbox, please submit one copy of the proposal response.

C. PROPOSAL FORMAT

All proposals shall be limited to twenty-five (25) pages, with exception to professional licenses and certifications, which shall be added as appendices. The document shall be typewritten on standard 8 1/2 x 11 paper, with a font **no smaller than 12 pt. pitch**, with nominal 1” margins and normal line spacing. Proposals shall be bound with tabs delineating each section.

The submission of Proposals **will be accepted electronically** utilizing a DropBox. Please utilize this link to upload your proposal submission.
<https://www.dropbox.com/request/mEqVrVfPSsD7omjiWM29>

1. Proposal Organization

The proposal must be organized and indexed in the following format and must contain, as a minimum, all listed items in the sequence indicated.

- a) Letter of Transmittal (*does not count against page limit*)
- b) Response to County Terms and Conditions (*does not count against page limit*)
- c) Table of Contents (optional, *does not count against page limit*)
- d) Response to Specifications – Evaluation Criteria
- e) Copy of insurance certificate (*does not count against page limit*)
- f) Campaign Contribution Disclosure Statement (*does not count against page limit*)
- g) Appendices, i.e. professional licenses, certifications, etc. (*does not count against page limit*)
- h) All required EPA forms in accordance to the Supplemental Conditions, Exhibit A. (*does not count against page limit*)

Within each section of their proposal, offerors should address the items in the order in which they appear in this RFP under Section V.B. EVALUATION CRITERIA. All forms

provided in the RFP must be thoroughly completed and included in the appropriate section of the proposal.

Any proposal that does not adhere to these requirements may be deemed non-responsive and rejected on that basis.

The **proposal summary** may be included by offerors to provide the Evaluation Committee with an overview of the technical and business features of the proposal; however, this material will not be used in the evaluation process unless specifically referenced from other portions of the offeror's proposal.

Offerors may attach other materials that they feel may improve the quality of their responses. However, these materials should be included as items in a separate appendix.

2. Letter of Transmittal

Each proposal must be accompanied by a letter of transmittal. The letter of transmittal MUST:

- a) Identify the submitting person or organization;
- b) Identify the name and title of the person authorized by the organization to contractually obligate the organization;
- c) Identify the name, title and telephone number of the person authorized to negotiate the contract on behalf of the organization;
- d) Identify the names, titles and telephone numbers of persons to be contacted for clarification;
- e) **Explicitly** indicate Acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement stated in Section III, Paragraph C.1;
- f) Be signed by the person authorized to contractually obligate the organization;
- g) Acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments to this RFP;
- h) Acknowledge and acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Agreement attached as Appendix C.

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V. SPECIFICATIONS

Offerors should respond in the form of a thorough narrative to each evaluation criteria. The narratives along with required supporting materials will be evaluated and awarded points accordingly.

A. INFORMATION

Time Frame

The contract is anticipated to begin June 2024. Santa Fe County intends on awarding a contract with an initial term of four years.

B. EVALUATION CRITERIA

A brief explanation of each mandatory specification is listed below. Offerors are encouraged to fully address each category completely, as points are assigned for responses to each.

- 1) Specialized Design & Technical Competence **250 points**
 - Describe your firms specific experience in providing analysis and modeling related to PFAS contaminants.
- 2) Evidence of Understanding the Scope of work.....**250 points**
 - Demonstrate a clear understanding of key project elements/goals as outlined in the scope of work.
 - Provide proposed approach to accomplishing the project including specific tasks and a description of the level of effort that will be dedicated to each task.
 - Describe approach in managing the project expertly and efficiently.
 - Describe challenges that might be expected based on this project, environmental conditions, location, site or other factors.
- 3) Capacity and Capability..... **150 points**
 - Provide a listing of engineer(s) that would be contracted to provide expertise and other team members to include field staff.
 - Provide a listing of existing projects, future planned projects and capacity of team members to perform the work as outlined within the scope of work.
- 4) Past Record of Performance..... **150 points**
 - Provide at least five past contracts that involved analysis, reporting, and modeling of PFAS contaminants in other water systems, to include contact information from agencies involved.
 - Demonstrate the if the projects were delivered within budget and schedule.
- 5) Proximity to or Familiarity with Project Areas **100 points**

- Describe the Firms experience with water systems analysis in Santa Fe County.
- 6) Amount of Work Produced by Residents or Citizens of NM **50 points**
- Demonstrate the percentage of work that will be produced New Mexico residents as a result of this project.
- 7) Volume of Work Previously Performed for Santa Fe County **50 points**
- For this factor, complete the information in the **Project Listing** form. Offerors who do not list any previous or current projects/contracts for the County, or who indicate that all projects/contracts for the County are 75% or more complete will be given 50 points for this evaluation factor.
 - The following point deduction formula will be applied for projects/contracts that are less than 75% complete:

<u>Value of contract/ project</u>	
<u>Deductions</u>	
Less than \$75,000	0 points
\$ 75,001 to \$ 100,000	10 points
\$ 100,001 to \$ 150,000.....	20 points
\$ 150,001 to \$ 200,000	30 points
\$ 200,001 to \$ 250,000.....	40 points
Greater than \$250,000	50 points

VI. EVALUATION

A. EVALUATION SCORING

The County will evaluate responsive proposals and assign a numerical score in each category, not to exceed the maximum allowed score for that category, as determined through the Offeror’s attention to the factor detailed in the following sections. The amount of discussion to be applied to each listed topic is an individual choice of the Offeror; however, discussion should be detailed enough to inform and educate the Evaluation Committee Members.

