

Department of Procurement and
Contract Compliance

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL



RFP 32949

For

**“Unified Government Comprehensive Safe
Routes to School Outreach & Education
Program”**

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Article I. General Information

Section 1.01 *Method of Source Selection*

Section 29-154 of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County / Kansas City, Kansas Procurement Code and Regulations allows for the use of Competitive Sealed Proposals when it is determined in writing that Competitive Sealed Bidding is either not practicable or not advantageous to the Unified Government.

Section 1.02 *Purpose*

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, Department of Public Works is accepting competitive proposals from qualified individuals, firms, partnerships and corporations for the purpose of hiring a consultant team that will continue the implementation and expansion of the SRTS programming across all Wyandotte County communities.

Vendors providing such services must meet the requirements, as specified herein.

Solicitations from qualified minority, and women owned businesses, firms and individuals are encouraged by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. This encouragement does not infer preference and all solicitations will be evaluated equally.

Section 1.03 *Existing Environment*

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is a consolidated city/county government serving all of the citizens of the City of Kansas City, Kansas, and Wyandotte County. The City of Kansas City, Kansas is located entirely in Wyandotte County and, along with ten other Kansas and Missouri counties, makes up the Metropolitan Kansas City Region with a population of approximately 1.6 million. The Cities of Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri are separated by the Kansas-Missouri border and are independent of one another in all aspects.

Section 1.04 *Required Review*

Offerors should carefully review this solicitation for defects and questionable or objectionable matter. Comments concerning defects and objectionable material must be made in writing and received by the procurement officer at least ten days before the proposal opening. This will allow issuance of any necessary amendments. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective solicitation and exposure of offeror's proposals upon which award could not be made. Protests based on any omission or error, or on the content of the solicitation, will be disallowed if these faults have not been brought to the attention of the contracting officer, in writing, at least ten days before the time set for opening.

Section 1.05 *Protests and Appeals*

Any protest or appeal of the award of the Agreement must be in writing and received by the Director of Purchasing within seven (7) days of the County Administrator’s decision. The written communication must list the specific areas of protest and suggested remedy. The decision of the Purchasing Director on any protest or appeal shall be final.

Section 1.06 *Inquiries - Clarifications*

Any questions regarding the Request for Proposal shall be directed in writing to the attention of the buyer via fax or email, to the Office of Procurement and Contract Compliance ATTN: Teresa Houchins thouchins@wycokck.org Room 649, 701 North 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. All questions must be received no later than the date established in the project timetable. Telephone conversations must be confirmed in writing by the interested party.

Section 1.07 *Amendments & Addendums*

Amendments and addendums will be made by addendum issued only to vendors known to have the Request for Proposal.

Section 1.08 *Alternate Proposals*

Offerors may only submit one proposal for evaluation. Alternate proposals (proposals that offer something different than what is asked for) will be rejected.

Section 1.09 *Implied Requirements*

By submission of the proposal, the Offeror certifies all services proposed meet or exceed all requirements as set forth in the Request for Proposals, unless the proposal specifically states otherwise. Any products and services that are not specifically addressed in the RFP but which are necessary to provide functional capabilities proposed by the offeror must be included in the proposal.

Section 1.10 *Project Timetable & Contract Term*

The project timetable set out herein represents the Unified Government’s best estimate of the schedule that will be followed. If a component of the schedule, such as the opening date, is delayed, the rest of the schedule may be shifted by the same number of days.

Event	Date
Issue RFP:	August 25, 2022
Last day for Questions:	September 7, 2022 at 11:00am CST

Proposals Due:	September 22, 2022 at 2:00 pm CST
Proposal Evaluation Committee completes evaluation:	TBD
Notice of Award:	TBD
Contract Start:	October 1, 2022
Contract Complete:	August 31, 2024

The length of the contract will be from the date of award and continue for a term length of 2 years.

Section 1.11 Location of Work

The location(s) the work is to be performed is at participating schools and other community locations as needed. The project serves the entire Kansas City, Kansas Community; however, the most intense programming will be offered in the areas of highest density and walkability. The program will target elementary, middle, and high schools in the USD 500 (KCK) and USD 202 (Turner) school systems.

Section 1.12 Proposals and Presentation Costs

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas will not be liable in any way for any costs incurred by the offeror in the preparation of their proposal in response to the RFP nor for the presentation of their proposal and/or participation in any discussions or negotiations.

Section 1.13 Disclosure of Proposal Contents

All proposals and other material submitted become the property of the Unified Government and may be returned only at the UG’s option. Kansas Open Records Act requires public records to be open to reasonable inspection. All proposal information, including detailed price and cost information, will be held in confidence during the evaluation process and prior to the time a Notice of Award is issued. Thereafter, proposals will become public information.

Trade secrets and other proprietary data contained in proposals may be held confidential if the offeror requests, in writing, that the procurement officer does so, and if the procurement officer agrees, in writing, to do so. Material considered confidential by the offeror must be clearly identified and the offeror must include a brief statement that sets out the reasons for confidentiality.

Section 1.14 Cooperative Procurement

If the contractor has indicated agreement to participate in the Cooperative Procurement Program, the contractor shall provide equipment, supplies, and/or services as described herein under the terms and conditions, requirements and specifications of the contract, including

prices, to other government entities. The contractor shall further understand and agree that participation by other governmental entities is discretionary on the part of that governmental entity and the Unified Government bears no financial responsibility for any payments due the contractor by such governmental entities.

Section 1.15 Independent Contractor Relation

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create a relationship of employer and employee or principal and agent or any other relationship other than that of independent parties contracting with each other solely for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall create any right or remedies in any third party.

The Agreement to be entered into is not intended to be, and will not constitute or otherwise recognize a joint venture, partnership agreement or relationship, or formal business organization or association of any kind between the parties; and, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be only those expressly set forth in the Agreement. The parties will agree that no persons supplied by the Contractor in performance of the contract are employees of the Unified Government and further agree that no right of the Unified Government's civil service, retirement, or personnel rules accrue to such persons. The Contractor shall have the total responsibility for all salaries, wages, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment compensation, bonuses, retirement, withholdings, other benefits, and all taxes and premiums appurtenant thereto concerning such persons and shall hold the Unified Government harmless with respect thereto.

Section 1.16 Determination of Responsibility

Per § 29-198 (Duty Concerning Responsibility), before awarding a contract the Procurement Officer must be satisfied that the prospective contractor is responsible.

All offerors shall supply information as requested by the Procurement Officer concerning the responsibility of such offeror. The determination of responsibility shall be governed by Section 29-198 of the Unified Governments Procurement Code and Regulations. The contract file shall contain the basis on which the award is made.

Section 1.17 Evaluation

The selection committee shall evaluate all proposals submitted and shall classify proposals as: acceptable, potentially acceptable (that is reasonably susceptible of being made acceptable), or unacceptable. Vendors whose proposals are unacceptable shall be notified promptly. More detailed evaluation information will be found in section 8 of this RFP.

Section 1.18 Equal Treatment

Offerors will be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussions and revisions of proposals. The Procurement Officer will establish procedures and schedules for conducting discussions. If during discussions there is a need for any substantial clarification or change in the Request for Proposals, the Request shall be amended to incorporate such clarification or change. Auction techniques (revealing one offeror's price to another) and disclosure of any information derived from competing proposals are prohibited.

Section 1.19 Award

The contract shall be awarded in whole or in part to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the Unified Government taking into consideration all the evaluation factors set forth in the Request for Proposals. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation.

The County Administrator retains the sole and complete discretion to select the successful proposer based upon the evaluation of the selection committee's recommendation. The decision of the County Administrator will be final unless an appeal is filed as described in the protest section.

Section 1.20 Notification of Award

Written notice of award shall be sent to the successful Offeror. The successful Offeror shall, within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of the notice of award, perform the following:

- Submit a performance bond, if required, in the total amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the proposal amount (*Bond form format will be provided by the Unified Government*)
- If the Offeror is not a resident of the State of Kansas, submit an executed Appointment of Process Agent Form or a Foreign Corporation form (*Form will be provided by the Unified Government*).
- Submit a certificate of insurance evidencing insurance as required by the Request for Proposal.
- Ensure that all occupation taxes and fees are paid in full. Offerors are hereby directed to contact the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas License Division at (913) 573-8780 for information regarding Licensing and Occupational Taxes.
- The Contractor will be required to come into compliance with article 11 of the Procurement Code and Regulations regarding Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity as required by Sections 29-585 and 29-586 of the Code of Ordinance of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County / Kansas City, Kansas.

Contact the Contract Compliance Division located on the 6th Floor of the Municipal Office Building, 701 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101, Room 628 or call (913) 573-5098 for information regarding compliance requirements.”

