

**HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

RFP # 2026-05

TITLE / SERVICES: Transportation Services – EC Student
USING AGENCY: Henderson County Public Schools (HCPS)
ISSUE DATE: January 21, 2026

NOTICE: THIS IS A FEDERAL FUNDED SOLICITATION

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is a solicitation for services requiring the expenditure of Federal Financial Assistant funding. Contracts funded with federal grant or loan funds must be procured in a manner that conforms with all applicable Federal laws, policies, and standards, including those under the Uniform Guidance (2 C.F.R. Part 200). Contract Provisions are included in this RFP and may also be found at: https://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/finance/files/2021/11/Henderson-County-Public-Schools-Uniform-Guidance-UG-and-FEMA-Contract-Provisions-2021-11-V2_ADA.pdf

BID DEADLINE: **Sealed Proposals** subject to the conditions made a part hereof will be received until **9:00 AM (EST), Thursday, February 12, 2026**, at the Henderson County Public Schools Administration Building, 414 Fourth Avenue West, Hendersonville, NC 28739, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Proposals that are not sealed will be not accepted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Indicate firm name and RFP number on the front of each proposal envelope or package, along with the date for receipt of proposals specified above.

Bids submitted via telegraph, facsimile (FAX) machine, telephone, and electronic means, including but not limited to e-mail, in response to this Request for Proposals will not be accepted.

Bids submitted after the above referenced deadline will not be accepted under any circumstance.

DELIVER ALL PROPOSALS DIRECTLY TO THE ISSUING AGENCY ADDRESS AS SHOWN BELOW:

<u>DELIVERED BY US POSTAL SERVICE</u>	<u>HAND DELIVERY</u>
RFP #: 2026-05 Henderson County Public Schools 414 Fourth Avenue West Hendersonville, NC 28739 Attention: Joni Huchzermeier/Purchasing Dept.	RFP #: 2026-05 Henderson County Public Schools 414 Fourth Avenue West Hendersonville, NC 28739 Attention: Joni Huchzermeier/Purchasing Dept.

BID QUESTIONS:

Questions concerning the specifications in this Request for Proposals **will be received no later than Noon (EST) on Wednesday, February 4, 2026**. If any modifications to the specifications are necessary, an addendum will be posted to the Henderson County Public Schools website.

<https://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/finance/purchasing/>

Direct all questions concerning this RFP in writing to: jdhuchzermeier@hcpsnc.org

THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

The following is a general description of the process by which a firm will be selected to provide services.

1. Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued to prospective contractors.
2. A preproposal conference (if applicable) and/or deadline for written questions is five days prior to due date.
3. Proposals in one original will be received from each offeror in a sealed envelope or package. The original shall be signed and dated by an official authorized to bind the firm. Unsigned proposals will not be considered.
4. All proposals must be received by the issuing agency not later than the date and time specified on the cover sheet of this RFP.
5. At that date and time, the package containing the proposals from each responding firm will be opened. The purchasing division will furnish bid tabs upon request.
6. At their option, the evaluators may request oral presentations or discussion with any or all offerors for the purpose of clarification or to amplify the materials presented in any part of the proposal. However, offerors are cautioned that the evaluators are not required to request clarification; therefore, all proposals should be complete and reflect the most favorable terms available from the offeror. Not all companies may be asked to make such oral presentations.
7. Proposals will be evaluated according to completeness, content, cost, experience with similar projects, and ability of the offeror and its staff. Award of a contract to one offeror does not mean that the other proposals lacked merit, but that, all factors considered, the selected proposal was deemed most advantageous to Henderson County Public Schools.
8. Offerors are cautioned that this is a request for offers, not a request to contract, and Henderson County Public Schools reserves the right to reject any and all offers for sound documented reasons, when such rejection is deemed to be in the best interest of Henderson County Public Schools.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

1. **EXCEPTIONS:** All proposals are subject to the terms and conditions outlined herein. All responses shall be controlled by such terms and conditions and the submission of other terms and conditions, price lists, catalogs, and/or other documents as part of an offeror's response will be waived and have no effect either on this Request for Proposals or on any contract that may be awarded resulting from this solicitation.

Offeror specifically agrees to the conditions set forth in the above paragraph by signature to the proposal.

2. **CERTIFICATION:** By executing the proposal, the signer certifies that this proposal is submitted competitively and without collusion (G.S. 143-54), that none of our officers, directors, or owners of an unincorporated business entity has been convicted of any violations of Chapter 78A of the General Statutes, the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (G.S. 143-59.2), and that we are not an ineligible vendor as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1. False certification is a Class I felony.
3. **ORAL EXPLANATIONS:** Henderson County Public Schools shall not be bound by oral explanations or instructions given at any time during the competitive process or after award.