Proposals will be scored based upon a comparison of the information submitted by each Offeror against the evaluation factors outlined below. Each Evaluation Factor is assigned the following points:

1. Specialized Design & Tech Competence **250 points**
2. Evidence of Understanding the Scope of Work..... **250 points**
3. Capacity & Capability..... **150 points**
4. Past Performance..... **150 points**

5.	Proximity & Familiarity.....	100 points
6.	Amount of Work Produced in NM	50 points
7.	Volume of Work for Santa Fe County.....	50 points
	<u>TOTAL POINTS</u>	<u>1,000</u>

B. EVALUATION PROCESS

The evaluation process will follow the steps listed below:

1. All proposals will be reviewed for compliance with the mandatory specifications and evaluation criteria stated within the RFP. Proposals deemed non-responsive will be eliminated from further consideration.
2. The Procurement Specialist may contact the Offeror for clarification of the response as specified in Section III, Paragraph B.7.
3. The Evaluation Committee may use other sources of information to perform the evaluation as specified in Section III, Paragraph C.18.
4. Responsive proposals will be evaluated using the factors in Section V. The responsible Offerors with the highest scores will be selected as finalist Offerors based upon the proposals submitted. Finalist Offerors who are asked or choose to submit revised proposals for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers will have their points recalculated accordingly. The responsible Offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to the County, taking into consideration the evaluation factors in Section VI, will be recommended for contract award as specified in Section III, Paragraph B.12. Please note, however, that a serious deficiency in the response to any one factor may be grounds for rejection regardless of overall score.
5. Past performance in a project for the County (See Section V.C.3 above) is a significant consideration of the evaluation and poor performance on a prior County project may result in a lower number of points awarded to a proposal for this element of the evaluation.

APPENDIX A

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT FORM
Professional Consultant & Engineering Services Related to PFAS Contaminates in Domestic Wells
RFP NO. 2024-0265-PW/BT

In acknowledgement of receipt of this Request for Proposal the undersigned agrees that he/she has received a complete copy, beginning with the title page and table of contents, and ending with Appendix C.

The acknowledgement of receipt should be signed and returned to the Procurement Specialist no later than close of business on (**enter date due**). Only potential Offerors who elect to return this form completed with the indicated intention of submitting a proposal will receive copies of all Offeror written questions and the County's written responses to those questions as well as RFP amendments, if any are issued.

FIRM: _____

REPRESENTED BY: _____

TITLE: _____ PHONE NO.: _____

E-MAIL: _____ FAX NO.: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

This name and address will be used for all correspondence related to the Request for Proposal.

Firm does/does not (**circle one**) intend to respond to this Request for Proposals.

Bill Taylor, Procurement Manager & Specialist
Santa Fe County Purchasing Division
102 Grant Avenue (First Floor)
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
(505) 986-6373
wtaylor@santafecountynm.gov

APPENDIX B

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-1-191.1 (2006), any person seeking to enter into a contract with any state agency or local public body **for professional services, a design and build project delivery system, or the design and installation of measures the primary purpose of which is to conserve natural resources** must file this form with that state agency or local public body. This form must be filed even if the contract qualifies as a small purchase or a sole source contract. The prospective contractor must disclose whether they, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor has made a campaign contribution to an applicable public official of the state or a local public body during the two years prior to the date on which the contractor submits a proposal or, in the case of a sole source or small purchase contract, the two years prior to the date the contractor signs the contract, if the aggregate total of contributions given by the prospective contractor, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor to the public official exceeds two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) over the two year period.

Furthermore, the state agency or local public body shall void an executed contract or cancel a solicitation or proposed award for a proposed contract if: 1) a prospective contractor, a family member of the prospective contractor, or a representative of the prospective contractor gives a campaign contribution or other thing of value to an applicable public official or the applicable public official's employees during the pendency of the procurement process or 2) a prospective contractor fails to submit a fully completed disclosure statement pursuant to the law.

THIS FORM MUST BE FILED BY ANY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR WHETHER OR NOT THEY, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE HAS MADE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE.

The following definitions apply:

“Applicable public official” means a person elected to an office or a person appointed to complete a term of an elected office, who has the authority to award or influence the award of the contract for which the prospective contractor is submitting a competitive sealed proposal or who has the authority to negotiate a sole source or small purchase contract that may be awarded without submission of a sealed competitive proposal.

“Campaign Contribution” means a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or other thing of value, including the estimated value of an in-kind contribution, that is made to or received by an applicable public official or any person authorized to raise, collect or expend contributions on that official's behalf for the purpose of electing the official to either statewide or local office. “Campaign Contribution” includes the payment of a debt incurred in an election campaign, but does not include the value of services provided without compensation or unreimbursed travel or other personal expenses of individuals who volunteer a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political

committee, nor does it include the administrative or solicitation expenses of a political committee that are paid by an organization that sponsors the committee.

“Family member” means spouse, father, mother, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law or son-in-law.

“Pendency of the procurement process” means the time period commencing with the public notice of the request for proposals and ending with the award of the contract or the cancellation of the request for proposals.

“Person” means any corporation, partnership, individual, joint venture, association or any other private legal entity.

“Prospective contractor” means a person who is subject to the competitive sealed proposal process set forth in the Procurement Code or is not required to submit a competitive sealed proposal because that person qualifies for a sole source or a small purchase contract.

“Representative of a prospective contractor” means an officer or director of a corporation, a member or manager of a limited liability corporation, a partner of a partnership or a trustee of a trust of the prospective contractor.

DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS:

Contribution Made By: _____

Relation to Prospective Contractor: _____

Name of Applicable Public Official: _____

Date Contribution(s) Made: _____

Amount(s) of Contribution(s) _____

Nature of Contribution(s) _____

Purpose of Contribution(s) _____

(Attach extra pages if necessary)

Signature

Date

Title (position)

--OR--

NO CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTAL OVER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) WERE MADE to an applicable public official by me, a family member or representative.