- The Unified Government may, at its option, declare the Offeror in default if the Offeror fails to perform all the above-enumerated conditions, in which case the proposal security shall become the property of the Unified Government.
- All bonds required by this proposal must contain terms and conditions approved by the Unified Government and shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Kansas.
- The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS, Johnson County KS, City of Kansas City MO, and Jackson County MO, (collectively the “Local Governments”), have

agreed to cooperate with each other to ensure that tax funded contracts are performed by Contractors in compliance with the Tax Laws of the Local Governments. Contactor agrees that the Contractor shall be in compliance with the respective Tax Laws of the Local Governments throughout the term of this contract and any contract renewals and that proof of Contractor's compliance with the Tax Laws of the Local Governments shall be a condition of award. All Contractors entering into a contract and all subsequent renewals with the Unified Government of Wyandotte County in the amount of \$20,000.00 or more must obtain a Tax Clearance Certification. The Tax Clearance Certification must be signed by an authorized official from all four (4) of the "Local Governments" and submitted to the Unified Government Procurement and Contract Compliance Department. The Tax Clearance Certification shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance and shall not be dated more than sixty (60) days prior to any notice of intent to contract by the County. (Form *will be provided by the Unified Government*).

Section 1.21 Right to Reject Proposals

The Unified Government reserves the right without contest to accept or reject any proposals or alternate proposals. Offerors must comply with all of the terms of the RFP, the Unified Government Procurement Code, and all applicable local, State, and federal laws, codes, and regulations. The procurement officer may reject any proposal that does not comply with all of the material and substantial terms, conditions, and performance requirements of the RFP.

Offerors may not restrict the rights of the Unified Government or qualify their proposal. If an offeror does so, the procurement officer may determine the proposal to be a non-responsive counter-offer and the proposal may be rejected.

Minor informalities may be waived by the procurement officer if determined that they:

- do not affect responsiveness,
- are merely a matter of form or format,
- do not change the relative standing or otherwise prejudice other offers,
- do not change the meaning or scope of the RFP,
- are trivial, negligible, or immaterial in nature,
- do not reflect a material change in the work; or,
- do not constitute a substantial reservation against a requirement or provision,

If no offerors meet all the mandatory requirements of the Request for Proposals, or if sufficient funds are not available, or if other extenuating circumstances prevail, the Unified Government may choose to make no award and to submit a revised Request for Proposals to offerors at a later date, or may choose to negotiate with those submitting proposals.

Section 1.22 Mistakes in Proposals Discovered Prior to Award

At any time prior to the specified date and time for submission, an offeror may withdraw or modify a proposal prior to the established due date which is either the time and date announced for the receipt of proposals or receipt of modifications to proposals or if discussions have begun, it is the time and date by which final offers must be submitted provided that only offerors who submitted proposals by the time announced for receipt of proposals may submit best and final offers. Any proposal modification must be in writing, executed by authorized person, and submitted prior to the proposal submission date. The Unified Government will deal with mistakes in proposals:

- 1) **During Discussions Prior to Best and Final offers:** once discussions are commenced with any offeror or after best and final offers are requested, any offeror may freely correct any mistake by modifying or withdrawing the proposal until the time and date set for receipt of best and final offers;
- 2) **Minor Informalities:** Minor Informalities unless otherwise corrected by an offeror as provided in this Section, shall be treated as they are under competitive sealed bidding;
- 3) **Correction of Mistakes:** if discussions are not held or if the best and final offers upon which award will be made have been received, mistakes may be corrected and intended correct offer considered only if:
 - a) The mistakes and the intended correct offer are clearly evident on the face of the proposal, in which event the proposal may not be withdrawn; or
 - b) The mistake is not clearly evident on the face of the proposal, but the offeror submits proof of evidentiary value which clearly and convincingly demonstrates both the existence of a mistake and the intended correct offer, and such corrections would not be contrary to the fair and equal treatment of the other offerors.

Section 1.23 Mistakes in Proposals Discovered after Award

Mistakes shall not be corrected after award of the contract except where the Purchasing Director or the head of User Department finds it would be unconscionable not to allow the mistake to be corrected.

Section 1.24 Ownership of Reports, Drawings, Specifications, etc.

All reports, drawings, designs, specifications, notebooks, tracings, photographs, negatives, findings, recommendations, data and memoranda of every description relating to the services described herein and in completion thereof, shall be the property of the City.

Article II. Standard Proposal Information

Section 2.01 Authorized Signature

All proposals must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the offeror to the provisions of the RFP. Proposals must remain open and valid for at least ninety (90) days from the opening date.

Section 2.02 Supplemental Terms and Conditions

Proposals including supplemental terms and conditions will be accepted, but supplemental conditions that conflict with those contained in this RFP or that diminish the Unified Government's rights under any contract resulting from the RFP will be considered null and void. The Unified Government is not responsible for identifying conflicting supplemental terms and conditions before issuing a contract award. After award of contract:

- [a] if conflict arises between a supplemental term or condition included in the proposal and a term or condition of the RFP, the term or condition of the RFP will prevail; and
- [b] if the Unified Government's rights would be diminished as a result of application of a supplemental term or condition included in the proposal, the supplemental term or condition will be considered null and void.

Section 2.03 *Prior Experience*

In order for their offers to be considered responsive, offerors must meet these minimum prior experience requirements:

- The applicant must have demonstrated experience administering Safe Routes to School and Walking School Bus or similar programs.

A offeror's failure to meet these minimum prior experience requirements will cause their proposal to be considered non-responsive and their proposal will be rejected.

Section 2.04 *Evaluation of Proposals*

The procurement officer, or an evaluation committee made up of the procurement officer and at least two Unified Government employees, will evaluate proposals. The evaluation will be based solely on the evaluation factors set out in section eight of this RFP.

Section 2.05 *Contract Negotiations*

After completion of the evaluation, including any discussions held with offerors during the evaluation, the Unified Government may elect to initiate contract negotiations. The option of whether or not to initiate contract negotiations rests solely with the Unified Government. If the Unified Government elects to initiate contract negotiations, these negotiations cannot involve changes in the Unified Government's requirements or the contractor's proposal which would, by their nature, affect the basis of the source selection and the competition previously conducted.

The offeror will be responsible for all travel and per diem expenses related to contract negotiations.

Section 2.06 *Failure to Negotiate*

If the selected contractor

- fails to provide the information required to begin negotiations in a timely manner; or

- fails to negotiate in good faith; or
- indicates they cannot perform the contract within the budgeted funds available for the project; or
- the contractor and the Unified Government, after a good faith effort, simply cannot come to terms,

the Unified Government may terminate negotiations with the contractor initially selected and commence negotiations with the next highest ranked offeror.

Article III. Standard Contract Information

Section 3.01 Contract Type

This contract is a ***Time and Materials*** contract.

Section 3.02 Contract Approval

This RFP does not, by itself, obligate the Unified Government. The Unified Government's obligation will commence when the contract is approved by the Unified Government County Administrator, the Administrator's designate, or the procurement officer. Upon written notice to the contractor, the Unified Government may set a different starting date for the contract. The Unified Government will not be responsible for any work done by the contractor, even work done in good faith, if it occurs prior to the contract start date set by the Unified Government.

Section 3.03 Proposal as a Part of the Contract

Part or all of this RFP and the successful proposal may be incorporated into the contract.

Section 3.04 Additional Terms and Conditions

The Unified Government reserves the right to add terms and conditions during contract negotiations. These terms and conditions will be within the scope of the RFP and will not affect the proposal evaluations.

Section 3.05 Insurance Requirements

The successful offeror must provide proof of workers' compensation insurance prior to contract approval.

The successful offeror must secure the insurance coverage required by the Unified Government. An offeror's failure to provide evidence of such insurance coverage is a material breach and grounds for withdrawal of the award or termination of the contract.

Insurance Requirements

The vendor awarded this contract(s) is required to provide a Certificate of Insurance that contains a minimum of the following coverage and limits:

Liability insurance coverage shall be considered as primary and not as excess insurance. The carrier(s) shall provide thirty (30) days written notice to the Unified Government by registered mail prior any modification, cancellation, non-renewal or other change in coverage. The successful bidder shall provide the Unified Government with Certificates of Insurance concerning the requirements listed.

The policies must be effective prior to the commencement of work and must remain in force until termination of the work under this contract.

In the event of interruption of coverage for any reason, all work under the contract shall cease and shall not resume until coverage has been restored.

If at any time during the term of this contract, or any extension thereof, any required policies of insurance should expire or are canceled, it will be the responsibility of the Contractor to furnish to the Unified Government a Certificate of Insurance indicating renewal or an acceptable replacement of the policy prior to expiration or cancellation date so that there will be no lapse in any coverage.

