



**CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
ENGINEERING DIVISION**

**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**BIKE LANES/PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS – SCOTTSDALE ROAD  
FROM CURRY ROAD TO CONTINENTAL DRIVE**

**PROJECT NO. 6009741  
FEDERAL PROJECT NO. TMP-0(254)D  
ADOT TRACS NO. T026001C**

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**PLEASE NOTE: The City of Tempe has transitioned to an electronic submittal system for its Request for Qualification (RFQ) procurement. Physical submittals will no longer be accepted. Details of the electronic submittal process are outlined in Section IV below.**

## **SECTION I – BACKGROUND**

The City of Tempe (City) invites your firm to submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for providing Construction Management (CM) services for a roadway improvements project. As the Local Public Agency (LPA) the City is managing this FHWA/ADOT sponsored project under the Certification Acceptance (CA) Program. This project is federally funded by FHWA Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program.

This project is located along Scottsdale Road from Curry Road to Continental Drive within the City of Tempe's jurisdictional limits. The north limit of the project is the dividing line between the City of Scottsdale and City of Tempe's jurisdiction.

This project will provide bicycle lanes in each direction and provide connectivity to the north at Continental Drive. Curbs and medians will be reconstructed to accommodate the bicycle lanes and buffer space in each direction, while maintaining the existing configuration of three lanes in each direction along with left turning pockets. There are five signalized intersections, curb and gutter and sidewalk present throughout the corridor. In addition to the roadway improvements, the scope also includes ramp reconstruction to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, signal, and push button modifications, signing and markings, utilities relocation, landscaping and irrigation restoration.

This project will utilize federal funds and is subject to the requirements of 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26 and the U.S. Department of Transportation DBE Program.

## **SECTION II – SCOPE OF WORK**

The scope of work is to provide CM Services for the 1.25-mile-long bike lane improvement project described above. The typical duties will include construction document review and coordination of submittals, shop drawings, requests-for-information, record drawings, other pertinent project documents. The CM will monitor the schedule and budget, coordinate the schedule with the stakeholders and design team, perform daily field inspections, maintain daily reports, review contractor payment applications and change order proposals, coordinate materials testing, coordinate public involvement, and maintain the federal regulations for the project. The CM's project manager will conduct construction meetings on a weekly basis and serve as the "de facto" City-designated project manager.

Other duties may include managing and coordinating with multiple regulatory agencies and permitting authorities, continuously managing the outreach process to City of Tempe and City of Scottsdale residents and stakeholders, administering construction contracts, and ensuring that each project phase is completed efficiently and within the established restrictions. Due to its proximity, traffic control permitting and will need to be performed with both the City of Scottsdale and City of Tempe. Inspection efforts are expected to be thorough and proactive, such

that the quality and details of the project are delivered as defined in the project's plans and specifications.

The CM services may include these additional items, but are not limited to:

- Provide preconstruction services, including estimates and long-lead studies
- Review of contracts, plans, and specifications
- Constructability review
- Risk management
- Contract administration
- Public Involvement Coordination
- Documents management
- Coordination of various regular and special meetings
- Monitoring submittals and producing tracking logs
- Review of pay estimates, and coordinate with contractor to make necessary corrections
- Review, negotiate, and approve change orders
- Regular schedule coordination with contractors, staff, and stakeholders
- 1-year warranty monitoring

All work shall be performed in accordance with the Federal Requirements as listed in Section VIII and Exhibit A.

### **SECTION III—DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REQUIREMENTS**

This project will utilize federal funds and is subject to the requirements of 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26 and the U.S. Department of Transportation DBE Program. Submitters are required to meet the DBE program requirements detailed in the attached clause and, by the submittal of qualifications or subsequent acceptance of a contract, agrees to provide opportunities for the fair and full utilization of DBEs by complying with the submittal and post-award requirements of this clause. See Exhibit C.

### **SECTION IV – STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

The Consultant will be selected through a qualifications-based selection process. Firms interested in providing Professional Services must submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) that addresses the following issues:

#### **A. General Information (5 points)**

1. Provide a general description of the firm and/or team that is proposing to provide professional services. Explain the legal organization of the proposed firm or team. Provide an organization chart showing key personnel. ***Please include the email address of the submitting party either in this section or within the cover letter.***
2. Identify any contract or subcontract held by the firm or officers of the firm, which has been terminated within the last five years. Identify any claims arising from a contract which resulted in litigation or arbitration within the last three years. Briefly describe the circumstances and the outcomes.

**B. Experience and qualifications of the firm/team (20 points)**

1. Identify at least three comparable projects which the firm completed in recent years and served as either the primary consultant or sub-consultant. Special consideration will be given to firms that have provided professional services on similar successful projects.

For each comparable project identified, provide the following information using the outline provided:

- Section 1* - Description of project.
- Section 2* - Role of the Consultant (specify whether prime or sub-consultant. Also, specify services provided related to cost estimating, scheduling, value engineering, and similar services).
- Section 3* - Project's original contracted cost for consulting services and final cost for work completed by your firm; explain any overruns.
- Section 4* - Contract dates (Specifically include contractual completion date vs. actual completion date; explain any overruns).
- Section 5* - Project Owner and contact information.
- Section 6* - Reference information (two names with telephone numbers per project, but no more than one reference shall be from the City of Tempe).

2. Describe experience in other relevant local projects, completed or on-going, that the team has been involved in over the last five years.

**C. Experience of key personnel to be assigned to this project (20 points)**

1. For each key person identified, please include the number of years' experience in the industry and number of years with the firm, and list at least two recent comparable projects in which they have played a primary role. If a project selected for a key person is the same as one selected for the firm in Section B, provide just the project name and the role of the key person. **DO NOT REFERENCE "See Resume". Please include all requested information for this section as requested.** For other projects provide:

- Section 1* - Description of project.
- Section 2* - Role of the person.
- Section 3* - Project's original contracted cost for consulting services and final cost for work completed; explain any overruns.
- Section 4* - Contract completion dates and original schedule, explain any overruns.
- Section 5* - Project Owner.
- Section 6* - Reference information (two names with telephone numbers per project).

2. For each key person identified from Section B and Section C, describe their experience in relevant listed projects.

3. For projects listed in Section B and Section C, please identify which key team members worked together on such projects and in what capacity.
4. List any proposed subconsultants, including key staff names and the experience and qualifications of these individuals.