Signature

Date

APPENDIX C
SAMPLE AGREEMENT
SERVICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN SANTA FE COUNTY AND CONTRACTOR

This Agreement is entered into this _____ day of _____ 20__, between Santa Fe County, a political subdivision of the state of New Mexico (the “County”), and _____, [ADDRESS] (the “Contractor”).

Background

WHEREAS, pursuant to [PROCUREMENT DELIVERY METHOD USED PURSUANT TO PROCUREMENT CODE, COUNTY PURCHASING REGULATIONS/POLICIES]; and

WHEREAS, the [BACKGROUND OR DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNTY’S NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS]; and

WHEREAS, the [BACKGROUND/BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTRACTOR’S ABILITIES/QUALIFICATIONS]; and

WHEREAS, [GENERAL PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT]; and

WHEREAS, the County requires the services of the Contractor and the Contractor is willing to provide these services and both parties wish to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

Agreement

1. CONTRACTOR’S SERVICES

2. ADDITIONAL SERVICES

A. The parties agree that all tasks in section 1 (Contractor’s Services) will be completed to the County’s satisfaction and for the amount stated section 3 (Compensation, Invoicing and Set-off).

B. The County may request changes in the Contractor’s Services. Any changes to the Contractor’s services must be made by written amendment.

3. COMPENSATION, INVOICING AND SET-OFF

A. The Contractor will be compensated as follows.

B. The Contractor must submit a written request for payment to the County when payment is due. Upon the County's receipt of the written request, the County will issue a written certification of complete or partial acceptance or rejection of the services for which payment is sought. The County will not make a payment until the County issues a written certification accepting the services.

- 1) The County's representative for certification of acceptance or rejection of contractual items and services is _____, or other individual as may be designated by the County.
- 2) Within 30 days of the issuance of the certification accepting the services, the County will make payment for the services. If the County does not issue payment for accepted services within 30 days of the certification by the County, the County will pay a late payment fee of 1.5% per month until the amount due is paid in full.

C. If the Contractor breaches this Agreement, the County may, without penalty, withhold payments due the Contractor for the purpose of set-off until the County determines the exact amount of damages it suffered as a result of the breach.

D. The County's payment to Contractor will not foreclose the County's right to recover excessive or illegal payment.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

This Agreement will become effective on the date of last signature by the parties and will terminate one year from that date, unless earlier terminated under section 5 (Termination) or 6 (Appropriations and Authorizations). The parties may agree to extend the term by written amendment.

5. TERMINATION

A. Termination for Cause. Either party may terminate this Agreement based upon a breach by the other party. The non-breaching party must give the breaching party written notice of termination stating the specific grounds for the termination. The termination will be effective 30 days from the breaching party's receipt of the notice, during which time the breaching party may cure the breach. If the breach cannot with due diligence be cured within 30 days, the breaching party will have a reasonable time to cure the breach, provided that, within the 30-day period, the breaching party began to cure the breach and advised the non-breaching party in writing that it intended to cure.

B. Termination for Convenience of the County. The County may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason or no reason, by giving the Contractor written notice of termination. The notice must state the effective date of termination, which must not be less than

15 days from the Contractor's receipt of the notice. The County will pay the Contractor for acceptable services performed before the effective date of termination. The County will not be liable for any services performed by the Contractor after the date of termination.

6. APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

The County's performance of the obligations under this Agreement is contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorizations by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, and if state funds are involved, the Legislature of the State of New Mexico. If sufficient appropriations and/ or authorizations are not made in this or future fiscal years, this Agreement must terminate upon written notice by the County to the Contractor. A termination for non-appropriations or lack of authority will be without penalty to the County, and the County will not be required to reimburse the Contractor for expenditures made in the performance of this Agreement. The County is not committed to the expenditure of any funds until such time as they are programmed, budgeted, encumbered and approved for expenditure by the County. The County's decision regarding appropriations and authorization will be final and will not be subject to challenge by the Contractor in any way, or forum, including a lawsuit.

7. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The parties intend that the Contractor and its agents and employees will be independent contractors and not employees or agents of the County. Accordingly, the Contractor and its agents and employees will not accrue leave, participate in retirement plans, insurance plans, or liability bonding, use County vehicles, or participate in any other benefits afforded to County employees. Except as may be authorized in this Agreement, the Contractor has no authority to bind, represent, or otherwise act on behalf of the County.

8. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING BY THE CONTRACTOR

A. The Contractor must not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any claims for money due under this Agreement without the advance written approval of the County. Any attempted assignment or transfer in violation of this Agreement will be void.

B. The Contractor must not subcontract or delegate any portion of the services without the advance written approval of the County. Any attempted subcontract or delegation by the Contractor to a non-party in violation of this Agreement will be void.

9. CONTRACTOR'S PERSONNEL

A. The services in section 1 (Contractor's Services) must be performed by the Contractor or under its supervision.

B. The Contractor states that it has, or will secure at the Contractor's expense, all personnel required to perform the services and obligations under this Agreement. Such personnel

must not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the County, and must be qualified and licensed by federal, state and local law to perform the services.

10. RELEASE

The Contractor's receipt of payments due under this Agreement serves as a release of the County, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from all liabilities, claims, and obligations arising from this Agreement.

11. CONFIDENTIALITY

Any confidential information provided to or developed by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement will be kept confidential and will not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the County.

12. PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION, AND USE OF MATERIAL; COPYRIGHT

A. The County has the unrestricted right to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, any reports, data, or other material prepared under or pursuant to this Agreement.

B. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any material produced in whole or in part under or pursuant to this Agreement is a work made for hire. Accordingly, to the extent that any such material is copyrightable in the United States or in any other country, the County will own any such copyright.

13. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Contractor states that it does not have any interest that would conflict in any manner with the performance of the services and obligations under this Agreement.

14. AMENDMENT

This Agreement may not be modified, altered, changed, or amended orally. To be valid any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing signed by the parties.

15. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; INTEGRATION

This Agreement incorporates all the agreements and understandings between the parties and all agreements and understandings are merged into this Agreement. No prior or contemporaneous agreements or understandings, verbal or otherwise, of the parties will be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Agreement.

16. NOTICE OF PENALTIES

The Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, Sections 13-1-28, imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities, and kickbacks.

17. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE

A. The Contractor agrees to abide by federal, state, local laws, ordinances, and rules and regulations pertaining to equal employment opportunity and unlawful discrimination. The Contractor must not discriminate against any person with regard to employment with the Contractor or participation in any program or activity offered pursuant to this Agreement on the grounds of race, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, physical or mental handicap, serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

B. The Contractor acknowledges that failure to comply with this section will constitute a breach of this Agreement.

18. GOVERNING LAW

A. The Contractor will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations, including Santa Fe County Ordinance 2014-1 (Establishing a Living Wage).

B. This Agreement will be construed in accordance the laws of the State of New Mexico without regard to its choice of law rules. The Contractor acknowledges that the exclusive forum for any litigation related to this Agreement will be state district courts of New Mexico, located in Santa Fe County.

19. RECORDS AND INSPECTIONS

A. To the extent its books and records relate to (i) its performance of this Agreement or any subcontract entered into pursuant to it or (ii) cost or pricing data (if any) set forth in this Agreement or that was required to be submitted to the County as part of the procurement process, the Contractor agrees to (i) maintain such books and records for a period of six years from the date of final payment under this Agreement; (ii) allow the County or its designee to audit such books and records at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice; and (iii) to keep such books and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

B. To the extent its books and records relate to (i) its performance of this Agreement or any subcontract entered into pursuant to it or (ii) cost or pricing data (if any) set forth in this Agreement or that was required to be submitted to County as part of the procurement process, the Contractor also agrees to require any subcontractor it may hire to perform its obligations under this Agreement to (i) maintain such books and records during the term of this Agreement and for a period of six years from the date of final payment under the subcontract; (ii) to allow the County or its designee to audit such books and records at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice; and (iii) to keep such books and records in accordance with GAAP.

20. INDEMNIFICATION

A. The Contractor shall indemnify the County and its elected officials, agents, and employees from any liabilities, damages, demands, suits, costs or expenses, including court costs and legal fees, resulting from the Contractor's performance or non-performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

B. The County may control and participate in the defense of any demand, suit, or cause of action that relate to the County. No matter will be settled without the County's consent. Consent must not be unreasonably withheld.

C. The Contractor's obligations under this indemnification section will not be limited by the terms of the insurance policy the Contractor is required to maintain under this Agreement.

21. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or non-enforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, other provisions will not be affected and will remain valid and enforceable.

22. NOTICE

Notice required to be given to either party must be in writing and delivered in person, by courier service or by U.S. mail, either first class or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to:

The County:

The Contractor:

23. CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIONS

The Contractor represents that:

A. This Agreement is duly authorized by the Contractor, the person signing this Agreement has authority to do so, and, once signed by the Contractor, this Agreement will constitute a binding obligation of the Contractor.

B. The terms of this Agreement do not conflict with Contractor's corporate agreement or any statement that may be filed with the New Mexico Secretary of State.

C. The Contractor is legally registered and is properly licensed by the State of New Mexico to provide the services and will maintain such registration and licensure for the term of this Agreement.

24. FAX OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

A fax or electronic signature will have the same force and effect as an original signature.

25. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

The parties do not intend by this Agreement to create any rights in any non-parties.

26. CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE

A. General. The Contractor must submit evidence of insurance as is required in this section. The Contractor's policies of insurance must be written by a company authorized to provide insurance in the state of New Mexico.

B. Liability Insurance, Including Automobile. The Contractor must maintain a comprehensive general liability and automobile insurance policy with liability limits in amounts not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limits of liability for bodily injury, including death, and property damage for any one occurrence. Contractor's insurance must include coverage for all services and work performed for the County under this Agreement; coverage for the use of all owned, non-owned, hired automobiles, vehicles and other equipment, both on and off work; and contractual liability coverage under which this Agreement is an insured contract. Santa Fe County must be a named an additional insured on the Contractor's policy.

C. Increased Limits. If the Legislature of the State of New Mexico increases the maximum limits of liability under the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, the Contractor must increase the maximum limits of any insurance required under this Agreement.

27. PERMITS AND FEES

Contractor will procure all permits, licenses, and pay all fees associated with the performance of the services and the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.

28. NEW MEXICO TORT CLAIMS ACT

No provision of this Agreement will modify or waive the sovereign immunity or limitation of liability enjoyed by County or its "public employees" at common law or under the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978, Section 41-4-1.

29. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE

The Contractor must complete and submit simultaneous with signing this Agreement, the Santa Fe County Campaign Contribution Disclosure form.

30. CONTRACTOR’S AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

The Contractor appoints _____, as its agent for service of process. The Contractor acknowledges that service on the agent will have the same effect as though the Contractor were personally served within the state of New Mexico.

31. SURVIVAL

The provisions of the following paragraphs will survive termination of this Agreement: Indemnification, Records and Inspection; Release; Confidentiality; and Choice of Law.

The parties execute this Agreement as of the date of last signature by the parties.