The Contractor shall agree to indemnify the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas and save it harmless against any and all loss, damage, expense, liability or claim of liability, expense for injury, death or damage to property directly caused by the Contractor's negligence arising out of performance by the Contractor of the agreement.

The Unified Government, in the name of the Unified Government, shall be named as an additional insured.

The following minimum coverage is required of vendors providing services:

Coverage:

Limits of Liability:

Workers Compensation

Statutory

Combined Automobile Bodily Injury

And Automobile Property Damage	\$500,000	per
occurrence		
Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000	
Professional Liability	\$1,000,000	

1. Additional Insured endorsement shall read exactly as follows:
The Unified Government, in the name of the Unified Government, shall be named as additional insured with respect to the work performed for the contract(s): RFP #R32949 UG Comprehensive Safe Routes to School Outreach & Education Program.
2. Certificate Holder:
Provide BID or RFP Number and Title in the “miscellaneous” area of certificate.
Address all certificates to the Unified Government Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas - Purchasing Division, 701 N 7th Street – Room 649, Kansas City, KS 66101. Fax 913-573-5444 Office 913-573-5440.

Section 3.06 Proposed Payment Procedures

The Unified Government will make payments based on a negotiated payment schedule. Each billing must consist of an invoice and progress report. No payment will be made until the progress report and invoice have been approved by the project director.

Section 3.07 Proposed Payment Option

A Virtual Payment Option is now available. If you would like to learn contact, Lonia Green, Accounts Payable, 913-573-5138

Section 3.08 Informal Debriefing

When the contract is completed, an informal debriefing may be performed at the discretion of the project director. If performed, the scope of the debriefing will be limited to the work performed by the contractor.

Section 3.09 Contract Personnel

Any change of the project team members named in the proposal must be approved, in advance and in writing, by the project director. Personnel changes that are not approved by the Unified Government may be grounds for the Unified Government to terminate the contract.

Section 3.10 Contract Changes - Unanticipated Amendments

During the course of this contract, the contractor may be required to perform additional work. That work will be within the general scope of the initial contract. When additional work is required, the project director will provide the contractor a written description of the additional work and request the contractor to submit a firm time schedule for accomplishing the additional work and a firm price for the additional work. Cost and pricing data must be provided to justify the cost of such amendments.

The contractor will not commence additional work until the project director has secured any required Unified Government approvals necessary for the amendment and issued a written contract amendment, approved by the County Administrator.

Article IV. Required Contractual Terms and Conditions

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions must be agreed to by the successful Bidder and are hereby made a part of the contract entered into between the Unified Government and the successful Bidder, unless specifically modified in writing:

1. **Governing Law.** This Agreement is subject to, governed by, and construed according to the laws of the State of Kansas.
2. **Compliance with Law.** BIDDER shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations in carrying out this Agreement, regardless of whether those legal requirements are specifically referenced in this Agreement.
3. **Authority To Contract.** BIDDER represents that it possesses legal authority to contract, that it has undertaken any official action required by its governing documents to enter into this Agreement, that its undersigned representative is duly authorized to execute this document on its behalf, that it agrees to be bound by all the provisions of this Agreement, and that the person identified as its official representative is authorized to act on its behalf in the implementation of this Agreement.
4. **Modification of Agreement.** This Agreement may be modified or amended only in writing executed by both parties and will be subject to renegotiation in the event of changes to applicable law, rules, or regulations affecting the subject matter of this Agreement.
5. **Cash Basis Law.** This Agreement is subject to the Kansas Cash Basis Law, K.S.A. 10-1101 *et seq.* and amendments thereto. Any automatic renewal of the terms of the Agreement shall create no legal obligation on the part of the Unified Government. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted so as to ensure that the Unified Government shall at all times stay in conformity with such laws and, as a condition of this Agreement, the Unified Government reserves the right to unilaterally sever, modify, or terminate this Agreement at any time if, in the opinion of its legal counsel, the Agreement is deemed to violate the terms of such law. The Unified Government is obligated only to pay periodic payments or monthly installments under the Agreement as may lawfully be made from (a) funds budgeted and appropriated for that purpose during the Unified

Government's current budget year or (b) funds made available from any lawfully operated revenue producing source.

6. **Payment of Taxes.** The Unified Government shall not be responsible for, nor indemnify BIDDER for any federal, state, or local taxes which may be imposed or levied upon the subject matter of this Agreement. If applicable, BIDDER shall pay the Unified Government occupation tax prior to execution of the Agreement.
7. **Licenses and Permits.** BIDDER shall maintain all licenses, permits, certifications, bonds, and insurance required by federal, state, or local authority for carrying out this Agreement. BIDDER shall notify the Unified Government immediately if any required license, permit, bond, or insurance is cancelled, suspended, or is otherwise ineffective.

Such cancellation, suspension, or other ineffectiveness may form the basis for immediate termination by the Unified Government in its discretion.

8. **Independent Contractor Relation.** The parties agree that the legal relationship between them is of a contractual nature. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create a relationship of employer and employee or principal and agent or any other relationship other than that of independent parties contracting with each other solely for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Agreement.

Nothing in this Agreement shall create any right or remedies in any third party. The parties agree that no persons supplied by BIDDER are employees of the Unified Government and that no right of the Unified Government's civil service, retirement, or personnel rules accrue to such persons. The Unified Government shall not be responsible for withholding of social security, workers compensation insurance, unemployment compensation, bonuses, retirement benefits, other benefits, and any taxes and premiums from any payments made by the Unified Government to BIDDER.

9. **Discrimination in Delivery of Services Prohibited.** During the performance of this Agreement, BIDDER shall deny none of the benefits or services of the program to any eligible participant on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, disability, age, national origin, or ancestry.

10. **Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action.**

- a. BIDDER shall observe the provisions of the Kansas Act Against Discrimination, K.S.A. 44-1001 *et seq.* and amendments thereto, and shall not discriminate against any person in the performance of work under this Agreement because of race, religion, color, sex, disability, age, national origin, or ancestry.
- b. BIDDER will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, religion, color, sex, disability, age, national origin, or ancestry. 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.

BIDDER agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Unified Government setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- c. BIDDER, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of BIDDER, will state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex, disability, age, national origin, or ancestry.
- d. BIDDER will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by this Agreement so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.
- e. BIDDER shall assure that it and all subcontractors will implement the certificate of compliance in connection with this Agreement.
- f. If BIDDER fails, refuses, or neglects to comply with the terms of these contractual conditions, such failure shall be deemed a total breach of the contract and this Agreement may be terminated, canceled, or suspended, in whole or in part, and BIDDER may be declared ineligible for any further Unified Government contracts for a period of up to one year. Provided that, if a contract is terminated, canceled, or suspended for failure to comply with this section, BIDDER shall have no claims for damages against the Unified Government on account of such termination, cancellation, or suspension or declaration of ineligibility.
- g. BIDDER shall maintain sufficient records to document that, under all aspects of this Agreement, it has acted in a manner which is in full compliance with the Kansas Act Against Discrimination. Such records shall at all times remain open to inspection by the Kansas Human Rights Commission or by the Unified Government.
- h. BIDDER, in carrying out this Agreement, shall also comply with all other applicable existing federal, state, and local laws relative to equal opportunity and nondiscrimination, all of which are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

11. Representations.

BIDDER makes the following representations:

- a. The price submitted is independently arrived at without collusion.
- b. It has not knowingly influenced and promises that it will not knowingly influence a Unified Government employee or former Unified Government employee to breach any of the ethical standards set forth in Article XII of the Procurement Code.
- c. It has not violated, and is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the

prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in §29-635 (Gratuities and Kickbacks) of the Procurement Code.

- d. It has not retained and will not retain a person to solicit or secure a Unified Government contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business.
12. **Waiver of Breach.** The waiver by either party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement will not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by such party.
13. **Severability.** If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any part of this Agreement to be invalid, the balance of the agreement will remain valid and enforceable.
14. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and its attachments set forth the parties' entire agreement. Neither party has made any oral or side agreements or representations not contained in this Agreement. This is a legal document and not a mere recital and is binding upon the parties, their representatives, and successors in interest.
15. **Termination for Default.** If BIDDER refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement, or any extension thereof, or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, the Procurement Officer may notify BIDDER in writing of the delay or nonperformance and, if not cured in ten days or any longer time specified in writing by the Procurement Officer, such officer may terminate BIDDER rights to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

The Unified Government shall pay BIDDER the costs and expenses and reasonable profit for services performed by BIDDER prior to receipt of the notice of termination; however, the Unified Government may withhold from amounts due BIDDER such sums as the Procurement Officer deems to be necessary to protect the Unified Government against loss caused by BIDDER because of the default.

