



VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (VOSB) PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION

SECTION 1 GENERAL TERM

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The evaluation of competitive bids is subject to section 35.37 of the City's Procurement Procedures which, except where contrary to federal and state law, or any other funding source requirements, provides that preference be given to veteran owned small businesses. To satisfy this requirement, the vendor shall affirm in writing its compliance with the following objective criteria as of the bid or proposal submission date stated in the solicitation. A veteran owned small business shall be defined as:

1. "Veteran Owned Small Business" shall mean a business entity which has received a "Determination Letter" from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs Center for Verification and Evaluation notifying the business that they have been approved as a Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB).

A preference of two and a half percent (2.5%) of the total evaluation point, or two and a half percent (2.5%) of the total price, shall be given to the **Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB)**. This shall mean that if a **VOSB** submits a bid/quote that is within 2.5% of the lowest price submitted by any vendor, the **VOSB** shall have an option to submit another bid which is at least 1% lower than the lowest responsive bid/quote. If the **VOSB** submits a bid which is at least 1% lower than that lowest responsive bid/quote, then the award will go to the **VOSB**. If not, the award will be made to the vendor that submits the lowest responsive bid/quote. If the lowest responsive and responsible bidder IS a "**Local Pembroke Pines Vendor**" (**LPPV**) or a "**Local Broward County Vendor**" (**LBCV**) as established in Section 35.36 of the City's Code of Ordinances, entitled "Local Vendor Preference", then the award will be made to that vendor and no other bidders will be given an opportunity to submit additional bids as described herein.

If there is a **LPPV**, a **LBCV**, and a **VOSB** participating in the same bid solicitation and all three vendors qualify to submit a second bid, the **LPPV** will be given first option. If the **LPPV** cannot beat the lowest bid received by at least 1%, an opportunity will be given to the **LBCV**. If the **LBCV** cannot beat the lowest bid by at least 1%, an opportunity will be given to the **VOSB**. If the **VOSB** cannot beat the lowest bid by at least 1%, then the bid will be awarded to the lowest bidder.

If multiple **VOSBs** submit bids/quotes which are within 2.5% of the lowest bid/quote and there are no **LPPV** or **LBCV** as described in Section 35.36 of the City's Code of Ordinance, entitled "Local Vendor Preference", then all **VOSBs** will be asked to submit a **Best and Final Offer (BAFO)**. The award will be made to the **VOSB** submitting the lowest **BAFO** providing that that **BAFO** is at least 1% lower than the lowest bid/quote received in the original solicitation. If no **VOSB** can beat the lowest bid/quote by at least 1%, then the award will be made to the lowest responsive bidder.

COMPARISON OF QUALIFICATIONS

The preferences established in no way prohibit the right of the City to compare quality of supplies or services for purchase and to compare qualifications, character, responsibility and fitness of all persons, firms or corporations submitting bids or proposals. Further, the preference established in no way prohibit the right of the city from giving any other preference permitted by law instead of the preferences granted, nor prohibit the city to select the bid or proposal which is the most responsible and in the best interests of the city.

SECTION 2 AFFIRMATION

VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (VOSB) PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION:

- Place a check mark here only if affirming bidder meets requirements above as a Veteran Owned Small Business. In addition, the bidder must attach the "Determination Letter" from the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs Center.
- Place a check mark here only if affirming bidder does not meet the requirements above as a VOSB.

Failure to complete this certification at this time (by checking either of the boxes above) shall render the vendor ineligible for VOSB Preference. This form must be completed by/for the proposer; the proposer WILL NOT qualify for VOSB Preference based on their sub-contractors' qualifications.

COMPANY NAME: _____

PRINTED NAME / AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____