SANTA FE COUNTY

Approved as to form:

Jeff Young
Santa Fe County Attorney

Date

CONTRACTOR -

Signature

Date

Print name and title

EXHIBIT A

**NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS BUREAU**

Supplemental Conditions for Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Project: Santa Fe County, CWSRF EC 138 PFAS & Emerging Contaminates Evaluation

Contract Language and Certifications for Insert into Bid Specifications

Contract language is to be inserted verbatim into all construction contracts funded by the New Mexico Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

ALL GOVERNMENTAL PROJECTS		
Federal Requirement		
Contract Provision		
C1	Anti-Discrimination Laws (Super Cross-Cutters)	

EQUIVALENCY PROJECTS		
Federal Requirement		
Contract Provision		
C2	Build America, Buy America (BABA) Contract Provisions	
C3	Executive Order 11246 Contract Provisions	
C4	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Contract Provisions	
C5	Prohibition on Telecomm Contract Provisions	
Forms		Submit Completed Form to NMED
Form C1	Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities (To be submitted by each bidder)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Form C2	Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension (To be submitted by each bidder)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Form C7	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Good Faith Efforts Checklist (To be submitted by each bidder)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Form C8	Build America, Buy America (BABA) Acknowledgment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Form C9	Build America, Buy America (BABA) Final Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
Form C12	Build America, Buy America (BABA) Compliance Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>

ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY (GRANT) PROJECTS		
Federal Requirement		
Contract Provision		
C3	Executive Order 11246 Contract Provisions	

C4	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Contract Provisions	
C5	Prohibition on Telecomm Contract Provisions	
C9	Uniform Grant Guidance Contract Provisions	
Forms		Submit Completed Form to NMED
Form C1	Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Form C2	Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension	<input type="checkbox"/>
Form C7	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Good Faith Efforts Checklist	<input type="checkbox"/>

BIL PROJECTS		
Federal Requirement		
Contract Provision		
R12	BIL Public Awareness (Signage) Contract Provisions	

Contractors and Subcontractors are required to comply with the following provisions:

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

The Contractor and any subcontractors shall not, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, or sex, exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination, any person under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

SECTION 13 of PL 92-500; UNDER THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT; REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973; PL 93-112, AND AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975

The Contractor and any subcontractors shall not on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex, exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination any person under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with Federal funds. Any prohibition against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, or with respect to an otherwise qualified handicapped individual as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 shall also apply to any such program or activity.

The following clause must be inserted into all construction contracts for CWSRF Equivalency projects.

The Contractor acknowledges to and for the benefit of the _____ (“Owner”) and the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) that it understands the goods and services under this Agreement are being funded with federal monies and have statutory requirements commonly known as “Build America, Buy America;” that requires all of the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project to be produced in the United States (“Build America, Buy America Requirements”) including iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials provided by the Contactor pursuant to this Agreement.

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants to and for the benefit of the Owner and NMED (a) the Contractor has reviewed and understands the Build America, Buy America Requirements, (b) all of the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project will be and/or have been produced in the United States in a manner that complies with the Build America, Buy America Requirements, unless a waiver of the requirements is approved, and (c) the Contractor will provide any further verified information, certification or assurance of compliance with this paragraph, or information necessary to support a waiver of the Build America, Buy America Requirements, as may be requested by the Owner or NMED.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, any failure to comply with this paragraph by the Contractor shall permit the Owner or NMED to recover as damages against the Contractor any loss, expense, or cost (including without limitation attorney’s fees) incurred by the Owner or NMED resulting from any such failure (including without limitation any impairment or loss of funding, whether in whole or in part, from NMED or any damages owed to NMED by the Owner). If the Contractor has no direct contractual privity with NMED, as a lender or awardee to the Owner for the funding of its project, the Owner and the Contractor agree that NMED is a third-party beneficiary and neither this paragraph (nor any other provision of this Agreement necessary to give this paragraph force or effect) shall be amended or waived without the prior written consent of NMED.

The following clause must be inserted into all construction contracts for CWSRF Equivalency projects.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

1. Executive Order 11246 (Contracts/subcontracts above \$10,000)

(a) During the performance of this contract, the contractor and all subcontractors agree as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

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Entities on the excluded parties list can be found in the System for Award Management (www.sam.gov). This prohibition cannot be waived. See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information.



**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities**

Form #C1

SRF Project Number:

Project Name:

Assistance Recipient:

(Applicable to contracts, subcontracts, and agreements with applicants who are themselves performing Federally assisted construction contracts, exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause.)

By the submission of this bid, the bidder, offeror, applicant, or subcontractor certifies that he does not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. He certifies further that he will not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he will not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder, offeror, applicant, or subcontractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in this contract. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. He further agrees that (except where he has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause; that he will retain such certifications in his files; and that he will forward the following notice to such proposed subcontractors (except where the proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods):

**NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTORS OF REQUIREMENT FOR
CERTIFICATIONS OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES**

A Certification of Non-segregated Facilities, as required by the May 9, 1967, order (33 F.R. 7808, May 28, 1968) on Elimination of Segregated Facilities, by the Secretary of Labor, must be submitted prior to the award of a subcontract exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause. The certification may be submitted either for each subcontract or for all subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually).

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.
EPA-7 5720-4.2



Debarments and Suspensions

Form #C2

The Contractor is required to sign this form and return it to the Assistance Recipient for any CWSRF Equivalency or Grant-Funded project. In addition, the Contractor must require any Sub-Contractor for contracts \$25,000 and above to sign and return this form to the Contractor.

SRF Project Number:

Project Name:

Assistance Recipient:

Any bidder or equipment supplier whose firm or affiliate is listed in on the U.S. General Services Administration Excluded Parties List will be prohibited from the bidding process. The excluded parties records search engine is located at the System for Award Management (SAM) website: <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>. Pursuant to 2 CFR Part 180, as supplemented by 2 CFR 1532, any entity submitting a bid while the SAM website lists that entity as having an active exclusion will be determined by the DNR to be a non-responsive bidder and will not be able to receive SRF funding.