Except with respect to defaults of subcontractors, BIDDER shall not be in default by reason of any failure in performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms if BIDDER has notified the Procurement Officer within 15 days of the cause of the delay and the failure arises out of causes such as acts of God, acts of the public enemy, act of the Unified Government and any other governmental entity in its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, or other labor disputes. If the failure to perform is caused by the failure of a subcontractors to perform or to make progress, and if such failure arises out of causes similar to those set forth above, BIDDER shall not be deemed to be in default, unless the services to be furnished by the subcontractors were reasonably obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit BIDDER to meet the contract requirements Upon request of BIDDER, the Procurement Officer shall ascertain the facts and extent of such failure, and, if such officer determines that any failure to perform was occasioned by any one or more of the excusable causes, and that, but for the excusable cause, BIDDER's progress and performance would have met the terms of the Agreement, the time for completion of the Agreement shall be revised accordingly.

If, after notice of termination of BIDDER 's right to proceed under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that BIDDER was not in default under the provisions of this clause, and both the Unified Government and BIDDER agree, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had not been issued.

The following acts committed by BIDDER will constitute a substantial breach of the Agreement and may result in termination of the Agreement:

- If BIDDER is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent;
- If BIDDER makes a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors;
- If a trustee or receiver is appointed for BIDDER or any of his property;
- If BIDDER files a petition to take advantage of any debtor's act or to reorganize under bankruptcy or applicable laws;
- If BIDDER repeatedly fails to supply sufficient services;
- If BIDDER disregards the authority of the Procurement Officer;
- Acts other than those specified may constitute substantial breach of this Agreement.

- 16. Termination for Convenience.** *The Procurement Officer may, when the interests of the Unified Government so require, terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the Unified Government. The Procurement Officer shall give written notice of the termination to BIDDER specifying the part of the contract terminated and when termination becomes effective.*

BIDDER shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated work and on the date set in the notice of termination BIDDER will stop work to the extent specified. The Procurement Officer shall pay BIDDER the following amounts:

All costs and expenses incurred by BIDDER for work accepted by the Unified Government prior to BIDDER 's receipt of the notice of termination, plus a reasonable profit for said work.

All costs and expenses incurred by BIDDER for work not yet accepted by the Unified Government but performed by BIDDER prior to receipt of the notice of termination, plus a reasonable profit for said work.

Anticipatory profit for work and services not performed by BIDDER shall not be allowed.

- 17. Disputes.** *All controversies between the Unified Government and BIDDER which arise under, or are by virtue of, this Agreement and which are not resolved by mutual agreement, shall be decided by the Procurement Officer in writing, within 30 days after a written request by BIDDER for a final decision concerning the controversy; provided, however, that if the Procurement Officer does not issue a written decision within 30 days after written request for a final decision, or within such longer period as may be agreed upon by the parties, then BIDDER may proceed as if an adverse decision had been received.*

The Procurement Officer shall immediately furnish a copy of the decision to BIDDER by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by any other method that provides evidence of receipt. Any such decision shall be final and conclusive, unless fraudulent, or BIDDER brings an action seeking judicial review of the decision in the Wyandotte County District Court.

BIDDER shall comply with any decision of the Procurement Officer and proceed diligently with performance of this Agreement pending final resolution by the Wyandotte County District Court of any controversy arising under, or by virtue of, this Agreement, except where there has been a material breach of the Agreement by the Unified Government; provided, however, that in any event BIDDER shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Agreement where the Purchasing Director has made a written determination that continuation of work under the contract is essential to the public health and safety

Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, no interpretation shall be allowed to find the Unified Government has agreed to binding arbitration, or the payment of damages or penalties upon the occurrence of any contingency. Further, the Unified Government shall not agree to pay attorney fees and late payment charges.

- 18. **Ownership of Materials.** *All property rights, including publication rights, in all interim, draft, and final reports and other documentation, including machine-readable media, produced by BIDDER in connection with the work pursuant to this Agreement, shall be in the Unified Government.*

- 19. **Availability of Records and Audit.** *BIDDER agrees to maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to the costs and expenses of the services provided under the Agreement (hereinafter collectively called "records") to the extent and in such detail as will properly reflect all net costs, direct and indirect, of labor, materials, equipment, supplies, and services, and other costs and expenses of whatever nature for which reimbursement is claimed under the provisions of this Agreement. BIDDER agrees to make available at the offices of the Unified Government at all times during the period set forth in the Request for Proposals any of the records for inspection, audit, or reproduction by any authorized representative of the Unified Government. Except for documentary evidence delivered to the offices of the Unified Government, BIDDER shall preserve and make available to persons designated by the Unified Government his records for a period of three years from the date of final payment under the Agreement or until all audit questions have been resolved, whichever period of time is longer.*

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Article V. Background Information

Section 5.01 Background Information

Background information concerning this project is as follows:

The Unified Government (UG) Comprehensive Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Outreach & Education Program in Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas (KCK) includes both bicycle and pedestrian safety education and encouragement efforts. These programs empower youth to bike and walk to school and improve their neighborhood. This program also links infrastructure investments with noninfrastructure programs to improve engineering, education,

encouragement, enforcement, evaluation, and equity to create vibrant, connected, sustainable communities around school areas with emphasis on walking and biking as the main modes of transportation. Components: -Bicycle Safety Education -Pedestrian Safety Education -Walking School Bus -Active Ambassador Training -Public Engagement. Arrival/dismissal evaluations, SRTS technical assistance, and built environment assessments will inform programmatic need and implementation stage.

Purpose and need: Rates of preventable diseases and inactivity are high among youth in the Kansas City region. 50% less students walk and bike to school today compared to 40 years ago. Students lack the resources, skills, and necessary safety knowledge needed to make active transportation an easy choice. Additionally, barriers to biking and walking to school are plentiful. This project also addresses lack of pedestrian infrastructure around schools, poor air quality, academic achievement, and high student busing costs. The Comprehensive SRTS program in the UG aims to instill a desire for active living through biking and walking as forms of transportation.

The Unified Government's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program has existed since 2007 and continuously engaged with 19 schools in the KCK (USD 500) and Turner (USD 202) School Districts since 2015; including infrastructure and non-infrastructure components.. Those initial projects addressed the most serious infrastructure needs, gathered baseline data, and took the initial steps towards creating a culture of walking, biking and rolling to and from schools. The UG has successfully delivered several infrastructure projects and has partnered with consultants to implement many education and encouragement programs under the SRTS program. These programs utilize nationally accepted best practices and local innovations to reach children across the KCK area.

The overall goal of this project is to continue the implementation and expansion of the SRTS WSB program at the schools that are currently engaged in the program and expand programming to other schools in the KCK area. Additionally, unique goals supported by this project include: engagement, learning, and equity. We are creating valuable relationships with the "eyes on the street" method of engagement. Evidence suggests a positive relationship between physical activity, grade point average, and classroom behavior. Another goal is equity. This program practices the SRTS model of the 6 E's, the last E being equity. Not everyone has access to environments that support good health. We are targeting schools in some of the most underserved areas in KCK.

This SRTS/WSB program supports Wyandotte County goals and strategies defined in the UG Complete Streets ordinance, Wyandotte County's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), Rosedale Master plan, and MARC's MetroGreen plan. This program also supports the nationwide SRTS initiatives that promote walking and biking, using schools as the center of these activities.

Article VI. Project Scope

Section 6.01 *Scope of Work*

The Department of **Public Works**, Division of **Engineering** is soliciting proposals for The Unified Government Comprehensive **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Outreach & Education Program**.

The department wants assistance implementing and expanding Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Walking School Bus (WSB) programs with Wyandotte County schools in the Kansas City, KS, Turner, Bonner Springs, and Piper school districts using the 6 Es Framework.

The 6 Es are:

- **ENGAGEMENT** – All Safe Routes to School initiatives should begin by listening to students, families, teachers, and school leaders to build intentional, ongoing engagement opportunities and work with community organizations as much as possible.
- **EQUITY** – Ensuring that Safe Routes to School initiatives promote safe, healthy, and fair outcomes for all students with particular attention to students of color, students of all genders and abilities, low-income students, and others.
- **ENGINEERING** – Coordinate with local municipalities to provide feedback on potential improvements to the built environment– advocate for physical improvements to streets and neighborhoods that make walking and bicycling safer, more comfortable, and more convenient for all users.
- **ENCOURAGEMENT** – Build a culture of active living through events, activities, and programs that encourage students to walk, bike, and roll to school.
- **EDUCATION** – Providing students and the community with the knowledge and skills to safely walk, bike, and roll; as well as educating them about the benefits of walking and bicycling, and teaching them about the broad range of active and public transportation choices.
- **EVALUATION** – Assessing which approaches are successful, ensuring that programs and initiatives are equitable for all students, and identifying unintended consequences or opportunities to improve the effectiveness of each approach.