**D. Understanding of the project and approach to performing the required services (35 points)**

1. Discuss your firm’s approach to delivering the project. Please include internal quality assurance and quality control methods.
2. Discuss other major issues your team has identified as potentially emerging on this project and how you intend to address those issues.
3. Present a schedule and explain the order in which your firm proposes to carry out key elements of the work including the timelines for each phase for which the Consultant and its sub-consultants, where applicable, will start and complete the significant milestones of the work.

The schedule and discussion should be in sufficient detail to demonstrate your firm’s understanding of major scheduling related issues potentially emerging on this project and how you intend to address those issues.

**E. Firm Performance and Resources (10 points)**

1. For current projects the proposed team is working on, please provide the following information in the table format as indicated below. Please include THIS City of Tempe project in the table should your firm be selected as the successful firm through this process.

Key Personnel	Current/Upcoming Projects (Include this City of Tempe Project here)	Anticipated End Date	Percent of time Dedicated

**F. Overall evaluation of the firm/team and its perceived ability to provide the required services (10 points)**

This is to be determined by the selection panel members. No submittal response required.

**SECTION V – SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

Statement of Qualifications for this project **MUST** be submitted through the City’s PMWeb Software System. You are required to register as an RFQ holder and receive your login credentials no later than two (2) business days prior to the submittal due date.

Firms interested in the above project should submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ), **which is a maximum length of twelve (12) pages of at least 11-point font to address the SOQ criteria (excluding resumes but including a cover letter and organizational chart). Resumes for each key team member shall be limited to a maximum length of two pages and should be attached as an appendix to the SOQ.** All documents submitted as part of the SOQ (including attachments and appendices) must be submitted in PDF format.

Registered RFQ holders are invited to submit proposals at:

<https://tempe-az.pmweb.com/pmweb/>

For technical support regarding your login credentials email [PMWeb\\_admin@tempe.gov](mailto:PMWeb_admin@tempe.gov)

Please be advised that failure to comply with the following criteria will be grounds for disqualification and will be strictly enforced:

- Receipt of submittal by the specified cut-off date and time. This will be determined by the date and time of receipt. Please note the time will be determined based on Arizona Time (Mountain Standard Time year-round).

Adherence to the maximum page criterion is critical; each page side (maximum of 8 ½” by 11”) with criteria information will be counted. Pages that have project photos, charts, and graphs will be counted towards the maximum number of pages. The City reserves the right to accept or reject SOQs that exceed the maximum page limit.

**Any question(s) related to this procurement shall be in writing and submitted no later than the date and time listed below to [consultant\\_support@tempe.gov](mailto:consultant_support@tempe.gov) Any questions submitted after this deadline will not be considered.**

## **SECTION VI – SELECTION PROCESS AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

A Selection Committee will evaluate each SOQ according to the above criteria. Based upon the results of the SOQ scoring, a **final list** of three firms will be established. The following tentative schedule has been prepared for this project. ***Firms interested in this project must be available for the scope meeting dates.***

### **Anticipated Schedule**

All written questions submitted no later than	December 4, 2024, by 4:00 p.m., Arizona time
RFQ holder registration no later than	December 9, 2024
Statement of Qualifications due	December 11, 2024, by 4:00 p.m., Arizona time
Scope meeting	Week of December 16, 2024.

The City will enter into negotiations with the first firm on the **final list** and execute a contract upon completion of negotiation of fees and contract terms for City Council approval. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a contract with the committee selected best-qualified firm, the City may then negotiate with the next most qualified firm in sequence until an agreement is reached, or a determination is made to reject all firms on the final list. The City will enter into contract with only one (1) firm pursuant to this RFQ.

## **SECTION VII – FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Lobbying and Influencing Federal Employees.** No Federal appropriated funds shall be paid, by or on behalf of the Consultant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant and the amendment or modification of any Federal grant. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any Federal grant, the Consultant shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, “Disclosure of Lobby activities,” in accordance with its instructions.

**Trade Restriction.** The Consultant and subconsultants, by submission of the Statement of Qualifications, certifies that it is not owned or controlled by one or more citizens of a foreign country included in the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR); has not knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract for this JOC with a person that is a citizen or national of a foreign country on said list, or is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country on said list; and has not procured any product nor subcontracted for the supply of any product for use on the contract that is produced in a foreign country on said list.

Unless the restrictions of this clause are waived by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR 30.17, no contract shall be awarded to a Consultant or subconsultant who is unable to certify to the above. If the Consultant knowingly procures or subcontracts for the supply of any product or service of a foreign country on said list for use on the project, the Federal Aviation Administration may direct through the Sponsor cancellation of the contract at no cost to the Government.

Further, the Consultant agrees that, if awarded a contract resulting from this solicitation it will incorporate this provision for certification without modification in each contract and in all lower tier subcontracts. The Consultant may rely on the certification of a prospective subcontractor unless it has knowledge that the certification is erroneous.

The Consultant shall provide immediate written notice to the Sponsor if the Consultant learns that its certification or that of a subcontractor was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. The subconsultant agrees to provide written notice to the Consultant if at any time it learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a Consultant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

**Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion.** The Consultant and its subconsultants, by submission of its Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) certifies that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency. It further agrees by submitting its SOQ that it will include this clause without modification in all lower tier transactions, solicitations, proposals, contracts, and subcontracts.



Where the CMAR or any lower tier participant is unable to certify this statement, it shall attach an explanation to its SOQ.

**Buy America Preference.** The Consultant certifies by submission of its Statement of Qualifications, that it will comply with Buy American preferences established under Title 49 U.S.C. Section 50101. Unless formally approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, all acquired steel and manufactured products installed must be produced in the United States. Be advised that the North American Free Trade Agreement does not apply to Aviation Improvement projects.

**Equal Employment Opportunity.** The Consultant agrees that it will undertake affirmative action in conformance with 14 CFR Part 152, Subpart E, to ensure that no person shall on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, or sex be excluded from participating in any employment, contracting, or leasing activities covered in 14 CFR Part 152, Subpart E. The Consultant assures that no person will be excluded on such grounds from participating in or receiving the services or benefits of any program or activity covered by Subpart E. The Consultant further agrees that it will require its covered suborganizations to provide assurances to the Consultant that they similarly will undertake affirmative action and that they will require like assurances from their suborganizations, as required by 14 CFR Part 152, Subpart E.

**Non-Segregated Facilities.** The Consultant and its subconsultants, by submission of the Statement of Qualifications certifies that it does not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any its establishments, and that it does not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The Consultant certifies further that it will not maintain or provide for its employees segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained.