**United States Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC 20460
Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and
Other Responsibility Matters**

The prospective participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and the principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction: violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection of this proposal or termination of the award. In addition, under 18 U SC Sec. 10 01, a false statement may result in a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

I am unable to certify to the above statements. My explanation is attached.

Instructions

Under Executive Order 12549 an individual or organization debarred or excluded from participation in Federal assistance or benefit programs may not receive any assistance award under a federal program, or a sub-agreement thereunder for \$25,000 or more.

Accordingly, each prospective recipient of an EPA grant, loan, or cooperative agreement and any contract or sub-agreement participant thereunder must complete the attached certification or provide an explanation why they cannot. For further details, see 40 CFR 32.510, Participants' responsibilities, in the attached regulation.

Where to Submit

The prospective EPA grant, loan, or cooperative agreement recipient must return the signed certification or explanation with its application to the appropriate EPA Headquarters or Regional office, as required in the application instructions.

A prospective prime contractor must submit a completed certification or explanation to the individual or organization awarding the contract.

Each prospective subcontractor must submit a completed certification or explanation to the prime contractor for the project.

How to Obtain Forms:

EPA includes the certification form, instructions, and a copy of its implementing regulation (40 CFR Part 32) in each application kit. Applicants may reproduce these materials as needed and provide them to their prospective prime contractor, who, in turn, may reproduce and provide them to prospective subcontractors.

Additional copies/assistance may be requested from:

Compliance Branch
Grants Administration Division (PM-216F)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, SW
Washington DC 20460
(Telephone: 202-475-8025)



**Disadvantaged Business
Enterprise Good Faith Efforts
Checklist**

Form #C7

This form and Good Faith Efforts Checklist must be completed and signed by the Prime Contractor **when hiring a subcontractor** and must be submitted to the project owner (SRF assistance recipient).

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Solicitation Good-Faith Efforts

The Six Good Faith Efforts are required methods employed by all EPA financial assistance agreement recipients to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) have the opportunity to compete for contracts and subcontracts funded by EPA financial assistance dollars.

Prime Contractor's DBE requirements for SRF projects include:

- Taking affirmative steps for DBE participation
- Maintaining documentation of these affirmative steps

PROJECT INFORMATION

SRF Project Number:	
SRF Project Name:	
Assistance Recipient:	
Prime Contractor:	
Address of Prime Contractor:	
Name & Title of Prime Contractor's Authorized Representative	
Signature of Authorized Representative:	
Check if Prime Contractor is: <input type="checkbox"/> Minority-Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned	

Note: New Mexico's Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Directory may be found online at <https://nmdotstar.com/links/>

In addition, NMED also accepts DBE certifications from the following entities:

- The Small Business Administration (SBA) (both SBA 8(a) Program certifications and SBA Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) Program self-certifications);
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- Tribal, State and local governments, as long as their standards for certification meet or exceed EPA's; and
- Independent private organization certifications as long as their standards for certification meet or exceed EPA's.

GOOD FAITH EFFORTS CHECKLIST

Please complete the checklist when soliciting subcontractors for the SRF Project noted above to determine if you have complied with the requirement to make good faith efforts to ensure that certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) have the opportunity to compete for procurements funded by EPA financial assistance funds. Bidders/offerors must make good faith efforts prior to submission of bids/proposals.

1. Did you ensure that DBEs are made aware of subcontracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities? Yes No

2. Did you make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for subcontracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process? This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitation for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date. Yes No

3. Did you consider in the subcontracting process whether firms competing for large sub-contracts could subcontract with DBEs? This will include dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process. Yes No

4. Did you encourage subcontracting with a consortium of DBEs when a subcontract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually? Yes No

5. Did you use the services of the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce to identify potential subcontractors? Yes No

6. List the potential DBE subcontractors that were contacted.

Name	How Contacted (e.g. letter, phone call, fax, e-mail)	Response (e.g. did not respond, not interested, not competitive)

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS

Several contract provisions are required to prevent unfair practices that adversely affect DBEs. These include:

1. Prime Contractor must pay its Subcontractor for satisfactory performance no more than 30 days from the Prime Contractor's receipt of payment from the SRF loan recipient.
2. Prime Contractor must notify the SRF loan recipient in writing prior to termination of a DBE subcontractor for convenience.
3. Prime Contractor must employ the six Good Faith Efforts to solicit a replacement subcontractor if a DBE subcontractor fails to complete work under a subcontract for any reason.

	Build America, Buy America (BABA) Acknowledgment	Form #C8
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The Contractor acknowledges to and for the benefit of the _____ (“Owner”) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) that it understands the goods and services under this Agreement are being funded with federal monies and have statutory requirements commonly known as “Build America, Buy America;” that requires all of the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project to be produced in the United States (“Build America, Buy America Requirements”) including iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials provided by the Contactor pursuant to this Agreement.

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants to and for the benefit of the Owner and Funding Authority (a) the Contractor has reviewed and understands the Build America, Buy America Requirements, (b) all of the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project will be and/or have been produced in the United States in a manner that complies with the Build America, Buy America Requirements, unless a waiver of the requirements is approved, and (c) the Contractor will provide any further verified information, certification or assurance of compliance with this paragraph, or information necessary to support a waiver of the Build America, Buy America Requirements, as may be requested by the Owner or NMED. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, any failure to comply with this paragraph by the Contractor shall permit the Owner or NMED to recover as damages against the Contractor any loss, expense, or cost (including without limitation attorney’s fees) incurred by the Owner or NMED resulting from any such failure (including without limitation any impairment or loss of funding, whether in whole or in part, from NMED or any damages owed to NMED by the Owner). If the Contractor has no direct contractual privity with NMED, as a lender or awardee to the Owner for the funding of its project, the Owner and the Contractor agree that NMED is a third-party beneficiary and neither this paragraph (nor any other provision of this Agreement necessary to give this paragraph force or effect) shall be amended or waived without the prior written consent of NMED.