4. **REFERENCE TO OTHER DATA:** Only information which is received in response to this RFP will be evaluated; reference to information previously submitted shall not be evaluated.
5. **ELABORATE PROPOSALS:** Elaborate proposals in the form of brochures or other presentations beyond that necessary to present a complete and effective proposal are not desired. In an effort to support the sustainability efforts of the State of North Carolina we solicit your cooperation in this effort.
6. **COST FOR PROPOSAL PREPARATION:** Any costs incurred by offerors in preparing or submitting offers are the offerors' sole responsibility; Henderson County Public Schools will not reimburse any offeror for any costs incurred prior to award.
7. **TIME FOR ACCEPTANCE:** Each proposal shall state that it is a firm offer which may be accepted within a period of 45 days. Although the contract is expected to be awarded prior to that time, the 45-day period is requested to allow for unforeseen delays.
8. **TITLES:** Titles and headings in this RFP and any subsequent contract are for convenience only and shall have no binding force or effect.
9. **CONFIDENTIALITY OF PROPOSALS:** In submitting its proposal, the offeror agrees not to discuss or otherwise reveal the contents of the proposal to any source outside of the using or issuing agency, government or private, until after the award of the contract. Offerors not in compliance with this provision may be disqualified, at the option of Henderson County Public Schools, from contract award. Only discussions authorized by the issuing agency are exempt from this provision.
10. **RIGHT TO SUBMITTED MATERIAL:** All responses, inquiries, or correspondence relating to or in reference to the RFP, and all other reports, charts, displays, schedules, exhibits, and other documentation submitted by the offerors shall become the property of Henderson County Public Schools when received.
11. **OFFEROR'S REPRESENTATIVE:** Each offeror shall submit with its proposal the name, address, and telephone number of the person(s) with authority to bind the firm and answer questions or provide clarification concerning the firm's proposal.
12. **SUBCONTRACTING:** Offerors may propose to subcontract portions of the work provided that their proposals clearly indicate what work they plan to subcontract and to whom and that all information required about the prime contractor is also included for each proposed subcontractor.
13. **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:** Trade secrets or similar proprietary data which the offeror does not wish disclosed to other than personnel involved in the evaluation or contract administration will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by NCAC T01:05B.1501 and G.S. 132-1.3 if identified as follows: Each page shall be identified in boldface at the top and bottom as "CONFIDENTIAL". Any section of the proposal which is to remain confidential shall also be so marked in boldface on the title page of that section. Cost information may not be deemed confidential. In spite of what is labeled as confidential, the determination as to whether or not it is, shall be determined by North Carolina law.
14. **HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES:** Pursuant to General Statute 143-48 and Executive Order #150, Henderson County Public Schools invites and encourages participation in this procurement process by businesses owned by minorities, women, disabled, disabled business enterprises and non-profit work centers for the blind and severely disabled.
15. **PROTEST PROCEDURES:** If an offeror wants to protest a contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation, they must submit a written request to the Purchasing Agent, Henderson County Public Schools, 414 Fourth Avenue West, Hendersonville, NC 28739. This request must be received by the Purchasing Division within ten (10) consecutive calendar days from the date of the contract award. Protest letters must contain specific

reasons and any supporting documentation for the protest. Note: Contract award notices are sent only to those actually awarded contracts, and not to every person or firm responding to this solicitation. Contract status and award notices are available through the Purchasing Division or the project designer with contact information as shown on the first page of this solicitation. All protests will be handled pursuant to the North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 1, Department of Administration, Chapter 5, Purchase and Contract, Section 5B.1519.

16. **TABULATIONS:** Offeror's may call the Purchasing Division to obtain a verbal status of contract award.
17. **VENDOR REGISTRATION AND SOLICITATION NOTIFICATION SYSTEM:** Vendor Link NC allows vendors to electronically register free with the State to receive electronic notification of current procurement opportunities for goods and services available on the Interactive Purchasing System. Online registration and other purchasing information are available on our Internet web site: <http://www.doa.state.nc.us/pandc/>.
18. **RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE:** G.S. 143-59 establishes a reciprocal preference law to discourage other states from applying in-state preferences against North Carolina's resident offerors. The "Principal Place of Business" is defined as the principal place from which the trade or business of the offeror is directed or managed.

HCPS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS FOR SOUND DOCUMENTED REASONS

Purpose

Henderson County Public Schools (HCPS) Board of Education is receiving sealed proposals for transportation services to drive a student from Hendersonville, NC to Charlotte, NC, approximately 220 days a year. The mileage is approximately 115 miles each way for a total of 230 miles per day. Arrival time in Charlotte, NC is 8:30 AM and departure time from Charlotte, NC is 2:30 PM most days.

Scope of Services

Henderson County Public Schools currently has 1 student that requires transportation services.

Requirements and Specifications

1. Fleet Specifications & Technology

- **Vehicle Profiles** (if available): Identify the make, model, and year of vehicles to be used.
- **Safety Features:** Detail standard and specialized safety equipment (e.g., impact ratings, side-curtain airbags, first aid kits, fire extinguishers).
- **Surveillance Systems:** Specify if vehicles are equipped with internal/external cameras.
 - *Clarification:* Note any additional costs for video monitoring and your data retention/privacy policy.
- **Real-Time Tracking** (if available): Provide details on GPS/Telematics software used for route monitoring and arrival notifications.

2. Operational Procedures & Emergency Response

- **Mechanical Failure Protocol:** Provide a step-by-step breakdown of the "on the road" failure policy.
 - *Key detail:* What is the maximum guaranteed time for a backup vehicle to arrive to minimize student distress?
- **Behavioral Crisis Management:** Outline the specific "in-transit" intervention policy for students experiencing a crisis.
- **Escalation & Safety Enhancements:** Describe what additional measures can be taken if a specific student's safety remains a concern (e.g., 1-on-1 monitors, specialized harnesses).
 - *Clarification:* Explicitly list any associated surcharges for these interventions.

3. Personnel & Driver Standards

- **Selection & Vetting:** Describe the recruitment process, including background check depth, driving record frequency checks, and drug testing.
- **Specialized Training** (if available): Detail certifications for handling students with special needs.
Example:
 - Basic medical emergency response/CPR.

4. Financials & Risk Management

- **Rate Structure:** Provide a definitive "Per Mile Rate."
 - *Clarification:* Confirm if billing is "Deadhead" (total miles) or "Loaded" (only when a student is present). List all inclusions (fuel, insurance, tolls).
- **Insurance Verification:** Provide a summary of coverage, including Commercial General Liability, Auto Liability, and Professional/Sexual Abuse & Molestation (SAM) coverage.

5. Corporate Accountability

- **Safety Record & Contract History:** Disclose any instances where a contract was terminated-by either party-due to safety concerns.
 - *Requirement:* If applicable, provide a detailed "Corrective Action Plan" used during that period.

Bid Package Requirements

Agency must provide the following information as part of your proposal:

- Proposals must specify how Agency will provide all aspects of the required services as listed in this RFP.
- Brief description of organization’s background and history, including number of years in business providing the services request in this RFP.
- References where your organization has provided similar services.
- Please include any supplementary information that supports your proposal.

Billing and Invoicing

Agency shall provide HCPS with monthly invoices for each driver assigned to work for the district. Itemized log must be attached to invoice reflecting name of driver, date worked, and time of arrival and departure. HCPS will make payment to Agency within 30 days of receipt of invoice. Agency shall be responsible for paying its employees.