The consultant will implement a bike safety program as well as continue and expand the SRTS WSB program. By conducting field observations, participating in school and community meetings, collecting and processing data, developing and implementing plans, writing reports, preparing for presentations of safety training, coordinating SRTS WSB teams, participating in Walk to School Day(s) and other relevant events, coordinating with school districts and other organizations, project management. Additional information is available in the Deliverables section.

Refer to Table 1 below for a list of schools that have participated in the SRTS WSB since 2015.

Table 1 - Schools that have participated in the SRTS WSB since 2015

KCK (USD 500)	
Benjamin Banneker Elementary	Mark Twain Elementary
Douglass Elementary	New Chelsea Elementary
Eugene Ware Elementary	New Stanley Elementary
Francis Willard Elementary	Noble Prentis Elementary
Frank Rushton Elementary	Parker Elementary
Grant Elementary	T.A. Edison Elementary
Hazel Grove Elementary	Welborn Elementary
M.E. Pearson Elementary	William Allen White Elementary

Turner (USD 202)	
Midland Trail Elementary	Oak Grove Elementary

The goal of this project is the implementation of a bike safety and outreach program as well as the continuation and expansion of the SRTS WSB program for Wyandotte County schools.

The consultant will need a Unique Entity ID and SAM.gov Active Registration Status.

Section 6.02 Deliverables

The contractor will be required to provide the following deliverables:

(a) School Assessment

- Arrival/dismissal observations and student travel tallies
- Parent, staff, and community interviews
- Walkability Audits
- School observation report and Action Plan

(b) School Technical Assistance

- Identify barriers and solutions
- Train school staff and volunteers
- Coordination and training for school district administration, transportation staff, etc.
- Identification of additional resources and community services available for schools

(c) Student Programming

- Pedestrian Safety Program
- Bicycle Safety Education
- Walking Wednesday Program
- Walking School Bus Program

(d) Project Management

- Weekly meetings with the UG project team
- Regular communication with schools, school districts, and champions
- Creating and tracking work plans, tasks, and deliverables
- Coordination with UG, schools, school districts, and other community-based programs operating in participating schools

(e) Outreach

- UG staff and elected officials

- Healthy Communities Wyandotte
- Schools and district administration
- Community-based nonprofits
- Neighborhood organizations

(f) Marketing and Promotion

- Regular press releases
- Content for school and school district newsletters
- Photography

(g) Quantitative Evaluation

- Counting and documentation of walkers and bikers at each school over time
- Annual parent surveys
- Tracking of Champion and volunteer hours
- Monitoring of Stipend program and compliance with commitments
- Standardized program evaluation including pre/post-tests, and behavior surveys

(h) Qualitative Evaluation

- Interviews with parents, teachers, school personnel, and community members
- Monitoring of earned media and other promotional efforts
- Process evaluation for school onboarding, volunteer recruitment, etc.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Educational program design and curriculum development
- Program delivery and instruction
- Community outreach
- Graphic design
- School coordination and personnel training
- Parent/Community Champion stipends
- Coordinate Wyandotte County's inclusion in Mid-America Regional Council's regional International Walk & Bike to School Day promotions
- Marketing and communications
- Project management
- Data, mapping, and GIS support
- School district, Police Department, UG intra-department coordination
- Public relations

Section 6.03 Work Schedule

The contract term and work schedule set out herein represent the Unified Government's best estimate of the schedule that will be followed. If a component of this schedule, such as the

opening date, is delayed, the rest of the schedule will likely be shifted by the same number of days.

The length of the contract will be from the date of award, approximately **September 1, 2022**, for approximately **730** calendar days until completion, approximately **August 31, 2024**.

The approximate contract schedule is as follows:



Event	Date
Issue RFP:	August 25, 2022
Last day for Questions:	September 7, 2022 at 11:00am CST
Proposals Due:	September 22, 2022 at 2:00 pm CST
Proposal Evaluation Committee completes evaluation:	TBD
Notice of Award:	TBD
Contract Start:	October 1, 2022
Contract Complete:	August 31, 2024

Article VII. Proposal Format

PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS AN OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE OFFERING COMPANY SIGNS THE SIGNATURE PAGE.

A respondent **must** submit a complete copy of its response in the following format One (1) original and 2 copies along with a flash drive in .PDF format and be included in the hard copy submittal prior to the closing date. If components of the response, such as spreadsheet, pictures, charts or diagrams require the functionality of a non-word processing application, they must be submitted in Microsoft Excel or Microsoft PowerPoint format.

Any respondent that does not comply with these policies may be disqualified from the procurement.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND PLAINLY MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE OF EACH SEALED ENVELOPE:

Proposal – RFP32949 “Unified Government Comprehensive Safe Routes to School Outreach & Education Program”

2) Copies and One (1) original of your proposal and supplementary material should be submitted to:

**Office of the Unified Clerk, Municipal Office Building
701 North 7th Street, Suite 323
Kansas City, Kansas 66101-3064**

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THE TIME LISTED IN THE RFP CALENDAR OF EVENTS. LATE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

*It is the respondent's responsibility to ensure **proposals** are received by the closing date and time. Delays in mail delivery or any other means of transmittal, including couriers or agents of the issuing entity shall not excuse **late** submissions. Respondents shall be responsible for actual delivery of the proposal to the appropriate department identified in document.*

Section 7.01 Proposal Format and Content

The Unified Government discourages overly lengthy and costly proposals, however, in order for the Unified Government to evaluate proposals fairly and completely, offerors should follow the format set out herein and provide all of the information requested.

Section 7.02 Electronic Filing Requirements

A respondent **may** submit a complete copy of its response on the Unified Government's e-procurement site which can be accessed at; <https://purchasing.wycokck.org/eProcurement>.

Section 7.03 Introduction

Proposals must include the complete name and address of their firm and the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person the Unified Government should contact regarding the proposal.

Proposals must confirm that the firm will comply with all of the provisions in this RFP, and if applicable, provide notice that the firm qualifies as a Unified Government bidder. Proposals must be signed by a company officer empowered to bind the company. An offeror's failure to

include these items in their proposals may cause their proposal to be determined to be non-responsive and the proposal may be rejected.

Section 7.04 Understanding of the Project

Offerors must provide a comprehensive narrative statement that illustrates their understanding of the requirements of the project and the project schedule.

Section 7.05 Methodology Used for the Project

Offerors must provide a comprehensive narrative statement that sets out the methodology they intend to employ and illustrates how their methodology will serve to accomplish the work and meet the Unified Government's project schedule.

Section 7.06 Management Plan for the Project

Offerors must provide a comprehensive narrative statement that sets out the management plan they intend to follow and illustrates how their plan will serve to accomplish the work and meet the Unified Government's project schedule.

Section 7.07 Experience and Qualifications

Provide an organizational chart specific to the personnel assigned to accomplish the work called for in this RFP, illustrate the lines of authority, designate the individual responsible and accountable for the completion of each component and deliverable of the RFP.

Provide a narrative description of the organization of the project team.

Provide a personnel roster that identifies each person who will actually work on the contract and provide the following information about each person listed:

1. title,
2. resume,
3. location(s) where work will be performed, and
4. itemize the total cost and the number of estimated hours for each individual named above.

Provide reference names and phone numbers for similar projects your firm has completed.

Section 7.08 Cost Proposal

Offeror's cost proposals must include an itemized list of all direct and indirect costs associated with the performance of this contract including, but not limited to, total number of hours at various hourly rates, direct expenses, payroll, supplies, overhead assigned to each person working on the project, percentage of each person's time devoted to the project, and profit.

Article VIII. Evaluation and Selection

Section 8.01 Selection Criteria

(a) Understanding of the Project - 30%

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.

1. How well has the offeror demonstrated a thorough understanding of the purpose and scope of the project?
2. How well has the offeror identified pertinent issues and potential problems related to the project?
3. How well has the offeror demonstrated that it understands the deliverables the Unified Government expects it to provide?
4. How well has the offeror demonstrated that it understands the Unified Government's time schedule and can meet it?
5. Knowledge of the UG/KCK area, including school districts, and demographic diversity of the population, city commitment to health and education.

(b) Methodology Used for the Project - 20%

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.