This statement relates to the proposed contract between _____ (owner) and _____ (contractor) in conjunction with _____ (project name) to be funded with monies made available by the New Mexico Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Signature
Date

Name and Title of Signer (Please type or print)



**Build America, Buy America (BABA)
Final Certification**

Form #C9

Upon execution of this certification the Contractor hereby certifies all of the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project were produced in the United States in a manner that complies with the Build America, Buy America Requirements except those for which an appropriate waiver(s) has been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and that no changes or substitutions to the individual certifications provided by the contractor have been made.

This statement relates to the contract between _____ and _____
(owner) (contractor)

in conjunction with _____ funded with monies made available by the New Mexico Clean
(project name)

Water Revolving Loan Fund.

Signature Date

Name and Title of Signer (Please type or print)

	Build America, Buy America (BABA) Compliance Certification	Form #C12
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Assistance Recipients must submit this form to NMED with every payment request for a CWSRF-funded equivalency project.

Project Name: _____

Pay Application #: _____

Build America, Buy America Compliance Certification

The Contractor acknowledges that it understands the goods and services paid for under this Pay Application are being funded with monies made available by the New Mexico Clean Water State Revolving Fund and that statutory requirements require that all of the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project must be produced in the United States in accordance with “Build America, Buy America Requirements.” The Contractor hereby represents and warrants to and for the benefit of the Owner and the State that (a) the Contractor has reviewed and understands the Build America, Buy America Requirements, (b) all of the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project will be and/or have been produced in the United States in a manner that complies with the Build America, Buy America Requirements, unless a waiver of the requirement is approved, and (c) the Contractor will provide verified information, product certifications, or assurance of compliance with this paragraph, or information necessary to support a waiver of the Build America, Buy America Requirements, as requested by the Owner or NMED. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, any failure to comply with this paragraph by the Contractor shall permit the Owner or NMED to recover damages from the Contractor for any loss, expense, or cost (including without limitation attorney’s fees) incurred by the Owner or NMED resulting from any such failure (including without limitation any impairment or loss of funding, whether in whole or in part, from the NMED or any damages owed to the NMED by the Owner). If the Contractor has no direct contractual privity with NMED, as a lender or awardee to the Owner for the funding of its project, the Owner and the Contractor agree that NMED is a third-party beneficiary and neither this paragraph (nor any other provision of this Agreement necessary to give this paragraph force or effect) shall be amended or waived without the prior written consent of NMED.

Signature of Contractor’s Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name of Contractor’s Authorized Representative

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

1. Executive Order 11246 (Contracts/subcontracts above \$10,000)

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The requirements of this section apply to all construction Contracts and Subcontracts for projects receiving CWSRF additional subsidy (grant) funds.

APPENDIX II TO 2 CFR PART 200 - CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by [41 U.S.C. 1908](#), must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under [41 CFR Part 60](#), all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in [41 CFR Part 60-1.3](#) must include the equal opportunity clause provided under [41 CFR 60-1.4\(b\)](#), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” ([30 FR 12319](#), [12935](#), [3 CFR Part, 1964-1965](#) Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at [41 CFR part 60](#), “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended ([40 U.S.C. 3141-3148](#)). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act ([40 U.S.C. 3141-3144](#), and [3146-3148](#)) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ([29 CFR Part 5](#), “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act ([40 U.S.C. 3145](#)), as supplemented by Department of

Labor regulations ([29 CFR Part 3](#), “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act ([40 U.S.C. 3701-3708](#)). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with [40 U.S.C. 3702](#) and [3704](#), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations ([29 CFR Part 5](#)). Under [40 U.S.C. 3702](#) of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of [40 U.S.C. 3704](#) are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under [37 CFR § 401.2 \(a\)](#) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of [37 CFR Part 401](#), “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act ([42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.](#)) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act ([33 U.S.C. 1251-1387](#)), as amended - Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act ([42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q](#)) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended ([33 U.S.C. 1251-1387](#)). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689) - A contract award (see [2 CFR 180.220](#)) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at [2 CFR 180](#) that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the

names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment ([31 U.S.C. 1352](#)) - Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by [31 U.S.C. 1352](#). Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

(J) See [§ 200.323](#).

(K) See [§ 200.216](#).

(L) See [§ 200.322](#).



**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities**

Form #C1

SRF Project Number:

Project Name:

Assistance Recipient:

(Applicable to contracts, subcontracts, and agreements with applicants who are themselves performing Federally assisted construction contracts, exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause.)

By the submission of this bid, the bidder, offeror, applicant, or subcontractor certifies that he does not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. He certifies further that he will not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he will not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder, offeror, applicant, or subcontractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in this contract. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. He further agrees that (except where he has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause; that he will retain such certifications in his files; and that he will forward the following notice to such proposed subcontractors (except where the proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods):

**NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTORS OF REQUIREMENT FOR
CERTIFICATIONS OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES**

A Certification of Non-segregated Facilities, as required by the May 9, 1967, order (33 F.R. 7808, May 28, 1968) on Elimination of Segregated Facilities, by the Secretary of Labor, must be submitted prior to the award of a subcontract exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause. The certification may be submitted either for each subcontract or for all subcontracts during a period (i.e., quarterly, semiannually, or annually).

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.
EPA-7 5720-4.2



Debarments and Suspensions

Form #C2

The Contractor is required to sign this form and return it to the Assistance Recipient for any CWSRF Equivalency or Grant-Funded project. In addition, the Contractor must require any Sub-Contractor for contracts \$25,000 and above to sign and return this form to the Contractor.