Contract Term / Option to Renew

This agreement shall be for an initial term of one year, beginning _____ 2026 and ending _____ 2027. By mutual consent, the terms of this contract may be renewed for a maximum of two (2) additional (1) one-year terms. Prices quoted herein will remain in effect during the initial term of the contract. Any price increases after the initial term shall be discussed and agreed upon prior to exercising the renewal terms.

Henderson County Public Schools will make the decision at the end of the first initial term whether they will exercise the renewal option. Should Henderson County Public Schools decide not to renew the contract; the vendor will be notified.

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB)

Pursuant to General Statute 143-48 and Executive Order #150, Henderson County Public Schools invites and encourages participation in this procurement process by businesses owned by minorities, women, disabled, disabled business enterprises and non-profit work centers for the blind and severely disabled. “Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) consist of minority, women and disabled business firms that are at least fifty-one percent owned and operated by an individual(s) of the aforementioned categories.

Please indicate below if your company falls within one of these categories:

MBE Status (Minority Business Enterprises) (Check all that apply)

- Minority Owned: Black _____ Hispanic _____ Asian American _____ American Indian _____
- Women Owned
- Disabled Owned
- Disabled Business Enterprise
- Non-Profit Work Center
- Socially and Economically Disadvantaged
- None of the Above

Award Criteria

It is Henderson County Public School's intent to award a contract to one sole provider for the services as outlined in this document. The award will not be based solely on price. Henderson County Public Schools will award to the responsible Agency with the most advantageous proposal who meets the requirements listed in this Request for Proposal as determined by consideration of:

- Approach to implementing the total program and required services
- Prices offered
- Ability to meet the required specifications and requirements listed in this Request for Proposals
- Qualifications / experience
- References

Terms and Conditions

Vendors are encouraged to thoroughly read the attached '**HCPS Standard Terms and Conditions**' and the '**Uniform Guidance Contract Provisions (2 C.F.R. Part 200)**' which are attached. This information is part of the bid solicitation and Vendor is bound legally to the requirements listed. HCPS will not award a contract to any Vendor who does not agree to abide by the terms listed below. In the event of a conflict in terms, the terms of these sections will control.

By submission of a bid, Bidder certifies and agrees to abide by the attached:

- 1) All specifications and requirements listed in the RFP**
- 2) Henderson County Public School's Standard Terms and Conditions**
- 3) Uniform Guidance Contract Provisions (2 C.F.R. Part 200)**

HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Contract, Henderson County Public School's Standard Terms and Conditions, and any documents incorporated specifically by reference represent the entire agreement between the parties and supersede all prior oral or written statements or agreements. All promises, requirements, terms, conditions, provisions, representations, guarantees, and warranties contained herein shall survive the contract expiration or termination date unless specifically provided otherwise herein, or unless superseded by applicable Federal or State statutes of limitation.

1. **E-Verify**: As required by N.C.G.S. § 143-133.3, Contractor certifies that it verifies the work authorization of each of its employees under the requirements of N.C.G.S. Article 2 of Chapter 64 ("E-Verify"). If Contractor utilizes a subcontractor of any tier, Contractor shall require all subcontractor(s) of any tier to comply with E-Verify requirements.
2. **Jessica Lunsford Act**: Under North Carolina law, certain sex offenders are prohibited from coming onto school campuses. Contractor agrees to conduct an annual check of the N.C. Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Program, the N.C. Sexually Violent Predator Registration Program and the National Sex Offender Registry for all of its employees whose job involves direct interaction with students as part of the job. Henderson County Public Schools prohibits any personnel listed on such registries from being on any property owned or operated by Henderson County Public Schools and from having any direct interaction with students. As a term of this Contract, said checks must be performed by the Contractor and reported to Henderson County Public Schools Superintendent or designee, if Contractor's employees will be working directly with students. **Under provisions set forth in the Jessica Lunsford Act under North Carolina law, Contractor certifies that by entering into a contract with Henderson County Public Schools, neither Contractor nor any employee or agent of Contractor, is listed as a sex offender on the N.C. Sex Offender and Public Protection Registration Program, the N.C. Sexually Violent Predator Registration Program, and/or the National Sex Offender Registry.**
3. **Termination**: The Contract may be terminated by either party hereto upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other. In the event the Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, Henderson County Public Schools shall have no obligation to compensate Contractor for services which have not been performed. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, Contractor shall continue to provide services to Henderson County Public Schools during the thirty (30) day notice period, at the same rate of service performed by Contractor during the thirty (30) days prior to receipt of notice. If Contractor fails to do so, Henderson County Public Schools may retain any monies otherwise due to Contractor.
4. **Independent Contractor**: It is understood that Contractor executes the Contract as an independent contractor and that Contractor shall have the exclusive control over the means, methods and details of fulfilling its obligation under the Contract. The Contract is not intended and shall not be construed to create the relationship of principal-agent, master-servant, employer-employee, partnership, joint venture, joint enterprise, or association between the Parties or any of their owners, officers, directors, members, managers, partners, representatives, employees or agents. Contractor agrees to perform and discharge all obligations of an independent contractor under any and all laws, whether existing or in the future in any way pertaining to the tasks hereunder, including but not limited to Social Security laws, Workers' Compensation Insurance, income taxes, and State Employment Insurance taxes or contributions; and Contractor will hold Henderson County Public Schools harmless against all such laws. Neither federal nor state local income tax, nor payroll tax of any kind shall be withheld or paid by Henderson County Public Schools on behalf of the Contractor or the employees of Contractor. No Worker's Compensation

Insurance shall be obtained by Henderson County Public Schools concerning Contractor or Contractor's employees.