**Federal Affirmative Action Requirements.** The Consultant will comply with the federal Affirmative Action requirements as provided by 14 C.F.R. Part 152, subpart E during the term of the contract and the Consultant will require its subcontractors to also comply with the federal Affirmative Action requirements as set out above, and as may be amended. Failure of the Consultant and its subconsultants to maintain compliance during the term of the contract, including renewal options, is a material breach and may result in termination of the contract.

## **SECTION VIII – GENERAL INFORMATION**

**RFQ/ RFQ Holders list.** The RFQ and RFQ Holders List are available on the City’s website at: <http://www.tempe.gov/engineering>. Firms who receive a copy of this packet must register as an RFQ holder on the website to obtain login credentials for PMWeb Software System.

**Instructions.** The City of Tempe shall not be held responsible for any oral instructions. Any changes to this Request for Qualifications will be in the form of an addendum, which will be furnished to all registered Request for Qualifications holders.

**Protest Procedure.** The City of Tempe protest procedures are outlined in Section 26A-21, of the Tempe City Code, available at [www.tempe.gov/citycode](http://www.tempe.gov/citycode).

**City Rights.** The City of Tempe reserves the right to accept or reject any or all SOQs, to waive any informality or irregularity in any SOQ received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective SOQs received.

**Boycott.** All firms interested in this project certify that they are not currently engaged in and agree for the duration of this Contract/Agreement that they will not engage in, a boycott of Israel, as that term is defined in A.R.S. § 35-393.

**Antidiscrimination.** All firms interested in the project certify that they shall not refuse to hire or employ or bar or discharge from employment any person, or discriminate against such person in compensation, conditions, or privileges of employment because of race, color, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, familial status, age, disability, or United States military veteran status. The awarded firm shall provide a copy of its antidiscrimination policy to the City to confirm compliance with this requirement or attest in writing to compliance based upon the criteria outlined under Tempe City Code, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Section 2-603(5).

**Contact with City Employees.** All firms interested in this project (including the firm's employees, representatives, agents, lobbyists, attorneys, and subconsultants) will refrain, under penalty of disqualification, from direct or indirect contact for the purpose of influencing the selection or creating bias in the selection process with any person who may play a part in the selection process, including, but not limited to, the evaluation panel, the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Department Heads and other staff. This policy is intended to create a level playing field for all potential firms, assure that contract decisions are made in public and to protect the integrity of the selection process. All contact on this selection process must only be addressed to the authorized representative identified below.

**Black Out Provision.** No firm, including anyone directly or indirectly on behalf of such firm, shall attempt to influence any part of the process. From the time the RFQ is issued until the City Council makes the contract award (the "Black-Out Period"), firms directly or indirectly through others, are restricted from attempting to influence in any manner the decision making process through, including, but not limited to, the use of paid media; contacting or lobbying the City Council or City Manager or any other City employee; contacting reporters; contacting SOQ evaluators; submitting letters, e-mail messages or other similar forms of communications to the editor of newspapers and other media for publication or ghostwriting or otherwise requesting others to submit such letters, e-mail messages or other similar forms of communication; responding to questions from media or other sources regarding the RFQ or their submittal during the "Black-Out Period" or in any other way which could be construed to influence any part of the decision making process about this RFQ.

Violation of this provision will cause the SOQ of the firm found in violation to be rejected.

**Questions.** Questions pertaining to this selection process or contract issues should be directed to [consultant\\_support@tempe.gov](mailto:consultant_support@tempe.gov) Please send all queries in writing. All written questions submitted no later than December 4, 2024, by 4:00 p.m., Arizona time.

**EXHIBIT A**  
**FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

All work shall also be performed in accordance with the following additional documents:

The CMAR will comply with Buy American References established under Title 23 U.S.C. 49 U.S.C. § 50101.

Required Contract Provisions for Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (Form FHWA 1273 Revised July 5, 2022),

Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246), July 1, 1978, Revised November 3, 1980, and Revised April 15, 1981,

Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246), July 1, 1978, Revised November 3, 1980, and Revised April 15, 1981,

Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Reports, Federal-Aid Projects, February 1, 1977, Revised July 1, 1978, Revised November 3, 1980, Revised April 15, 1981, Revised September 7, 1983, Revised October 15, 1998, and Revised January 1, 2005,

Federal-Aid Proposal (Notices to Prospective Federal-Aid Construction Contractors), September 29, 1975.

# EXHIBIT B

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DBE PROVISIONS

(PROJECT SPECIFIC - CONTRACTS)

FOR USE ON LPA/SUBRECIPIENT FEDERAL AID PROJECTS WITHOUT DBE GOALS

\* NOTE: REFER TO EDITING INSTRUCTIONS IN SECTIONS 13.0 \*

(LPA PS EPRISE, 8/26/2016)

### DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES:

#### 1.0 Policy:

The Arizona Department of Transportation (hereinafter the Department) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The Department has received Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Department has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the Department to ensure that DBEs, as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in USDOT-assisted contracts. It is also the policy of the Department:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT-assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for USDOT-assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are counted as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in USDOT-assisted contracts;
6. To assist in the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE program; and
7. To promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities.

It is also the policy of the Department to facilitate and encourage participation of Small Business Concerns (SBCs), as defined in Subsection 3.0, in USDOT-assisted contracts. The Department encourages consultants to take reasonable steps to eliminate obstacles to SBCs' participation and to utilize SBCs in performing contracts.

Local Public Agencies (LPA) and or Subrecipients of Federal financial assistance will administer and manage the contracts from advertising, consultant selection, negotiation, contract execution, processing payment reports and contract modifications, audits, DBE compliance (e.g., reporting and monitoring) through contract closeout.

## 2.0 Assurances of Non-Discrimination:

The consultant, subrecipient, or subconsultant shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin in the performance of this contract. The consultant shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the consultant to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the the LPA/Subrecipient with the Department's concurrence deems appropriate, which may include, but are not limited to:

1. Withholding monthly progress payments;
2. Assessing sanctions;
3. Liquidated damages;
4. Disqualifying the consultant from submitting SOQs, or any other forms of proposals, as non-responsible;
5. Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the Contract, in whole or in part.

The consultant, subrecipient, or subconsultant shall ensure that all subcontract agreements contain this non-discrimination assurance.

## 3.0 Definitions:

**(A) Commercially Useful Function (CUF):** Commercially Useful Function is defined fully in 49 CFR 26.55, which definition is incorporated herein by reference.

**(B) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE):** a for-profit small business concern which meets both of the following requirements:

- (1) Is at least 51 percent owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals; and,
- (2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it.