SRF Project Number:

Project Name:

Assistance Recipient:

Any bidder or equipment supplier whose firm or affiliate is listed in on the U.S. General Services Administration Excluded Parties List will be prohibited from the bidding process. The excluded parties records search engine is located at the System for Award Management (SAM) website: <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>. Pursuant to 2 CFR Part 180, as supplemented by 2 CFR 1532, any entity submitting a bid while the SAM website lists that entity as having an active exclusion will be determined by the DNR to be a non-responsive bidder and will not be able to receive SRF funding.

United States Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC 20460 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

The prospective participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and the principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction: violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection of this proposal or termination of the award. In addition, under 18 U SC Sec. 10 01, a false statement may result in a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

I am unable to certify to the above statements. My explanation is attached.

Instructions

Under Executive Order 12549 an individual or organization debarred or excluded from participation in Federal assistance or benefit programs may not receive any assistance award under a federal program, or a sub-agreement thereunder for \$25,000 or more.

Accordingly, each prospective recipient of an EPA grant, loan, or cooperative agreement and any contract or sub-agreement participant thereunder must complete the attached certification or provide an explanation why they cannot. For further details, see 40 CFR 32.510, Participants' responsibilities, in the attached regulation.

Where to Submit

The prospective EPA grant, loan, or cooperative agreement recipient must return the signed certification or explanation with its application to the appropriate EPA Headquarters or Regional office, as required in the application instructions.

A prospective prime contractor must submit a completed certification or explanation to the individual or organization awarding the contract.

Each prospective subcontractor must submit a completed certification or explanation to the prime contractor for the project.

How to Obtain Forms:

EPA includes the certification form, instructions, and a copy of its implementing regulation (40 CFR Part 32) in each application kit. Applicants may reproduce these materials as needed and provide them to their prospective prime contractor, who, in turn, may reproduce and provide them to prospective subcontractors.

Additional copies/assistance may be requested from:

Compliance Branch
Grants Administration Division (PM-216F)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, SW
Washington DC 20460
(Telephone: 202-475-8025)

New Mexico CWSRF Contract Provision #R12: BIL Public Awareness (Signage) Requirement

Assistance recipients for the follow types of CWSRF projects must display project signs in accordance with the U.S. Chief Financial Officers Council Controller Alert titled "[Enhancing Transparency Through the Use of the Building a Better America Emblem on Construction Signs](#)":

- Construction projects identified as "equivalency projects" for BIL general supplemental capitalization grants;
- Construction projects that receive additional subsidization (grants or forgivable loans) made available by BIL general supplemental capitalization grants;
- All construction projects funded with BIL emerging contaminants capitalization grants;
- All construction projects funded with BIL lead service line replacement capitalization grants.

Summary: The BIL signage term and condition requires a physical sign displaying the official *Building a Better America* emblem and EPA logo be placed at construction sites for BIL-funded projects. In cases where the construction site covers a large area (e.g., lead service line replacement or septic tank repair/replacement projects), a sign should be placed in an easily visible location near where the work is being performed (e.g., entrance to the neighborhood, along a main road through town, etc.). Signage costs are considered an allowable SRF expense, provided the costs associated with the signage are reasonable. Additionally, to increase public awareness of projects serving communities where English is not the predominant language, assistance recipients are encouraged to translate the language on signs (excluding the official Building a Better America emblem or EPA logo or seal) into the appropriate non-English language(s). The costs of such translation are allowable SRF expenses, provided the costs are reasonable.

1. Signage Requirements

- a. Building A Better America Emblem: The recipient will ensure that a sign is placed at construction sites supported under this award displaying the official Building A Better America emblem and must identify the project as a "project funded by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law." Construction is defined at 40 CFR 33.103 as "erection, alteration, or repair (including dredging, excavating, and painting) of buildings, structures, or other improvements to real property, and activities in response to a release or a threat of a release of a hazardous substance into the environment, or activities to prevent the introduction of a hazardous substance into a water supply." The sign must be placed at construction sites in an easily visible location that can be directly linked to the work taking place and must be maintained in good condition throughout the construction period.

The recipient will ensure compliance with the guidelines and design specifications for using the official Building A Better America emblem and corresponding logomark available at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Building-A-Better-America-Brand-Guide.pdf>

- b. EPA Logo: The recipient will ensure that signage displays the EPA logo along with the official Building A Better America emblem. The EPA logo must not be displayed in a manner that implies that

EPA itself is conducting the project. Instead, the EPA logo must be accompanied with a statement indicating that the recipient received financial assistance from EPA for the project.

The recipient will ensure compliance with the sign specifications provided by the EPA Office of Public Affairs (OPA) available at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-logo-seal-specifications-signage-produced-epa-assistance-agreement-recipients>. As provided in the sign specifications from OPA, the EPA logo is the preferred identifier for assistance agreement projects and use of the EPA seal requires prior approval from the EPA. To obtain the appropriate EPA logo or seal graphic file, the recipient should send a request directly to OPA and include the EPA Project Officer in the communication. Instructions for contacting OPA is available on the [Using the EPA Seal and Logo page](#).

- c. Procuring Signs: Consistent with section 6002 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6962, and 2 CFR 200.323, recipients are encouraged to use recycled or recovered materials when procuring signs. Signage costs are considered an allowable cost under this assistance agreement provided that the costs associated with signage are reasonable. Additionally, to increase public awareness of projects serving communities where English is not the predominant language, recipients are encouraged to translate the language on signs (excluding the official Building A Better America emblem or EPA logo or seal) into the appropriate non-English language(s). The costs of such translation are allowable, provided the costs are reasonable.