5. Audit: During and after the term of the contract, the State Auditor, or any Auditor contracted by Henderson County Public Schools, may be given access to persons and records of the Contractor that are generated as a result of, or are related to, the Contract for purposes of verifying accounts and data affecting fees or performance, as provided in G.S. § 143-49(9). Contractor shall keep all records for 3 years after the end of the contract period.
6. Discrimination: If applicable, Contractor and any subcontractors employed by Contractor shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR §§ 60-1.4(a), 60-300.5(a) and 60-741.5(a). These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Moreover, these regulations require that covered prime contractors and subcontractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, protected veteran status or disability.
7. Family Education Rights and Privacy Act: Contractor acknowledges that Henderson County Public Schools is subject to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232G; 34 C.F.R. 99). To the extent Contractor generates or maintains education records that are subject to FERPA, Contractor will comply with applicable FERPA requirements. Contractor will not access or make any disclosures of student education records to third parties without prior notice to and consent from Henderson County Public Schools or as otherwise provided by the law or the Contract. For purposes of the Contract, Henderson County Public Schools designates Contractor, as a school official with a legitimate educational interest in the education records of participating students to the extent access to Henderson County Public School's records is required by Contractor to carry out its services. If Henderson County Public Schools provides Contractor with personal identifiers as listed in N.C.G.S. §132-1.10 and in N.C.G.S. §14-113.20(b) or any other legally confidential information including "personally identifiable information" from student education records as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and the implementing regulations in Title 34, Part 99 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("FERPA"), Contractor hereby certifies that collection of this information is necessary for the performance of Contractor's duties and responsibilities under the Contract. Contractor further certifies that it will maintain the confidential and exempt status of any Social Security number information, as required by N.C.G.S. §132-1.10(c)(1), and that it will not re-disclose personally identifiable information pursuant to FERPA or by any other State or Federal laws.
8. FERPA Electronically Stored Data Compliance: Contractor is expressly prohibited from selling or trading any education records or personally identifiable information acquired under the Contract. Furthermore, Contractor agrees not to attempt to re-identify students from aggregated data. Further, Contractor will not use any personally identifiable information or education records to advertise or market to students of Henderson County Public Schools or their parents. Any personally identifiable information and education records held by Contractor pursuant to the Contract will be made available to Henderson County Public Schools upon request.

Contractor will store and process all data using appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to secure personally identifiable information and education records from unauthorized access, disclosure, and use. Contractor will conduct periodic risk assessments and remediate any identified security vulnerabilities in a timely manner. Contractor will also have a written incident response plan, to

include prompt notification to Henderson County Public Schools in the event of a security or privacy incident, as well as procedures for responding to a breach of data. Contractor agrees to share its incident response plan upon request. Contractor shall, for all personally identifiable data and education records in its possession and in the possession of any subcontractors, or agents to which it has transferred data as permitted herein, destroy or de-identify such data when such data is no longer needed to perform the Contract.

Contractor hereby agrees to abide by all Henderson County Public Schools Board policies and procedures governing the confidentiality of student records and the responsible use of technology and internet safety that have been provided to Contractor and specifically identified as follows:

If Contractor experiences a security breach concerning any information covered by the Contract, and such breach is covered by N.C.G.S. §75.61(14), then Contractor will (a) fully comply with Contractor's obligations under the N.C. Identity Theft Protection Act, (b) immediately notify Henderson County Public Schools with the information listed in N.C.G.S. §75-65(d)(1-4), and (c) fully cooperate with the Board in carrying out its obligations under said Identity Theft Protection Act. Contractor will indemnify Henderson County Public Schools for any breach of confidentiality or failure of its responsibilities to protect confidential information, and for cost of notification of affected persons as a result of its accidental or negligent release of personally identifiable information or education records provided to Contractor pursuant to the Contract.

9. North Carolina Public Records Law: Contractor acknowledges that Henderson County Public Schools is subject to the requirements of North Carolina's Public Records Law ("NCPRL"), N.C.G.S. § 132-1, *et. seq.* The Contract and any related documents, papers, letters, maps, books, photographs, films, sound recordings, magnetic or other tapes, electronic data-processing records, artifacts, or other documentary material, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received by Henderson County Public Schools in connection with the transaction of the Contract may be considered a "public record," subject to disclosure under the NCPRL. Henderson County Public Schools is under no obligation to notify Contractor prior to its compliance of its duties under NCPRL.
10. Liability Insurance: It is understood and agreed between the parties that each person performing services under the Contractor shall be covered by Contractor for all actions, omissions, injuries or other liabilities occurring during the performance of the services, to the same extent as if such events occurred on Contractor's property.

During the term of the contract, the Contractor at its sole cost and expense shall provide commercial insurance of such type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the Contract. As a minimum, the Contractor shall provide and maintain the following coverage and limits:

Worker's Compensation – The Contractor shall provide and maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance, as required by the laws of North Carolina, as well as employer's liability coverage with minimum limits of \$150,000.00, covering all of Contractor's employees who are engaged in any work under the contract. If any work is subcontracted, the contractor shall require the subcontractor to provide the same coverage for any of its employees engaged in any work under the contract.

Commercial General Liability - General Liability Coverage on a Comprehensive Broad Form on an occurrence basis in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 Combined Single Limit. (Defense cost shall be in excess of the limit of liability).

Automobile - Automobile Liability Insurance, to include liability coverage, covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, used in connection with the contract. The minimum combined single limit shall be \$150,000.00 bodily injury and property damage; \$150,000.00 uninsured/under insured motorist; and \$1,000.00 medical payment.

Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the Contractor and is of the essence of this contract. All such insurance shall meet all laws of the State of North Carolina. Such insurance coverage shall be obtained from companies that are authorized to provide such coverage and that are authorized by the Commissioner of Insurance to do business in North Carolina. The Contractor shall at all times comply with the terms of such insurance policies, and all requirements of the insurer under any such insurance policies, except as they may conflict with existing North Carolina laws or this contract. The limits of coverage under each insurance policy maintained by the contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting the Contractor's liability and obligations under the contract.

The Contractor shall furnish a Certificate of Insurance as proof of the above coverages to Henderson County Public Schools prior to the effective date of Contract. Certificate will contain provision that the insurance coverages cannot be canceled, reduced in amount or coverage eliminated without 30 days written notice to Henderson County Public Schools. Owner's Protective insurance must list Henderson County Public Schools as a "Named Insured" as its interest may appear.

Henderson County Public Schools reserves the right to require higher or lower insurance limits where warranted. Henderson County Public Schools shall maintain its usual and customary insurance coverage and/or coverage agreement.