1. How well does the methodology depict a logical approach to fulfilling the requirements of the RFP?
2. How well does the methodology match and contribute to achieving the objectives set out in the RFP?
3. How well does the methodology interface with the time schedule in the RFP?

(c) Management Plan for the Project— 25 %

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.
How well does the management plan support all of the project requirements and logically lead to the deliverables required in the RFP?

1. Is the organization of the project team clear?
2. How well does the management plan illustrate the lines of authority and communication?
3. Has the contractor offered alternate deliverables and gone beyond the minimum tasks necessary to meet the objectives of the RFP?
4. Is the proposal practical, feasible, and within budget?
5. Ability to work throughout the entire year and perform services outside regular business hours for school meetings or events.

(d) Experience and Qualifications— 20%

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.

Questions regarding the personnel.

1. Do the individuals assigned to the project have experience on similar projects?

2. How knowledgeable are the offeror's personnel of Wyandotte County and how many including school districts, and demographic diversity of the population, city commitment to health and education.

Questions regarding the firm:

1. How well has the firm demonstrated experience in completing similar projects on time and within budget?
2. How successful is the general history of the firm regarding timely and successful completion of projects?

(e) Contract Cost – 5 %

Overall, a minimum of 2% of the total evaluation points will be assigned to cost. The cost amount used for evaluation may be affected by one or more of the preferences set out below.

Converting Cost to Points:

The lowest cost proposal will receive the maximum number of points allocated to cost.

Article IX. Attachments

Attachment A: Proposal Form

Attachment A - UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

RFP 32949 UG Comprehensive Safe Routes to School Outreach & Education Program

PROPOSAL FORM

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

By submission of this proposal, the undersigned certifies that:

- 1.0 it has not paid or agreed to pay any fee or commission, or any other thing of value contingent upon the award of this contract, to any Unified Government employee or official or to any current consultant to the Unified Government;
- 2.0 it has not paid or agreed to pay any fee or commission or any other thing of value contingent upon the award of this contract, to any broker or agent or any other person;
- 3.0 it has not violated, is not violating and will not violate the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks set forth in Chapter 12 of the Unified Government's Procurement Code; and,
- 4.0 the prices contained in this proposal have been arrived at independently and without collusion, consultation, communication or agreement intended to restrict competition.
- 5.0 it has the full authority of the Offeror to execute the proposal and to execute any resulting contract awarded as the result of, or on the basis of, the proposal.

I hereby certify that the attached proposal has been prepared in compliance with the specifications and that the quotations are valid for a period of 90 days.

Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Article X. KDOT Appendicies

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Special Attachment
To Contracts or Agreements Entered Into
By the Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas

PREAMBLE

The Secretary of Transportation for the State of Kansas, 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 other nondiscrimination requirements and the Regulations, hereby notifies all contracting parties that it will affirmatively ensure that this contract will be implemented without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level or Limited English Proficiency (“LEP”).

CLARIFICATION

Where the term “contractor” appears in the following “Nondiscrimination Clauses”, the term “contractor” is understood to include all parties to contracts or agreements with the Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation. This Special Attachment shall govern should this Special Attachment conflict with provisions of the Document to which it is attached.

ASSURANCE 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 its Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) or the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) as they may be amended from time to time which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Nondiscrimination:** 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 Subcontractors, Including Procurements of Material 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 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 or the FHWA, Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”), or Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) 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 or, the FHWA, FTA, or FAA as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of the contractor’s noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the FHWA, FTA, or FAA 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 the 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 or the FHWA, FTA, or FAA 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.

ASSURANCE 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:

- 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);
- The 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 U.S.C. § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL No. 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 nondiscrimination 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 LEP, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of 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)

REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISION**FEDERAL AID CONTRACTS
UTILIZATION OF DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES****I. INTRODUCTION.**

The specific requirements for the utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, hereinafter referred to as DBEs, are set forth in this Required Contract Provision and are imposed pursuant to 49 CFR Part 26, hereinafter referred to as the regulations. This provision meets or exceeds the regulatory requirements. The regulations always take precedence over normal industry practice.

A. ASSURANCE.

The Contractor, subrecipient, or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, income status, veteran status or gender in the performance of the Contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of USDOT assisted Contracts. Failure by the Contractor 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 Kansas Department of Transportation deems appropriate.

B. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this Required Contract Provision, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings as stated herein:

- (1) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) means a small business concern which is independently owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals and which KDOT has certified as a DBE.
- (2) Small business concern means a small business as defined by Section 3 of the Small Business Act and relevant regulations except that a small business concern shall not include any firms or affiliated firms owned and controlled by the same socially and economically disadvantaged individual or individuals whose value has average, annual gross receipts in excess of \$22,410,000 over the previous three fiscal years.
- (3) Owned and controlled means a business:
 - (a) Which is at least 51 percent unconditionally owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and
 - (b) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more such individuals.
- (4) Socially disadvantaged individual means a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States, has suffered social disadvantage in education, employment, or business, and who is a(an):
 - (a) Black American (a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa);
 - (b) Hispanic American (includes a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or any Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin, regardless of race);
 - (c) Native American (includes a person who is American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut or Native Hawaiian);
 - (d) Asian-Pacific American (includes a person whose origin is from the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands);

- (e) Subcontinent Asian American (includes a person whose origin is India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, or the Maldives Islands);
- (f) Member of a group, or any other individual of any race or sex, found to be both economically and socially disadvantaged; or
- (g) Women.

(5) Economically disadvantaged means an individual who has a personal net worth of less than \$750,000 excluding the value of their ownership share of the applicant firm and personal residence. The individual has had diminished access to capital and credit compared to non-disadvantaged persons.

(6) Commercially useful function means the qualifying DBE owner performs manages and supervises subcontract work.

(7) Race and gender neutral measure means one that is used to assist any small business.

II. DBE CONTRACT GOALS.

A. KDOT strongly encourages all contractors to utilize DBE firms as subcontractors, suppliers, manufacturers, truckers, and brokers whenever possible and feasible. Greater voluntary participation will result in lower and fewer DBE contract goals. KDOT will set DBE contract goals only to meet the portion of its annual goal that is not met by race and gender neutral means and voluntary participation.

B. An eligible DBE is one who KDOT has certified and who is listed in the KDOT DBE directory located on the internet at: <http://www.ksdot.org/doingbusiness.asp>. KDOT also prints a paper directory quarterly, and Contractors may ask the KDOT Office of Civil Rights for a copy of the printed directory. However, as it is only published quarterly, Contractors should be aware that the printed directory may list DBE's who were decertified after the directory was printed, and these DBE's would not be considered eligible DBE's in a letting that followed decertification or when examining good faith efforts. Also, the printed directory will not list DBE's who have been certified after the directory was printed, but KDOT will consider these DBE's in a letting and when examining good faith efforts. Thus, the electronic directory controls as it is the most current information KDOT has available. Any bid proposal listing a firm that is not a KDOT certified DBE at the time of bidding will be considered nonresponsive.

C. Contractors shall, as a minimum, seek DBE firms working in the same geographic area in which they seek subcontractors for a given solicitation.

D. Contractors are required to make good faith efforts to replace a DBE subcontractor that is unable to perform successfully with another DBE firm. In order to ensure compliance with this requirement, any substitution of DBE subcontractors after the Contractor has submitted a bid to KDOT, must be approved by KDOT Office of Civil Rights. Substitutions will only be allowed for good and sufficient reasons. KDOT must receive a letter from the original DBE stating the reason for the DBE's inability to perform.

E. Contractors are also encouraged to use the services of banks owned and controlled by disadvantaged individuals.

F. When projects are State or Contractor tied, KDOT will construe DBE participation as if the tied projects are one project. To check DBE participation on tied projects the following method will be used:

(1) Add the DBE goal dollar amount for the individual tied projects. This becomes the required minimum dollar amount to be subcontracted to DBEs.

(2) If the total dollar amount actually subcontracted to DBEs on the tied contracts is equal to or greater than the minimum dollar amounts as computed above, it will be determined that the DBE goals have been met.

(3) If a State of Kansas funded project is tied to a federal aid funded project, the DBE contract goals can only be met by DBE subcontractors on the Federal Aid Project.

III. MEETING DBE CONTRACT GOAL CRITERIA.

The award of the Contract will be conditioned upon satisfaction of the requirements herein established. The apparent low bidder must either meet or exceed the DBE goals for the contract or satisfy KDOT that good faith efforts were made to meet the goals prior to the bid letting.

A. REQUIRED DBE PARTICIPATION INFORMATION.

All bidders are required to submit to KDOT with the bid proposal the DBE participation information described below on the form provided in the proposal.