**(C) NAICS Code:** The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related to the U.S. business economy.

**(D) Non-DBE:** any firm that is not a DBE.

**(E) Race-Conscious (RC):** a measure or program focused specifically on assisting only DBEs, including women-owned DBEs.

**(F) Race-Neutral (RN):** a measure or program used to assist all small businesses. For the purposes of this part, race-neutral includes gender-neutrality.

**(G) Small Business Concern (SBC):** a business that meets all of the following conditions:

- (1) Operates as a for-profit business registered to do business in Arizona;
- (2) Operates a place of business primarily within the U.S., or makes a significant contribution to the U.S. economy through payment of taxes or use of American products, materials, or labor;
- (3) Is independently owned and operated;
- (4) Is not dominant in its field on a national basis; and
- (5) Does not have annual gross receipts that exceed the Small Business Administration size standards average annual income criteria for its primary North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code.

**(I) Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals:** any individual who is a citizen (or lawfully admitted permanent resident) of the United States and who is:

- (1) Any individual who is found to be a socially and economically disadvantaged individual on a case-by-case basis.
- (2) Any individual in the following groups, members of which are rebuttably presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged:
  - (i) "Black Americans," which includes persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa;
  - (ii) "Hispanic Americans," which includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin, regardless of race;
  - (iii) "Native Americans," which includes persons who are enrolled members of federally or State recognized Indian tribe, Alaskan Natives or Native Hawaiians;
  - (iv) "Asian-Pacific Americans," which includes persons whose origins are from Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, Burma (Myanmar), Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia (Kampuchea), Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei, Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands (Republic of Palau), the Republic of the Northern Marianas Islands, Macao, Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Nauru, Federated States of Micronesia, or Hong Kong;

- (v) "Subcontinent Asian Americans," which includes persons whose origins are from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives Islands, Nepal or Sri Lanka;
- (vi) "Women;"
- (vii) Any additional groups whose members are designated as socially and economically disadvantaged by the Small Business Administration (SBA), at such time as the SBA designation becomes effective.

#### **4.0 Working with DBEs:**

The Department works with DBEs and assists them in their efforts to participate in the highway construction program. All proposers should contact the Department's Business Engagement and Compliance Office (BECO) by phone, through email, or at the address shown below, for assistance in their efforts to use DBEs in the highway construction industry. BECO contact information is as follows:

Arizona Department of Transportation  
Business Engagement and Compliance Office  
1801 W. Jefferson St, Suite 101, Mail Drop 154A  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
Phone (602) 712-7761  
FAX (602) 712-8429  
Email: [ContractorCompliance@azdot.gov](mailto:ContractorCompliance@azdot.gov)  
Website : [www.azdot.gov/bec](http://www.azdot.gov/bec)

#### **4.01 Mentor-Protégé Program**

The Department has established a Mentor-Protégé program as an initiative to encourage and develop disadvantaged businesses in the highway construction industry. The program encourages prime consultants to provide certain types of assistance to certified DBE subconsultants. ADOT encourages consultants and certified DBE subconsultants to engage in a Mentor-Protégé agreement under certain conditions. Such an agreement must be mutually beneficial to both parties and to ADOT in fulfilling requirements of 49 CFR Part 23. For guidance regarding this program refer to the Mentor-Protégé Program Guidelines available on the BECO website.

The Mentor-Protégé program is intended to increase legitimate DBE activities and is not intended to diminish nor circumvent existing DBE rules or regulations.

#### **5.0 Applicability:**

The Department has established an overall annual goal for DBE participation on Federal-aid contracts. The Department intends for the goal to be met with a combination of race conscious efforts and race neutral efforts. Race conscious participation occurs when the consultant uses

a percentage of DBEs, as defined herein, to meet the contract-specified goal. Race neutral efforts are those that are, or can be, used to assist all small businesses or increase opportunities for all small businesses. The regulation, 49 CFR 26, defines race neutral as when a DBE wins a prime contract through customary competitive procurement procedures or is awarded a subcontract on a prime contract that does not carry a DBE contract goal.

The DBE provisions are applicable to all consultants including DBE consultants.

## **6.0 Certification and Registration:**

### **6.01 DBE Certification:**

Certification as a DBE shall be predicated on:

- (1) The completion and execution of an application for certification as a "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise."
- (2) The submission of documents pertaining to the firm(s) as stated in the application(s), including but not limited to a statement of social disadvantage and a personal financial statement.
- (3) The submission of any additional information which the Department or the applicable Arizona Unified Certification (UCP) agency may require to determine the firm's eligibility to participate in the DBE program.
- (4) The information obtained during the on-site visits to the offices of the firm and to active job-sites.

Applications for certification may be filed online with the Department or the applicable UCP agency at any time through the Arizona Unified Transportation Registration and Certification System (AZ UTRACS) website at <http://www.azutracs.com>.

DBE firms and firms seeking DBE certification shall cooperate fully with requests for information relevant to the certification process. Failure or refusal to provide such information is a ground for denial or removal of certification.

ADOT is a member of the AZ Unified Certification Program (AZUCP). Only DBE firms that are certified by the AZUCP are eligible for credit on ADOT projects. A list of DBE firms certified by AZUCP is available on the internet at <http://www.azutracs.com>. The list will indicate contact information and specialty for each DBE firm, and may be sorted in a variety of ways. However, ADOT does not guarantee the accuracy and/or completeness of this information, nor does ADOT represent that any licenses or registrations are appropriate for the work to be done.

The Department's certification of a DBE is not a representation of qualifications and/or abilities nor does it mean that a DBE firm is guaranteed or entitled to receive or be awarded a contract. Being certified simply means that a firm has met the criteria for DBE certification as outlined in



49 CFR Part 26. The consultant bears all risks of ensuring that DBE firms selected by the consultant are able to perform the work.

## **6.02 SBC Registration:**

To comply with 49 CFR Part 26.39, ADOT's DBE Program incorporates contracting requirements to facilitate participation by Small Business Concerns (SBCs) in federally assisted contracts. SBCs are for-profit businesses authorized to do businesses in Arizona that meet the Small Business Administration (SBA) size standards for average annual revenue criteria for its primary North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code

While the SBC component of the DBE program does not require utilization of goals on projects, ADOT and the LPA/Subrecipient strongly encourages consultants to utilize small businesses that are registered in AZ UTRACS on their contracts, in addition to DBEs meeting the certification requirement. The consultant may use the AZ UTRACS website to search for certified DBEs and registered SBCs that can be used on the contract. However, SBCs that are not DBEs will not be counted toward the DBE participation.