11. Ownership of Work Product: All works authored, produced, developed, or reduced to practice by Contractor for the benefit of Henderson County Public Schools during its provision of the services in the Contract shall be owned by Henderson County Public Schools and Henderson County Public Schools shall have all common law, statutory, and other reserved rights therein.
12. Indemnification: **CONTRACTOR, FOR ITSELF AND ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS, DOES HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS, HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ITS BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS, FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, DAMAGES, LOSSES, COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE HEREUNDER AND HEREBY ASSUMES THE RISK OF INJURY OR LIABILITY AND AGREES NOT TO SUE HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR ANY INJURY OR LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM CONTRACTOR'S SOLE NEGLIGENCE IN THE PERFORMANCE HEREUNDER.**
13. Anti-Trust: The Contract has been entered into in compliance with state and federal antitrust laws. Contractor certifies by entering into the Contract:

- a) That the Contractor and/or any of its Principals is not presently debarred, per the State's website (<http://ncadmin.nc.gov/government-agencies/procurement/contracts/debarred-vendors>) and Federal Excluded Parties List (www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM); or suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from entering into the Contract by any federal agency or by any department, agency or political subdivision of the State.
 - b) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).
 - c) The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to Henderson County Public Schools if, at any time, Contractor learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
 - d) The certification in this section is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed by Henderson County Public Schools in making the Contract. If it is later determined that Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to Henderson County Public Schools, then Henderson County Public Schools may terminate the Contract for default.
14. Travel Expenses: Unless otherwise stated in the Contract, the agreed upon price for the services provided herein includes travel expenses, accommodation expenses and any and all other expenses, costs, and remuneration (including, but not limited to, equipment, tools, and supplies) the Parties have agreed to unless otherwise provided for in the Contract.
15. Affiliation: Contractor shall not represent itself as affiliated with or endorsed by Henderson County Public Schools without the prior written consent. Contractor shall not use any of Henderson County Public School's logos, images, trademarks, or copyrights without prior written consent. The Contract shall not be used for advertising by Contractor without prior approval of Henderson County Public Schools.
16. Assignment: Unless agreed to in writing by Henderson County Public Schools, the Contract is not assignable. Any attempt to assign the Contract to any third party shall be null and void and shall relieve Henderson County Public Schools of any further liability under the Contract.
17. Compliance with Law & Board Policy: Contractor agrees to comply with all federal and State laws, rules, regulations, administrative requirements, and the following Board of Education Policies and Procedures applicable to its provision of the services described hereunder during the term of the Agreement, if any: Contractor declares that it has complied with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding business permits, certificates, and licenses that may be required to carry out the work to be performed under the Contract.
18. Attorney's Fees: In the event of a dispute between the Parties regarding the enforceability of the Contract, each party shall be responsible for its own attorney's fees.
19. Choice of Law: The Parties agree that the Contract was entered into in the State of North Carolina and that the laws of North Carolina shall govern the Contract, as to interpretation and performance. It is further agreed that the place of the Contract, its situs and forum, will be in the county in North Carolina where Henderson County Public School's Central Office is located.

20. Venue: The Parties agree that the proper venue for any claims brought hereunder is in the county in North Carolina where Henderson County Public School's Central Office is located.
21. Force Majeure: Neither party shall be responsible to the other for any losses resulting from the failure to perform any terms or provisions of the Contract if the party's failure to perform is attributable to war, riot or other disorder, strike or other work stoppage; fire; flood; storm; illness; pandemic, communicable disease, or any other act not within the control of the party whose performance is interfered with, and which, by reasonable diligence, such party is unable to prevent. However, Henderson County Public Schools will be entitled to a refund for fees paid on account of services not rendered by Contractor including any and all deposits.
22. Non-Appropriation: Henderson County Public Schools agrees to duly request the appropriation of funds from its funding sources for all payment amounts specified in the Contract through its annual funding request at levels consistent with the prior fiscal year. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the funds that Henderson County Public Schools requests for a fiscal year are reduced or not appropriated, Henderson County Public Schools will not be obligated to pay amounts due beyond the end of the last fully funded fiscal year. If a non-appropriation event occurs, Henderson County Public Schools will notify Contractor, the Contract will terminate at the end of the last fiscal year for which funds were fully appropriated, and Henderson County Public Schools will not be in default or material breach of the Contract.
23. Integration & Amendment: The Contract is fully integrated and represents the entire understanding between the Parties. The Contract may be modified or amended only by written instruments signed by both Parties. Unless explicitly stated in the Contract, nothing contained in the Contract is intended to benefit any third party. The Contract shall be deemed to have been drafted by both Parties and any ambiguities in the construction of the Contract shall not be construed solely against Henderson County Public Schools.
24. Severability: The Contract is severable and if any provisions of the Contract are deemed invalid or illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other remaining provisions of the Contract shall remain valid and enforceable.
25. Execution: The Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute and be construed as one and the same instrument.
26. Authority: Both Parties executing the Contract acknowledge that they have authority to bind their respective party to the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract.
27. Sovereign Immunity: Notwithstanding any other term or provision in the Contract, nothing herein is intended nor shall be interpreted as waiving any claim or defense based on the principle of sovereign or governmental immunity or other State or federal constitutional or statutory provision or principle that otherwise would be available to Henderson County Public Schools under applicable law.
28. Pre-Audit Certification: Execution of the Pre-Audit Certification on the Contract and/or purchase order is a condition precedent to the effectiveness of the signatures.

29. Acknowledgment: The undersigned represents and acknowledges that they have carefully read the entire Contract (and any attachments), understand the Contract (and any attachments) and its consequences, and knowingly and voluntarily enter into the Contract.
30. Iran Divestment / Divestment From Companies that Boycott Israel: By acceptance of the Agreement, Contractor affirms that it, or any Subcontractor hired by Contractor, is not listed on the *Final Divestment List* and *Parent and Subsidiary List* located at <https://www.nctreasurer.com/inside-the-department/OpenGovernment/Pages/Iran-Divestment-Act-Resources.aspx>, which was created by the N.C. State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S. 147-86.58. It is the responsibility of each Contractor to monitor its Subcontractor's compliance with this restriction.
31. Notice: Any notice required or desired to be given under the Contract shall be deemed given if in writing and sent by certified mail to the principal office of Henderson County Public Schools at: 414 Fourth Avenue West, Hendersonville, NC 28739 Attention: Purchasing Agent
32. Subcontracting: Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the work to be performed under this Contract without prior written approval of Henderson County Public Schools.
33. Performance and Default: If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner the obligations under this Contract, Henderson County Public Schools shall have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to the Contractor and specifying the effective date thereof. In that event, all finished or unfinished deliverable items under this contract prepared by the Contractor shall, at the option of, Henderson County Public Schools, become its property, and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such materials. Notwithstanding, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to Henderson County Public Schools for damages sustained by Henderson County Public Schools by virtue of any breach of this Contract, and Henderson County Public Schools may withhold any payment due the Contractor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due Henderson County Public Schools from such breach can be determined.