- (1) The names of KDOT certified DBE firms that will participate in the Contract (if none, so indicate);
- (2) A description of the work each named DBE firm will perform (if none, so indicate);
- (3) The actual dollar amount anticipated to be paid to each named DBE firm (if zero dollars, so indicate); except
- (4) If the named DBE firm is a supplier, enter 60% of the actual dollar amount anticipated to be paid (if zero dollars, so indicate);
- (5) The actual dollar amount (not to exceed 10 percent of DBE subcontract) to be paid ahead of work as DBE mobilization.
- (6) For federal aid contracts with a zero DBE goal, list all subcontractors to be utilized, including DBE firms, if any.

B. GOOD FAITH DETERMINATION.

It is the bidder's responsibility to meet the DBE contract goals or to provide information to enable KDOT to determine that, prior to bidding, the bidder made good faith efforts to meet such goals.

(1) Good Faith Information Submittal. If the low bidder's required DBE information indicates that the DBE contract goals will be met, the contract will proceed toward award and the low bidder need not submit any further DBE information. Good faith documentation must be submitted within two working days of the bid opening. Example: if bids are opened on Wednesday at 2 p.m., the good faith documentation must be at KDOT Office of Civil Rights before 5 p.m. on Friday.

(2) KDOT Review. KDOT will review all information submitted to determine if the low bidder has met the DBE contract goals and, if not, whether the low bidder made sufficient good faith efforts to meet such goals. The determination of good faith efforts is made on a case-by-case basis and depends on the particular circumstances of the procurement. The issue KDOT will consider is whether the bidder took those steps, a reasonable bidder would have taken to actively and aggressively obtain DBE participation sufficient to meet the goal. A KDOT determination that the low bidder's information failed to show sufficient good faith shall be just cause for rejection of the bid. If the low bid is rejected, the above procedure will be applied to the next lowest bidder, and other bidders if necessary, until a bidder is found that meets the DBE contract goals or establishes that good faith efforts were made to meet the goal. KDOT reserves the right to reject all bids and re-advertise the Contract.

(3) Establishing Good Faith Efforts. To demonstrate good faith efforts to meet DBE contract goals, submit to KDOT documentation on the factors listed as (a) through (g). KDOT has assigned a percentage to each factor that shows the relative importance of each factor to KDOT and to the other

factors. These percentages are a guide only; the circumstances of a particular procurement may justify different percentages or consideration of factors not mentioned. In evaluating the reasonableness of the low bidder's efforts, KDOT may consider whether other bidders met the goal or failed to meet the goal. In evaluating the reasonableness of the low bidder's efforts, KDOT will consider all documentation submitted; yet, documentation created during the bidding process is more credible than documentation created after the letting.

(a) The bidder negotiated in good faith with interested DBEs. It is the bidder's responsibility to consider the available pool of certified DBEs when determining subcontract or supply needs. It is the bidder's responsibility to furnish DBEs with information about plans or specifications to facilitate the bid. Include names of DBEs considered, information given to the DBE, if any, and an explanation of why agreements could not be reached for DBEs to perform the work. (25%)

(b) The bidder selected portions of work for which KDOT has capable, certified DBE's to perform. This may include breaking out work items or subcontracting items the prime contractor normally performs. (20%)

(c) The bidder used good business judgment in rejecting a DBE quote, considering both price and capabilities. If a DBE quote represents a reasonable price for performing the work, the bidder should use that quote even though the DBE quote is higher than a non-DBE quote. However, bidders do not have to use excessive or unreasonable quotes. Before determining that a DBE quote is excessive, the bidder should inquire as to the reason for the disparity between the DBE and non-DBE quotes. The bidder should also evaluate what impact, if any, using a higher DBE price would have on the bidder's overall project bid. A higher DBE price may not be excessive or unreasonable if the price differential is a very small part of the project bid. (20%)

(d) The bidder solicited capable, certified DBEs through pre-bid meetings, advertising, telephone, mail, facsimile, e-mail, or a combination of the foregoing. The solicitation must have occurred within sufficient time to allow a DBE to respond. Follow up all initial contacts, whether the contact was solicited or unsolicited. If a DBE expresses an interest in the contract or a desire to quote and fails to submit a quote, follow up that contact, whether the contact was solicited or unsolicited. Receiving substantial unsolicited quotes may not be considered actively and aggressively pursuing DBE participation. (10%)

(e) The bidder assisted interested DBEs in obtaining equipment, supplies, or materials for the project being bid. (10%)

(f) The combinations of DBEs the bidder considered in trying to meet the goal. It is acceptable to use a portion of several DBE bids. (10%)

(g) The bidder assisted interested DBEs in obtaining bonding, credit, or insurance on the project being bid. (5%)

(4) Staff of KDOT's Office of Civil Rights and the Chief of Construction and Maintenance will review the documentation submitted and either accept or reject the good faith effort submittal.

(5) At the bidder's request, KDOT's Director of Operations will hold an informal hearing to discuss the bidder's good faith effort submittal. The bidder may have legal counsel present, at the bidder's expense. After the appeal hearing, the Director of Operations will issue the Agency's final administrative decision on whether the bidder made a good faith effort. The decision will be in writing and will explain the basis for the Agency's decision. This will be final agency action and a final order under the Kansas Act for Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement of Agency Actions, K.S.A. 77-601 *et. seq.* Any petition for judicial review shall be served on the Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation, 700 S.W. Harrison St., Topeka, KS 66603-3754.

C. COUNTING DBE PARTICIPATION TOWARD DBE CONTRACT GOALS.

DBE participation shall be counted toward meeting the DBE contract goals pursuant to this contract as follows:

(1) A contractor may count toward its DBE contract goals the total dollar value of a contract paid to an eligible DBE, including an approved DBE protégé.

NOTE: At the time the bid is submitted on the DBE goal sheet, list the actual amount intended to be paid to the DBE. On Form 259, submitted after award, list the same amount as in the contract line item. If this amount differs from the DBE subcontract amount, list the latter amount on the bottom of the form with an explanation.

(2) A DBE, bidding as a prime contractor, may count toward its DBE contract goals the total dollar value of the work actually performed by the DBE prime contractor, including the cost of supplies and materials the DBE obtains. *Example: A DBE contractor bids as a prime contractor. The contract specifies a \$10,000.00 DBE goal. The DBE prime contractor performs \$50,000 of the work with its own forces. The DBE prime contractor has met the \$10,000 goal.*

(3) A contractor may count toward its DBE goals a portion of the total dollar value of a subcontract with an eligible DBE joint venture equal in proportion to the percentage of ownership and control of the DBE partner in the joint venture. *Example: A contract specifies a \$5,000.00 DBE contract goal. Prime contractor bids \$100,000.00 subcontracting with a joint venture DBE/non-DBE contractor for \$20,000.00 of the work. The percentage of ownership and control of the DBE/non-DBE joint venture is 25% DBE and 75% non-DBE. The prime contractor may count \$5,000.00 ($\$20,000.00 \times .25$; i.e. total dollar value times the percentage of DBE ownership) toward the DBE contract goal, thus fulfilling the DBE requirements of the contract.*

(4) If a non-DBE contractor and DBE contractor form a joint venture and bid as a prime contractor, the joint venture contractor shall fully meet the DBE contract goals specified in the project special provision. The joint venture contractor may count toward its DBE contract goals the total dollar value of the work actually performed by the DBE participant in the joint venture.

Example: A non-DBE contractor forms a joint venture with a DBE contractor and the joint venture bids the project as a prime contractor. The DBE contract goal is \$10,000.00. The DBE participant in the joint venture performs \$50,000 of the work with its own forces. The joint venture has met the \$10,000 goal. Example: A non-DBE contractor forms a joint venture with a DBE contractor and the joint venture bids the project as a prime contractor. The DBE contract goal is \$100,000.00. The DBE participant in the joint venture performs \$80,000 of the work with its own forces. The joint venture must obtain the remaining \$20,000 in goal through use of another certified DBE firm, or show good faith efforts if the joint venture fails to meet the \$100,000 goal.

(5) A contractor may count toward its DBE goals 60 percent of its expenditures for materials and supplies obtained from a DBE regular dealer, and 100 percent from a DBE manufacturer. A letter must be submitted to KDOT, detailing the amount, but the amount does not count as a subcontracted percentage.

(a) A manufacturer is a firm that operates a facility that produces goods from raw material on the premises.

(b) A regular dealer is a firm that owns, operates, or maintains a store, or warehouse where materials are stocked and regularly sold to the public. A regular dealer of bulk items (sand, gravel, etc.) need not stock the product if it owns or long-term leases distribution equipment. The supply of structural steel, steel assemblies and petroleum products do not count toward any KDOT DBE goal. A dealer must be responsible for material quality control and must deliver with its own or long term leased equipment to count toward the DBE goal.