SBCs can register online at the AZ UTRACS website.

The Department's registration of SBCs is not a representation of qualifications and/or abilities nor does it mean that an SBC firm is guaranteed or entitled to receive or be awarded a contract. Being SBC registered simply means that a firm has met the criteria for SBC registration as outlined in 49 CFR Part 26. The consultant bears all risks of ensuring that SBC firms selected by the consultant are able to perform the work.

## **7.0 DBE Financial Institutions:**

The Department thoroughly investigates the full extent of services offered by financial institutions owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in its service area and makes reasonable efforts to use these institutions. The Department encourages prime consultants to use such institutions on USDOT assisted contracts. However, use of DBE financial institutions will not be counted toward the DBE participation.

The Department and the LPA/Subrecipient encourages prime consultants to research the Federal Reserve Board website at [www.federalreserve.gov](http://www.federalreserve.gov) to identify minority-owned banks in Arizona derived from the Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income filed quarterly by banks (FFIEC 031 and 041) and from other information on the Board's National Information Center database.

## **8.0 Time is of the Essence:**

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE IN RESPECT TO THE DBE PROVISIONS

## **9.0 Computation of Time:**

In computing any period of time described in this DBE special provision, such as calendar days, the day from which the period begins to run is not counted, and when the last day of the period is a Saturday, Sunday, Federal or State holiday, the period extends to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, Federal or State holiday. In circumstances where the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office is closed for all or part of the last day, the period extends to the next day on which the LPA / Subrecipient Procurement Office is open.

## **10.0 Consultant and Subconsultant Requirements:**

### **10.01 General:**

The consultant shall establish a DBE program that will ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts and subcontracts.

Agreements between the proposer and a DBE in which the DBE promises not to provide subcontracting quotations to other proposers are prohibited.

### **10.02 DBE Liaison:**

The consultant shall designate a DBE Liaison responsible for the administration of the consultant's DBE program. The name of the designated DBE Liaison shall be included on the DBE Intended Participation Affidavit Summary.

### **11.0 DBE Goal:**

The Department has not established contract goals for DBE participation in this contract. Consultants are still encouraged to employ reasonable means to obtain DBE participation. Consultants must retain records in accordance with these DBE specifications. The consultant is notified that this record keeping is important to the Department so that it can track DBE participation where only race neutral efforts are employed.

## **12.0 Bidders/Proposers List and AZ UTRACS Registration Requirement:**

Under Title 49 CFR of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26.11, DOTs are required to collect certain information from all consultants and subconsultants who seek to work on federally-assisted contracts in order to set overall and contract DBE goals. ADOT collects this information when firms register their companies on the Arizona Unified Transportation Registration and Certification System (AZ UTRACS) web portal at <http://www.azutracs.com/> a centralized database for companies that seek to do business with ADOT. This information will be maintained as confidential to the extent allowed by federal and state law.

Prime consultants and all subconsultants, including DBEs listed in the SOQ must be registered in AZ UTRACS. Proposers may verify that their firm and each subconsultant is registered using the AZ UTRACS website.

Proposers may obtain additional information at the AZ UTRACS website or by contacting the LPA/Subrecipient.

All proposers shall create a Bidders/Proposers list in the AZ UTRACS by selecting all firms, service providers, and vendors that expressed interest or submitted proposals or quotes for this contract. The Bidders/Proposers List form must be complete and must include the names for all subconsultants, service providers, and vendors that submitted proposals or quotes on this project regardless of the proposer's intentions to use the those firms on the project.

All proposers must complete and submit the Bidders/Proposers List online at AZ UTRACS prior to Cost Proposal submittal. A confirmation email will be generated by the system. This email confirmation shall be submitted with the Cost Proposal.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED BIDDERS/PROPOSERS LIST CONFIRMATION EMAIL WITH THE COST PROPOSAL BY THE STATED TIME AND IN THE MANNER HEREIN SPECIFIED AND AS OUTLINED IN THE RFQ SHALL BE CAUSE FOR THE PROPOSER'S COST PROPOSAL TO BE REJECTED.

### **13.0 Payment Reporting:**

The consultant shall report on a monthly basis indicating the amounts paid to all subconsultants, of all tiers, working on the project. Reporting shall be in accordance with Prompt Pay and Payment Reporting requirements section \_\_\_\_\_ of the contract specifications.

### **14.0 Crediting DBE Participation:**

#### **14.01 General Requirements:**

To count toward DBE participation, the DBE firms must be certified at the time of Cost Proposal submission in each NAICS code applicable to the kind of work the firm will perform on the contract. NAICS for each DBE can be found on the AZ UTRACS website. General descriptions of all NAICS codes can be found at <http://www.naics.com/search/>.

Credit towards the consultant's DBE participation is given only after the DBE has been paid for the work performed.

The entire amount of a contract that is performed by the DBE's own forces, including the cost of supplies and materials purchased by the DBE for the work on the contract and equipment leased by the DBE will be credited toward DBE participation. Supplies and equipment the DBE subconsultant purchases or leases from the prime consultant or its affiliate will not be credited toward DBE participation.

The consultant bears the responsibility to determine whether the DBE possesses the proper consultant's license(s) to perform the work and, if DBE credit is requested, that the DBE subconsultant is certified for the requested type of work.

The Department's certification is not a representation of a DBE's qualifications and/or abilities. The consultant bears all risks that the DBE may not be able to perform its work for any reason.

A DBE may participate as a prime consultant, subconsultant, or as a vendor of materials or supplies. The dollar amount of work to be accomplished by DBEs, including partial amount of a lump sum or other similar item, shall be on the basis of subcontract, purchase order, hourly rate, rate per ton, etc., as agreed to between parties.

DBE credit may be obtained only for specific work done for the project, supply of equipment specifically for physical work on the project, or supply of materials to be incorporated in the work. DBE credit will not be allowed for costs such as overhead items, capital expenditures (for example, purchase of equipment), and office items.

The consultant may credit second-tier subcontracts issued to DBEs by non-DBE subconsultants. Any second-tier subcontract to a DBE must meet the requirements of a first-tier DBE subcontract.

A prime consultant may credit the entire amount of that portion of a contract that is performed by the DBE's own forces. The cost of supplies and materials obtained by the DBE for the work of the contract can be included so long as that cost is reasonable. Leased equipment may also be included. No credit is permitted for supplies purchased or equipment leased from the prime consultant or its affiliate(s).