In case of default by the Contractor, Henderson County Public Schools may procure the services from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

In addition, in the event of default by the Contractor under this contract, Henderson County Public Schools may immediately cease doing business with the Contractor, immediately terminate for cause all existing contracts Henderson County Public Schools has with the Contractor, and de-bar the Contractor from doing future business with Henderson County Public Schools.

Upon the Contractor filing a petition for bankruptcy or the entering of a judgment of bankruptcy by or against the Contractor, Henderson County Public Schools may immediately terminate, for cause, this contract and all other existing contracts the Contractor has with it, and de-bar the Contractor from doing future business.

34. Payment Terms: Payment terms are Net not later than 30 days after receipt of correct invoice(s) or acceptance of services, whichever is later, or in accordance with any special payment schedule identified in this Contract. Henderson County Public Schools is responsible for all payments to the Contractor under the contract.

35. Care of Property: The Contractor agrees that it shall be responsible for the proper custody and care of any property furnished it for use in connection with the performance of this contract or purchased by it for this contract and will reimburse Henderson County Public Schools for loss of damage of such property.
36. Criminal Background Checks: Contractor certifies that as of the date of the signed contract, or acceptance of a purchase order, background checks have been performed for all personnel who will have any type of direct contact with the students and staff of Henderson County Public Schools in the performance of this contract. Contractor shall provide a complete list of names and job related duties of all personnel that will be assigned in any capacity to handle Henderson County Public School's account. Copies of background checks for all personnel will also be included. Contractor shall notify Henderson County Public Schools immediately and provide required information should changes in personnel occur, or if any existing personnel is charged of any criminal activity.
37. Taxes: Any applicable taxes shall be invoiced as a separate line item. North Carolina G.S. § 143.59.1 bars the Secretary of Administration from entering into contracts with vendors if the vendor or its affiliates meet on of the conditions of G.S. § 105-164.8(b) and refuses to collect use tax on sales of tangible personal property to purchasers in North Carolina. Conditions under G.S. § 105-164.8(b) include: (1) Maintenance of a retail establishment or office, (2) Presence of representatives in the State that solicit sales or transact business on behalf of the vendor and (3) Systematic exploitation of the market by media-assisted, media-facilitated, or media-solicited means. By execution of the Contract documents, the vendor certifies that it and all of its affiliates; collect(s) the appropriate taxes.
38. Warranty: Contractor warrants to Henderson County Public Schools that all equipment furnished will be new, of good material and workmanship, and agrees to replace promptly any part or parts which by reason of defective material or workmanship shall fail under normal use, free of negligence or accident, for a minimum period of twelve (12) months from date of receipt. Such replacement shall include all parts, labor, and transportation cost to the location where equipment is down, free of any charge to Henderson County Public Schools.
39. Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements: Federal Funds. The Contractor shall make all necessary inquiries to correctly identify all sources of funding for Contract. If the source of funds for Contract is federal funds, the following federal provisions apply pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (as applicable), unless a more stringent state or local law or regulation is applicable: Equal Employment Opportunity (41 C.F.R. Part 60); Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148); Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145); Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708); Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387); Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689); Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352); Domestic Preferences for Procurement (2 C.F.R. § 200.322); Procurement of Recovered Materials (2 C.F.R. § 200.323); Prohibition on certain telecommunications and surveillance services or equipment (Public Law 115-232, section 889) and Record Retention Requirements (2 CFR § 200.334).
40. ADA Compliance: All vendors of Henderson County Public Schools must ensure their products and services are available to individuals with disabilities, in line with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For digital accessibility, vendors should comply with WCAG 2.1 AA standards, which include making digital content perceivable, operable, understandable, and robust for users with disabilities. Digital offerings must be compatible with assistive technologies like screen readers, braille displays, and voice recognition software. Vendors must provide reasonable modifications to their products and services to

accommodate individuals with disabilities unless doing so would cause undue hardship or fundamentally alter the nature of the service. Vendors must ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities, which may include providing auxiliary aids and services such as accessible electronic documents, captions for videos, and alternative text for images. Failure to meet these requirements may result in termination of the contract.

**Henderson County Public Schools
Uniform Guidance Required Contract Provisions
(Codified at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II)**

The following provisions are required under the Uniform Guidance (UG) Procurement Provisions, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II) when federal funds are expended for any awarded contract.

Because this purchase may be funded in part or wholly through federal funds, these provisions are attached and become a part of the contractual agreement between Contractor/Vendor and Henderson County Public Schools. In addition, the terms of this section are considered part of this solicitation and are applicable for projects/work that may be reimbursed through a federal program. In the event of a conflict in terms, the terms of this section will control.

By signing below, Contractor/Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for this contract, they, and any subcontractor, will comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in these Contract Provisions, and that they are authorized to sign this certification.

Does vendor agree? YES _____ NO _____

Vendor: _____

By: _____ Date: _____
(Signature)

Printed Name and Title

Termination for cause and for convenience

(1) **Termination for Convenience.** The Agreement may be terminated by HCPS without cause upon no less than thirty (30) days written notice.

(2) **Termination for Cause.** Each term and condition of the Agreement is material and any breach or default by either party in the performance of each such term and condition will be a material breach or default of the Agreement. Either party may terminate the Agreement in the event the other party materially breaches or defaults in the performance of any of its obligations hereunder, and such default continues for thirty (30) days after written notice thereof is provided to the breaching party by the non-breaching party. Any termination will become effective at the end of such thirty (30) day period unless the breaching party cures any such breach or default prior to the expiration of such period.