(6) A contractor may count toward its DBE goals the following expenditures to DBE firms that are not manufacturers or regular dealers:

(a) The commission charged for providing a bona fide service in the procurement of essential personnel, facilities, equipment, materials or supplies required for the performance of the contract, provided the commission is reasonable and customary.

(b) The commissions charged for bonds or insurance provided by a DBE broker for the specific performance of the contract, provided the fee is reasonable and customary. A letter must be submitted detailing the amount, but does not count as a subcontracted percentage.

(7) A contractor may count toward its DBE goals the amount paid to a DBE trucker for transportation or delivery services.

(a) A DBE trucker who picks up a product at point A and delivers the product to the contractor at point B provides a delivery service. The full amount paid for this service counts toward the DBE goal.

(b) Some DBE truckers are also a regular dealer (supplier) of a bulk item. In this case, the amount paid for the material delivered will count as 60 percent toward the DBE goal. The DBE trucker is responsible for the quality of the material.

(c) For DBE truckers or suppliers to be credited toward DBE contract goals, the contractor must submit a letter to KDOT detailing all information formerly found on Form 259, prior to the start of the trucking or supply of material and requesting DBE subcontract credit.

D. COMMERCIALY USEFUL FUNCTION.

The prime contractor is responsible for ensuring that DBE firms under subcontract to meet a DBE goal perform a commercially useful function (CUF). Failure to fulfill this obligation is a breach of contract and KDOT may invoke the sanctions listed in Section IV (Sanctions). The three criteria for a CUF are:

(1) The DBE firm shall manage the work through personal direct supervision by the DBE owner or a skilled, knowledgeable, full-time superintendent. Management includes scheduling work, ordering equipment and materials, hiring and firing employees, and submitting all required forms and reports. The DBE is not in compliance with this provision if the DBE subcontracts out part or all of the work to another entity.

(2) The DBE shall own all equipment, long term lease all equipment, or own some equipment and long term lease the remaining equipment except for specialized equipment as noted below.

(a) If the DBE leases equipment, the DBE shall have a written lease that gives the DBE full control of the equipment during the lease period. The DBE shall use its own workers to operate leased equipment.

(b) A DBE may enter into long term leases with companies operating as prime contractors. The DBE is not in compliance with this provision if the DBE leases equipment from the prime contractor on the project for that project only.

(c) Exception for specialized equipment: The DBE may lease short term specialized equipment such as a crane from another contractor or third party if this equipment is necessary for the DBE to perform its work and the equipment is of such a nature that it is not economically feasible or practical for the DBE to lease the equipment long term. The contractor shall bill the DBE for this equipment and the DBE shall pay the contractor for the equipment. The DBE is not in compliance with this provision if the contractor deducts from the DBE's pay estimate specialized equipment costs rather than submitting an invoice to and receiving payment from the DBE.

(3) The DBE shall negotiate the cost of, arrange delivery of, and pay for materials, supplies, labor, and equipment. Invoices shall be billed to the DBE and paid by the DBE.

(4) KDOT will not count towards goal or give DBE contract goal credit for the following:

- (a) Monies the prime contractor pays directly for supplies, materials, labor or equipment on the DBE's behalf except for two-party checks approved under Section III.E below.
- (b) Costs deducted from a DBE's pay estimate for supplies, materials, labor or equipment the prime contractor or its affiliate provided.
- (c) Costs incurred for equipment the DBE leases from the contractor on the project if the DBE is using the equipment for that project only and the equipment is not part of a long term lease agreement.
- (d) Costs associated with a portion of a bid item that the Agency is unable to measure clearly.
- (e) Costs incurred for work subcontracted outside normal industry practices, just to meet a goal.

(5) KDOT's determination that a DBE is not performing or did not perform a CUF is not appealable to the US Department of Transportation. KDOT's determination will be final agency action and a final order under the Kansas Act for Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement of Agency Actions, K.S.A. 77-601 *et. seq.* Any petition for judicial review shall be served on the Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation, 700 S.W. Harrison St., Topeka, KS 66603-3754.

E. BUSINESS INTEGRITY

Any person or entity will be found to be out of compliance with this required contract provision if any investigation reveals a commission or omission of any act of such serious or compelling nature that the act indicates a serious lack of business integrity or honesty. Such commission or omissions include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Violating any applicable law, regulation, or obligation relating to the performance of obligations incurred pursuant to an agreement with a recipient under a KDOT financial assistance program or,
- (2) Making, or procuring to be made, any false statement or using deceit to influence in any way any action of KDOT.

F. TWO PARTY CHECKS.

To comply with the current regulation, KDOT is implementing the following two party check procedures. The prime contractor is responsible for following the procedure and for ensuring that DBE subcontractors follow the procedure.

- (1) The DBE owner shall make the request for a two party check to the Office of Civil Rights and shall explain the benefit to the DBE firm.
- (2) The prime contractor shall send the check to the DBE owner who will endorse and forward the check to the supplier. This should be done within the 10 day prompt pay timeframe.
- (3) The amount of the check should not exceed the amount of material paid by KDOT on the latest estimate. *For example if the estimate was taken on 7/23, pay the material bill through 7/23 not through 7/31.*
- (4) Two party checks shall be issued only long enough to establish credit for the DBE firm.
- (5) KDOT will not count towards goal or give DBE contract goal credit for two party checks that have not been pre-approved by KDOT.

IV. SANCTIONS.

If KDOT finds any contractor, sub-contractor, DBE, joint venture, or mentor/protégé to be out of compliance with this required contract provision, KDOT may impose one or more of the following sanctions:

- (1) Withhold payment of progress payments until the contractor or DBE contractor complies with the payment requirements of this Special Provision.

- (2) Remove the non-complying DBE from the DBE directory until the DBE shows the company is meeting the requirements necessary to perform a CUF, including payment of all bills.
- (3) Deny goal credit as previously stated for failure to replace a non-performing DBE with another DBE (unless good faith effort was made), failure to meet the requirements necessary to perform a CUF, or failure to follow two party check procedures.
- (4) Assess and deduct as liquidated damages the monetary difference between the DBE goal amount and the amount actually paid to the DBEs for which KDOT has allowed DBE goal credit.
- (5) Reject the bidder's bid if the bidder failed to meet the DBE goal and failed to show good faith effort to meet the goal.
- (6) Refer the matter to the Office of the Attorney General, the US Department of Justice, or both for follow-up action.
- (7) Enforce all other remedies KDOT has under other contract provisions such as contract termination, contractor suspension, contractor debarment, and sanctions for failing to pay promptly.

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KDOT POLICY FOR
CONSULTANT CONTRACT REIMBURSEMENT
FOR
HOTEL AND PER DIEM

Attention Contract Partners:

The following policy for hotels and per diem rates will be effective January 1, 2022 for contracts with consultants and sub-consultants statewide.

	Daily Meals (max.)	Per Meal Allowance	Lodging before tax	Max Lodging Addl 50%*
Standard rate for all Kansas locations except Wichita & KC/OP	\$59.00	Breakfast \$8.85 Lunch \$20.65 Dinner \$29.50	\$96.00	\$144.00
Wichita (includes Sedgwick County)	\$64.00	Breakfast \$9.60 Lunch \$22.40 Dinner \$32.00	\$103.00	\$154.50
KC/Overland Park (includes Johnson, Wyandotte, & Leavenworth counties)	\$64.00	Breakfast \$9.60 Lunch \$22.40 Dinner \$32.00	\$123.00	\$184.50

*Prior approval required

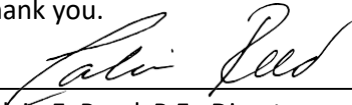
No out-of-state hotel bills will be reimbursed without advanced written approval (for prime and/or sub-consultant). An amount above these daily rates or un-approved out-of-state stays will not be reimbursed.

Per diem will be allowed only with overnight travel. Per diem reimbursement/invoicing must be submitted with hotel receipt. Submit company's policy prior to starting work. A summary must be provided with billings recapping costs per day per individual. Please notify your sub-consultants of these rates.

Mileage will be limited to the IRS rate of \$0.560/mile unless the company has audited vehicle usage rates for their company vehicles. Receipts are required for: Airport parking (limited to \$14/day); Tolls, Rental vehicles (economy class only), and Equipment Rentals. Equipment, vehicles, reproduction/printing, CADD, GPS, etc., charged as direct expense must have an audited rate to be used. Direct equipment expenses without an audited rate and "snacks" for meetings will not be allowed.

Reimbursement rates may change as State and/or Federal policies change.

Thank you.



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