When a DBE subcontracts a part of the work of its contract to another firm, the value of the subcontract may be credited towards the DBE participation only if the DBE's subconsultant is itself a DBE and performs the work with its own forces. Work that a DBE subcontracts to a non-DBE firm does not count toward a DBE participation.

A prime consultant may credit the entire amount of fees or commissions charged by a DBE firm for providing a bona fide service, such as professional, technical, consulting, or managerial services, or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of a USDOT-assisted contract, provided the fees are reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily allowed for similar services.

#### **14.02 Effect of Loss of DBE Eligibility:**

If a DBE is deemed ineligible (decertified) or suspended in accordance with 49 CFR 26.87 and 26.88, the DBE may not be considered to count toward DBE participation on a new contract, but may be considered to count toward DBE participation under a subcontract that was executed before the DBE suspension or decertification is effective.

When a DBE firm or a DBE prime consultant loses its DBE eligibility and a subcontract or contract has not been executed before a decertification notice is issued to the DBE firm by its certifying agency, the ineligible firm does not count toward DBE participation.

When a subcontract is executed with the DBE firm before the Department notified the firm of its ineligibility, the consultant may continue to use the firm on the contract and may continue to receive DBE participation credit for the firm's work.

#### **14.03 Notifying the Consultant of DBE Certification Status:**

Each DBE contract at any tier shall require any DBE subconsultant or supplier that is either decertified or certified during the term of the contract to immediately notify the consultant and all parties to the DBE contract in writing, with the date of decertification or certification. The consultant shall require that this provision be incorporated in any contract of any tier in which a DBE is a participant.

#### **14.04 Police Officers:**

DBE credit will not be permitted for procuring DPS officers. For projects on which officers from other agencies are supplied, DBE credit will be given only for the broker fees charged, and will not include amounts paid to the officers. The broker fees must be reasonable.

#### **14.05 Commercially Useful Function:**

A prime consultant can credit expenditures to a DBE subconsultant toward DBE participation only if the DBE performs a Commercially Useful Function (CUF).

A DBE performs a CUF when it is responsible for execution of the work of a contract and carries out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the DBE must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself that it uses on the project. To determine whether a DBE is performing a commercially useful function, the LPA/Subrecipient will evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices, whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the DBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and other relevant factors.

A DBE will not be considered to perform a commercially useful function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of DBE participation. In determining whether a DBE is such an extra participant, the LPA/Subrecipient will examine similar transactions, particularly those in which DBEs do not participate.

If a DBE does not perform or exercise responsibility for at least 30 percent of the total cost of its contract with its own work force, or if the DBE subcontracts a greater portion of the work of a contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practice for the type of work involved, LPA/Subrecipient will presume that the DBE is not performing a commercially useful function.

When a DBE is presumed not to be performing a commercially useful function as provided above, the DBE may present evidence to rebut this presumption. The Department will determine if the firm is performing a CUF given the type of work involved and normal industry practices.

The LPA/Subrecipient will notify the consultant, in writing, if it determines that the consultant's DBE subconsultant is not performing a CUF. The consultant will be notified within seven calendar days of the LPA/Subrecipient's decision.

Decisions on CUF may be appealed to the ADOT BECO. The appeal must be in writing and personally delivered or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the ADOT BECO. The appeal must be received by ADOT BECO no later than seven calendar days after the LPA/Subrecipient's decision. LPA/Subrecipient's decision remains in place unless and until the ADOT BECO reverses or modifies LPA/Subrecipient's decision. ADOT BECO will promptly consider any appeals under this subsection and notify the consultant of the ADOT BECO findings and decisions. Decisions on CUF matters are not administratively appealable to USDOT.

The LPA/Subrecipient may conduct project site visits on the contract to confirm that DBEs are performing a CUF. The consultant shall cooperate during the site visits and the LPA/Subrecipient staff will make every effort not to disrupt work on the project.

#### **15.0 Required Provisions for DBE Subcontracts:**

All subcontracts of any tier, all supply contracts, and any other contracts in which a DBE is a participant shall include as a physical attachment, DBE Subconsultant Compliance Assurances available from the LPA/Subrecipient and all of the Uniform Terms and Conditions set forth in other sections of this contract.

Consultants executing agreements with subconsultants, DBE or non-DBE, that materially modify federal regulation and state statutes such as, prompt payment and retention requirements, through subcontract terms and conditions will be found in breach of contract which may result in termination of the contract, or any other such remedy as the LPA/Subrecipient and ADOT deem appropriate as outlined in DBE Subsection 2.0.

The LPA/Subrecipient reserves the right to conduct random reviews of DBE and non-DBE subcontract documentation to ensure compliance with federal requirements.

The consultant shall ensure that all subcontracts or agreements with DBEs to supply labor or materials require that the subcontract and all lower tier subcontracts be performed in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 provisions.

The Consultant shall provide electronic copies of signed subcontract agreements for all DBE Subconsultants listed on the DBE Intended Participation Affidavit Summary by uploading them within 15 calendar days of an approved contract to the LPA DBE System.

#### **16.0 Certification of Final DBE Payments:**

DBE participation on the contract is measured by actual payments made to the DBEs. The consultant shall submit the "Certification of Final DBE Payments" form for each DBE firm working on the contract. This form shall be signed by the consultant and the relevant DBE, and submitted to the LPA/Subrecipient no later than 30 days after the DBE completes its work.

The LPA/Subrecipient and ADOT will use this certification and other information available to determine applicable DBE credit allowed to date by the Prime Consultant and the extent to which the DBE firms were fully paid for that work. By the act of filing the forms, the consultant acknowledges that the information is supplied in order to justify the payment of state and federal funds to the consultant.

The consultant will not be released from the obligations of the contract until the "Certification of Final DBE Payments" forms are received and deemed acceptable by the LPA/Subrecipient.

**17.0 False, Fraudulent, or Dishonest Conduct:**

In addition to any other remedies or actions, the Department will bring to the attention of the US Department of Transportation any appearance of false, fraudulent, or dishonest conduct in connection with the DBE program, so that USDOT can take steps such as referral to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution, referral to the USDOT Inspector General for possible initiation of suspension and debarment proceedings against the offending parties or application of "Program Fraud and Civil Penalties" rules provided in 49 CFR Part 31.