(3) **Termination Process.** All written notices must be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, by electronic mail, or in person. In case of termination under the Agreement, only fees for services rendered (or products provided) by the Vendor through the date of termination, if any, will be due and payable, and all work

in progress will become property of HCPS and will be turned over promptly by the Vendor. Upon receipt of written notice of termination, up until the date of termination, the Vendor will make reasonable efforts to limit the incursion of additional fees and perform only those services necessary for the timely delivery of work in progress to HCPS and/or to correct a material breach or default, as applicable. The Parties will not be relieved of the duty to perform their obligations up to and including the date of termination. A termination penalty may not be charged against HCPS.

Remedies

Any award under this procurement process is not exclusive and Henderson County Public Schools reserves the right to purchase goods and services from other vendors when it is in its best interest. The Contractor/Vendor may not proscribe an exclusive remedy in regard to this contract. In the event of a default by the Contractor/Vendor, HCPS shall have the right to exercise its legal and equitable remedies including, without limitation, the right to terminate this Agreement or to seek specific performance of all or any part of this Agreement.

Equal Employment Opportunity(41 C.F.R. Part 60)e

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

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

(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

(4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(7) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(8) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, That if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148)

If applicable to this contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with all provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction").

1. *Minimum Wages.*

(i) All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR Part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalent thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the Contractor and such laborers and mechanics.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1)(iv) of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period.

Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR Part 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: *Provided* that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under (1)(ii) of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the Contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can easily be seen by the workers.

(ii)(A) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

- (1) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination;
- (2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and
- (3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(B) If the Contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(C) In the event the Contractor, the laborers, or mechanics to be employed in the classification, or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to subparagraphs (1)(ii) (B) or (C) of this paragraph, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

(iii) Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

(iv) If the Contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the Contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program: *Provided* that the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the Contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the Contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

2. *Withholding.*

The Sponsor shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld from the Contractor under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the Contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, the Sponsor may, after written notice to the Contractor, Sponsor, Applicant, or Owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

3. *Payrolls and Basic Records.*

(i) Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the Contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker; his or her correct classification; hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in 1(b) (2) (B) of the Davis-Bacon Act); daily and weekly number of hours worked; deductions made; and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the Contractor shall maintain records that show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and that show the costs anticipated or the actual

costs incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

(ii)(A) The Contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the Sponsor if the agency is a party to the contract, but if the agency is not such a party, the Contractor will submit the payrolls to the applicant, Sponsor, or Owner, as the case may be, for transmission to the Sponsor. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead, the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (*e.g.* the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at www.dol.gov/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm or its successor site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker and shall provide them upon request to the Sponsor if the agency is a party to the contract, but if the agency is not such a party, the Contractor will submit them to the applicant, sponsor, or Owner, as the case may be, for transmission to the Sponsor, the Contractor, or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the sponsoring government agency (or the applicant, Sponsor, or Owner).

(B) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the Contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(1) The payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under 29 CFR § 5.5(a) (3) (ii), the appropriate information is being maintained under 29 CFR § 5.5 (a) (3) (i), and that such information is correct and complete;

(2) Each laborer and mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations 29 CFR Part 3;

(3) Each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(C) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph (3)(ii)(B) of this section.

(D) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the Contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under Section 1001 of Title 18 and Section 231 of Title 31 of the United States Code.

(iii) The Contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph (3)(i) of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the sponsor, the Sponsor, or the Department of Labor and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the Contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the Contractor, Sponsor, applicant, or Owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

4. *Apprentices and Trainees.*

(i) Apprentices. Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire workforce under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the Contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the Contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(ii) Trainees. Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated

with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination that provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate that is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the Contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(iii) Equal Employment Opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees, and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR Part 30.

5. Compliance with Copeland Act Requirements.

The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR Part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract.

6. Subcontracts.

The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in 29 CFR Part 5.5(a)(1) through (10) and such other clauses as the Sponsor may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower-tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower-tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR Part 5.5.

7. Contract Termination: Debarment.

A breach of the contract clauses in paragraphs 1 through 10 of this section may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

8. Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act Requirements.

All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR Parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

9. Disputes Concerning Labor Standards.

Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR Parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the Contractor (and any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

10. Certification of Eligibility.

- (i) By entering into this contract, the Contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the Contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).
- (ii) No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).
- (iii) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 USC 1001.

Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145)

Contractor. The Contractor must comply with the requirements of the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. § 874 and 40 U.S.C. § 3145) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulation 29 C.F.R. Part 3 *as may be applicable*, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

Contractor and subcontractors are prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed on the project to give up any part of the compensation to which the employee is entitled. The Contractor and each Subcontractor must submit to the Owner, a weekly statement on the wages paid to each employee performing on covered work during the prior week.

Subcontracts. The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may require and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower-tier subcontracts. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower-tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a Contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12."

Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708) (contracts in excess of \$100,000)

1. **Overtime requirements.** No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
2. **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.** In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.
3. **Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.** The Owner shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor

under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

4. **Subcontractors**. The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower-tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower-tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.”

Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

Patent and Rights in Data

CONTRACTS INVOLVING EXPERIMENTAL, DEVELOPMENTAL, OR RESEARCH WORK.

Rights in Data - The following requirements apply to each contract involving experimental, developmental or research work:

The term "subject data" used in this clause means recorded information, whether or not copyrighted, that is delivered or specified to be delivered under the contract. The term includes graphic or pictorial delineation in media such as drawings or photographs; text in specifications or related performance or design-type documents; machine forms such as punched cards, magnetic tape, or computer memory printouts; and information retained in computer memory. Examples include, but are not limited to computer software, engineering drawings, and associated lists, specifications, standards, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information. The term "subject data" does not include financial reports, cost analyses, and similar information incidental to contract administration.

The following restrictions apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of the contract to which this Attachment has been added:

Except for its own internal use, the Purchaser or Contractor may not publish or reproduce subject data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, nor may the Purchaser or Contractor authorize others to do so, without the written consent of the Federal Government, until such time as the Federal Government may have either released or approved the release of such data to the public; this restriction on publication, however, does not apply to any contract with an academic institution.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 18.34 and 49 C.F.R. § 19.36, the Federal Government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for "Federal Government purposes," any subject data or copyright described in subsections (2)(b)(i) and (2)(b)(ii) of this clause below. As used in the previous sentence, "for Federal Government purposes," means use only for the direct purposes of the Federal Government. Without the copyright owner's consent, the Federal Government may not extend its Federal license to any other party.