# EXHIBIT C

## CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES/DESIGN CONTRACTS PROMPT PAY AND PAYMENT REPORTING PROVISIONS

\*\* FOR USE ON LPA FEDERAL AID PROJECTS \*\*

(09/20/2016)

### MEASUREMENTS AND PAYMENT:

#### Partial Payments:

If satisfactory progress is being made, the contractor will receive a payment based on the amount of work completed. Progress payments may be made by the LPA/ Subrecipient Procurement Office to the contractor on the basis of an approved estimate of the work performed during a preceding period of time. The progress payments shall be paid on or before 14 days after the estimate of the work is approved. The estimate of the work shall be deemed received by the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office on submission to the person designated by the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office for the submission, review or approval of the estimate of the work. The LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office by mutual agreement may make progress payments on contracts of less than 90 days and shall make monthly progress payments on all other contracts. Payment to the contractor on the basis of a duly certified and approved estimate of the work performed during the preceding calendar month under the contract may include payment for material and equipment.

An estimate of the work submitted shall be deemed approved and certified for payment after seven days from the date of submission unless before that time the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office or Designee prepares and issues a specific written finding setting forth those items in detail in the estimate of the work that are not approved for payment under the contract. The contractor shall work with the LPA/Subrecipient or the LPA/Subrecipient Designee to finalize monthly estimate. The progress payments shall be paid on or before 14 days after the estimate of the work is certified and approved in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes Section 34-221.

The contractor shall pay to the contractor's subcontractors or material suppliers and each subcontractor shall pay to the subcontractor's subcontractor or material supplier, within seven days of receipt of each progress payment the respective amounts allowed the contractor or subcontractor on account of the work performed by the subcontractors, to the extent of each subcontractor's interest, except that no contract for construction services may materially alter the rights of any contractor, subcontractor or material supplier to receive prompt and timely payment.

A subcontractor may notify the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office in writing requesting that the subcontractor be notified by the Subrecipient Procurement Office in writing within five days from payment of each progress payment made to the contractor.



## **Subcontractor Payments:**

### **(1) Retention:**

If the prime contract does not provide for retention, the contractor and each subcontractor of any tier shall not withhold retention on any subcontract. If the prime contract provides for retention, the prime contractor and each subcontractor of any tier shall not retain a higher percentage than the LPA/Subrecipient may retain under the prime contract.

### **(2) No Set-offs Arising from Other Contracts:**

If a subcontractor is performing work on multiple contracts for the same contractor or subcontractor of any tier, the contractor or subcontractor of any tier shall not withhold or reduce payment from its subcontractors on the contract because of disputes or claims on another contract.

### **(3) Partial Payment:**

The contractor and each subcontractor of any tier shall make prompt partial payments to its subcontractors within seven days of receipt of payment from the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office. Notwithstanding any provision of Arizona Revised Statutes Section 34-221, the parties may not agree otherwise.

### **(4) Final Payment:**

The contractor and each subcontractor of any tier shall make prompt final payment to each of its subcontractors. The contractor and each subcontractor of any tier shall pay all monies, including retention, due to its subcontractor within seven days of receipt of payment. Notwithstanding any provision of Arizona Revised Statutes Section 34-221, the parties may not agree otherwise.

### **(5) Payment Reporting:**

For the purposes of this subsection "Reportable Contracts" means any subcontract, of any tier, DBE or non-DBE, by which work shall be performed on behalf of the contractor and any contract of any tier with a DBE material supplier.

The requirements of this subsection apply to all Reportable Contracts.

Payment Reporting for all Reportable Contracts shall be done through the LPA DBE System which can be accessed at AZ UTRACS on the Arizona Transportation Business Portal at [www.azutracs.com](http://www.azutracs.com). No later than fifteen calendar days after the preconstruction conference, the contractor shall log into the system and enter or verify the name, contact information, and subcontract amounts for Reportable Contracts on the project. As Reportable Contracts are approved over the course of the contract, the contractor shall enter the subcontractor information in the LPA DBE System. Reportable contracts information shall be entered into

the system no later than five calendar days after approval by the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office.

The contractor shall report on a monthly basis indicating the amounts actually paid and the dates of each payment under any Reportable Contract on the project. The contractor shall provide information for payments made on all Reportable Contracts during the previous month by the last day of the current month. In the event that no payments were made during a given month, the contractor shall identify that by entering a dollar value of zero. If the contractor does not pay the full amount of any invoice from a subcontractor, the contractor shall note that and provide the reasons in the comment section of the Monthly Payment Audit of the LPA DBE System.

In addition, the contractor shall require that all participants in any Reportable Contract electronically verify receipt of payment on the contract within 15 days of receipt of electronic payment notification and the contractor shall actively monitor the system to ensure that the verifications are input. The contractor shall proactively work to resolve any payment discrepancies in the system between payment amounts it reports and payment confirmation amounts reported by others.

The contractor shall ensure that all Reportable Contract payment activity is in the LPA DBE System. This includes all lower-tier Reportable Contracts.

The contractor shall maintain records for each payment explaining the amount requested by the subcontractor, and the amount actually paid pursuant to the request, which may include but are not limited to, estimates, invoices, pay requests, copies of checks or wire transfers, and lien waivers in support of the monthly payments in the system.

The contractor shall ensure that a copy of this Subsection is included in every Reportable Contract of every tier.

**(a) Sanctions for Inadequate Reporting:**

For each Reportable Contract on which the contractor fails to submit timely and complete payment information the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office will retain \$1,000.00 as liquidated damages, from the monies due to the contractor. Liquidated damages will be deducted each month for each Reportable Contract on which the contractor fails to submit payment information until the contractor provides the required information as described herein. After 90 consecutive days of non-reporting, the liquidated damages will increase to \$2,000.00 for each subsequent month, for each Reportable Contract on which the contractor fails to report until the information is provided. These liquidated damages shall be in addition to all other retention or liquidated damages provided for elsewhere in the contract.

**(6) Completion of Work:**

A subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed when all the tasks called for in the subcontract have been accomplished, documented, and accepted by the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office.

## **(7) Disputes:**

If there is a discrepancy between what is reported by the contractor in the LPA DBE System and what the subcontractor indicates, an alert email will automatically be sent to the contractor. The email will be sent to the email address provided by the contractor in the LPA DBE System. It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure that the email address in the system is kept current.

The contractor shall provide a verifiable explanation of the discrepancy in the LPA DBE System as early as practicable but in no case later than seven days after the date of the alert email.

The LPA/Subrecipient will determine whether the contractor has acted in good faith concerning any such explanations. The LPA/Subrecipient and ADOT BECO reserves the right to request and receive documents from the contractor and all subcontractors of any tier, in order to determine whether prompt payment requirements are met.

The contractor shall implement and use the dispute resolution process outlined in the subcontract or by following the LPA/Subrecipient escalation process, to resolve payment disputes.