Any subject data developed under that contract, whether or not a copyright has been obtained; and

Any rights of copyright purchased by the Purchaser or Contractor using Federal assistance in whole or in part.

When federal assistance is awarded for experimental, developmental, or research work, it is the general intention to increase the knowledge available to the public rather than to restrict the benefits resulting from the work to participants in that work. Therefore, unless determined otherwise, the Purchaser and the Contractor performing experimental, developmental, or research work required by the underlying contract to which this Attachment is added agree to make available to the public, either the license in the copyright to any subject data developed in the course of that contract or a copy of the subject data first produced under the contract for which a copyright has not been obtained. If the experimental, developmental, or research work, which is the subject of the underlying contract, is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under that contract shall become subject data as defined in subsection (a) of this clause and shall be delivered as the Federal Government may direct. This subsection (c), however, does not apply to adaptations of automatic data processing equipment or programs for the Purchaser or Contractor's use whose costs are financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

Unless prohibited by state law, upon request by the Federal Government, the Purchaser and the Contractor agree to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Federal Government, its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, resulting from any willful or intentional violation by the Purchaser or Contractor of proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data furnished under that contract. Neither the Purchaser nor the Contractor shall be required to indemnify the Federal Government for any such liability arising out of the wrongful act of any employee, official, or agents of the Federal Government.

Nothing contained in this clause regarding rights in data shall imply a license to the Federal Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Federal Government under any patent.

Data developed by the Purchaser or Contractor and financed entirely without the use of Federal assistance that has been incorporated into work required by the underlying contract to which this Attachment has been added is exempt from the requirements of subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, provided that the Purchaser or Contractor identifies that data in writing at the time of delivery of the contract work.

Unless determined otherwise, the Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

Unless the Federal Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, irrespective of the Contractor's status (*i.e.*, a large business, small business, state government or state instrumentality, local government, nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, individual, etc.), the Purchaser and the Contractor agree to take the necessary actions to provide those rights in that invention due the Federal Government as described in U.S.

Department of Commerce regulations, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," 37 C.F.R. Part 401.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

Patent Rights - The following requirements apply to each contract involving experimental, developmental, or research work:

General - If any invention, improvement, or discovery is conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under the contract to which this Attachment has been added, and that invention, improvement, or discovery is patentable under the laws of the United States of America or any foreign country, the Purchaser and Contractor agree to take actions necessary to provide immediate notice and a detailed report to the party at a higher tier.

Unless the Federal Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, irrespective of the Contractor's status (a large business, small business, state government or state instrumentality, local government, nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, individual), the Purchaser and the Contractor agree to take the necessary actions to provide those rights in that invention due the Federal Government as described in U.S. Department of Commerce regulations, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," 37 C.F.R. Part 401.

The Contractor also agrees to include the requirements of this clause in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act

For all Contracts in excess of \$150,000, **vendor agrees to comply** with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Vendor also agrees to include these requirements in any subcontract exceeding \$150,000.

Vendor agrees to report each violation to Henderson County Public Schools and understands and agrees that Henderson County Public Schools will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office (EPA).

Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 2 C.F.R. Part. 3000. As such, the Contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

The Contractor is required to comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, Subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proper certifies that:

This certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by Henderson County Public Schools. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available by Henderson County Public Schools, the federal government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower-tier covered transactions.”

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)

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

The Contractor further certifies that:

No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid for on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

- (a) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying”, in accordance with its instructions.
- (b) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered sub-awards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor/Vendor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor/Vendor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statement, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature (Authorized Official)

Name/Title of Authorized Official

Date

Procurement of Recovered Materials

The contractor and subcontractor agree to comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247. In the performance of this contract and to the extent practicable, the Contractor and subcontractors are to use products containing the highest percentage of recovered materials for items designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under 40 CFR Part 247 whenever:

1. The contract requires procurement of \$10,000 or more of a designated item during the fiscal year; or
2. The contractor has procured \$10,000 or more of a designated item using Federal funding during the previous fiscal year.

Section 6002(c) establishes exceptions to the preferences for recovery EPA-Designed products if the contractor can demonstrate the item is:

- Not reasonably available within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- Fails to meet reasonable contract performance requirements; or
- Is only available at an unreasonable price.

Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designate items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment

Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

Procure or obtain;

Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or

Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained. See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information. See also § 200.471.

Domestic preferences for procurements

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).

The requirements of this section must be included in all sub awards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

For purposes of this section: (1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. (2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

Record Retention

Contractor certifies that it will comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 C.F.R. 200-333 for a period of three years after grantees or subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

Access to Records and Reports

The Contractor agrees to provide Henderson County Public Schools, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Vendor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

The Contractor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, Henderson County Public Schools and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

Changes

Any change in the contract cost, modification, change order, or constructive change must be allowable, allocable, within the scope of its funding, grant or cooperative agreement, and reasonable for the completion of project scope. All changes and/or amendments to the contract will be outlined in detail, formalized in writing, and signed by the authorized representative of each party. The contractor's failure to do so shall constitute a material breach of the contract.

Department of Homeland Security Seal, Logo, and Flags

The Contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without pre-approval by the specific federal agency.

Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders

Contractor acknowledges and agrees to comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

No Obligation by Federal Government

Henderson County Public Schools and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that , notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to Henderson County Public Schools, the Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with federal assistance. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this contract. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the Federally assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that

is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

Certification of Compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act

When federal funds are expended by Henderson County Public Schools for any contract resulting from this procurement process, the vendor certifies that the vendor will be in compliance with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).

Certification of Non-Collusion Statement

Vendor certifies under penalty of perjury that its response to this procurement solicitation is in all respects bona fide, fair, and made without collusion or fraud with any person, joint venture, partnership, corporation or other business or legal entity.

By “Execution” (see page 8) of this contract, vendor agrees to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances, as applicable. It is further acknowledged that vendor certifies compliance with all provisions, laws, acts, regulations, etc. as specifically noted above.