## **(8) Non-compliance:**

Failure to make prompt partial payment, or prompt final payment including any retention, within the time frames established above, will result in remedies, as the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office deems appropriate, which may include but are not limited to:

- (a) Liquidated Damages: These liquidated damages shall be in addition to all other retention or liquidated damages provided for elsewhere in the contract.
  - (i) The LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office will withhold two times the disputed dollar amount not paid to each subcontractor.
  - (ii) If full payment is made within 30 days of the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office's payment to the contractor, the amount withheld by the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office will be released.
  - (iii) If full payment is made after 30 days of the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office's payment to the contractor, the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office will release 75 percent of the funds withheld. The LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office will retain 25 percent of the monies withheld as liquidated damages.
- (b) Additional Remedies. If the contractor fails to make prompt payment for three consecutive months, or any four months over the course of one

project, or if the contractor fails to make prompt payment on two or more projects within 24 months, the LPA/Subrecipient Procurement Office may, in addition, invoke the following remedies:

- (i) Withhold monthly progress payments until the issue is resolved and full payment has been made to all subcontractors, subject to the liquidated damages described in paragraph (a) above,
- (ii) Terminate the contract for default,
- (iii) Disqualify the contractor from future bidding, temporarily or permanently, depending on the number and severity of violations, if applicable.

In determining whether liquidated damages will be assessed, the extent of the liquidated damages, or additional remedies assessed, the LPA/Subrecipient will consider whether there have been other violations on this or other federal-aid contracts, whether the failure to make prompt payment was due to circumstances beyond the contractor's control, and other circumstances. The contractor may, within 15 calendar days of receipt of the decision of the LPA/Subrecipient, escalate the decision according to the contract's escalation process.

# EXHIBIT D

City of Tempe  
Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances  
DOT Order No. 1050.2A

The *City of Tempe* (herein referred to as the "Recipient"), HEREBY AGREES THAT, as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), through *Federal Highway Administration* and *Arizona Department of Transportation*, is subject to and will comply with the following:

## Statutory/Regulatory Authorities

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 C.F.R. Part 21 (entitled *Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs Of The Department Of Transportation—Effectuation Of Title VI Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964*);
- 28 C.F.R. section 50.3 (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)

The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the "Acts" and "Regulations," respectively.

## General Assurances

In accordance with the Acts, the Regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda, and/or guidance, the Recipient hereby gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

*"No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity," for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from DOT, including the Federal Highway Administration.*

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI and other Non-discrimination requirements (The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these non-discrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally assisted.

## Specific Assurances

More specifically, and without limiting the above general Assurance, the Recipient agrees with and gives the following Assurances with respect to its *Federal Aid Highway Program*.

1. The Recipient agrees that each "activity," "facility," or "program," as defined in §§ 21.23 (b) and 21.23 (e) of 49 C.F.R. § 21 will be (with regard to an "activity") facilitated, or will be (with regard

to a "facility") operated, or will be (with regard to a "program") conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and the Regulations.

2. The Recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests For Proposals for work, or material subject to the Acts and the Regulations made in connection with all *Federal Aid Highway Program* and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of funding source:

*"The **City of Tempe**, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."*

3. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix A and E of this Assurance in every contract or agreement subject to the Acts and the Regulations.

4. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix B of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Recipient.

5. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance will extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.

6. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance in the form, or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the Assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.

7. That the Recipient will include the clauses set forth in Appendix C and Appendix D of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, licenses, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient with other parties:

- a. for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
- b. for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.

8. That this Assurance obligates the Recipient for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the Assurance obligates the Recipient, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:

- a. the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits;
- or
- b. the period during which the Recipient retains ownership or possession of the property.

9. The Recipient will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom he/she delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

10. The Recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Acts, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

By signing this ASSURANCE, **City of Tempe** also agrees to comply (and require any sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, successors, transferees, and/or assignees to comply) with all applicable provisions governing *Federal Highway Administration* or *Arizona Department of Transportation* access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. You also recognize that you must comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by the *Federal Highway Administration* or *Arizona Department of Transportation*. You must keep records, reports, and submit the material for review upon request to *Federal Highway Administration*, *Arizona Department of Transportation*, or its designee in a timely, complete, and accurate way. Additionally, you must comply with all other reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

**City of Tempe** gives this ASSURANCE in consideration of and for obtaining any Federal grants, loans, contracts, agreements, property, and/or discounts, or other Federal-aid and Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipients by the U.S. Department of Transportation under the *Federal Highway Administration* and *Arizona Department of Transportation*. This ASSURANCE is binding on Arizona, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors and their subcontractors', transferees, successors in interest, and any other participants in the *Federal Aid Highway Program*. The person(s) signing below is authorized to sign this ASSURANCE on behalf of the Recipient.

by  \_\_\_\_\_  
*Rosa Inchausti, City Manager*

DATED 7/1/2021

## APPENDIX A

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, *Federal Highway Administration or the Arizona Department of Transportation*, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient, the *Federal Highway Administration or Arizona Department of Transportation* to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the Recipient, the *Federal Highway Administration, or Arizona Department of Transportation*, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the *Federal Highway Administration or Arizona Department of Transportation*, may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
  - a. withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
  - b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient, the *Federal Highway Administration, or Arizona Department of Transportation* may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.



## APPENDIX B

### CLAUSES FOR DEEDS TRANSFERRING UNITED STATES PROPERTY

The following clauses will be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the City of Tempe will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with *Title 23, United States Code the Regulations for the Administration of Federal Aid for Highways*, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the *Arizona Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration* of the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252;42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the City of Tempe all the right, title and interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

#### (HABENDUM CLAUSE)

**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** said lands and interests therein unto City of Tempe and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the City of Tempe, its successors and assigns.

The City of Tempe, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and]\* (2) that the City of Tempe will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended[, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned non-discrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction].\*

(\*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

## APPENDIX C

### CLAUSES FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY, OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the ***City of Tempe*** pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

A. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:

1. In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.

B. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, ***City of Tempe*** will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued.\*

C. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the ***City of Tempe*** will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the ***City of Tempe*** and its assigns\*.

(\*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

## APPENDIX D

### CLAUSES FOR CONSTRUCTION/USE/ACCESS TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/agreements entered into by City of Tempe pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b):

A. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, "as a covenant running with the land") that (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.

B. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, City of Tempe will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued.\*

C. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, City of Tempe will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of City of Tempe and its assigns.\*

(\*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

## APPENDIX E

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

### **Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:**

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 *et seq.*).