



Vermont Community Broadband Board

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**SEALED BID
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FIBER OPTICS ENGINEER**

ISSUE DATE	January 21, 2022
QUESTIONS DUE	January 28, 2022 – 4:30 PM (EST)
RFP RESPONSES DUE BY	February 4, 2022 – 4:30 PM (EST)

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL NOTIFICATIONS, RELEASES, AND ADDENDUMS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS RFP WILL BE POSTED AT:

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/jobs-and-contracts>

THE STATE WILL MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO CONTACT INTERESTED PARTIES WITH UPDATED INFORMATION. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH BIDDER TO PERIODICALLY CHECK THE ABOVE WEBPAGE FOR ANY AND ALL NOTIFICATIONS, RELEASES AND ADDENDUMS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS RFP.

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1. OVERVIEW:

- 1.1. **SCOPE AND BACKGROUND:** Through this Request for Proposal (RFP) the Vermont Community Broadband Board (hereinafter the "State") is seeking to establish contracts with one or more companies that can provide Fiber Optics Engineer Services.
- 1.2. **CONTRACT PERIOD:** Contracts arising from this RFP will be for a period of one year with an option to renew if services related to the matter are not completed in this time period. The State anticipates the start date for such contract(s) will be February 14th, 2022.
- 1.3. **SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT:** All communications concerning this RFP are to be addressed in writing to the State Contact listed on the front page of this RFP. Actual or attempted contact with any other individual from the State concerning this RFP is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification.
- 1.4. **BIDDERS' CONFERENCE:** A bidders' conference will not be held.
- 1.5. **QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD:** Any bidder requiring clarification of any section of this RFP or wishing to comment on any requirement of the RFP must submit specific questions in writing no later than the deadline for question indicated on the first page of this RFP. Questions may be e-mailed to the point of contact on the front page of this RFP. Questions or comments not raised in writing on or before the last day of the question period are thereafter waived. At the close of the question period a copy of all questions or comments and the State's responses will be posted online at <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/jobs-and-contracts>. Every effort will be made to post this information as soon as possible after the question period ends, contingent on the number and complexity of the questions.
- 1.6. **CHANGES TO THIS RFP:** Any modifications to this RFP will be made in writing by the State through the issuance of an Addendum to this RFP and posted online at <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/jobs-and-contracts>. Modifications from any other source are not to be considered.

2. DETAILED REQUIREMENTS/DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- 2.1. **PROJECT BACKGROUND:** Vermont Community Broadband Board ("Board") is the State Authority charged with expanding broadband service to unserved and underserved parts of the state. The Board is a public instrumentality, with a separate board, designated by statute or appointed by the Governor.

As provided by Sec. 2 § 8086 of Act No. 71 ("Act 71"), which became law on June 8, 2021, the purpose of the Broadband Construction Grant Program ("Program") is to provide grants to Eligible Providers ("Providers") for construction costs related to broadband projects providing service of at least 100/100 Mbps that are a part of a Universal Service Plan and meet other criteria as specified in Act 71 as well as those criteria established by the Vermont Community Broadband Board.

The Board has an immediate need for a Fiber Optics Engineer to review and evaluate grant applications and to assist applicants pursuing the phased approach plans outlined in the [ACT 71 Broadband Construction Grant Program RFP](#). The Fiber Optics Engineer shall also review the applications as a collective state-wide project and identify opportunities and gaps in the networks that could be filled to ensure redundancy and resiliency. Finally, the Fiber Optics Engineer shall be the go-to resource for all questions related to fiber optic design. This may include participating in conversations with utilities and private providers.

- 2.2. **PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:** The selected contractors should have the following preferred knowledge, skills, and abilities:
 - 2.2.1. Considerable knowledge of fiber optic industry including construction, installation and maintenance.
 - 2.2.2. Knowledge of civil engineering principles and practices used in the transportation field regarding utility construction along right-of way.
 - 2.2.3. Hands-on experience in the design and delivery of telecommunication products.
 - 2.2.4. Knowledge of fiber, aerial, and underground solutions.
 - 2.2.5. Ability to prioritize design safety, security, and quality as well as have effective time management skills.
- 2.3. **SCHEDULE:** This will be an on-call contract with the selected contractor(s), and a specific scope of services will be developed when services are needed. The selected contractor(s) must be able to provide services as needed with reasonable notice and must be able to complete assigned tasks on an agreed-upon work plan schedule in accordance with the terms and rate of the contract. The Board anticipates that the contract will be awarded for a term of up to one year, with a possibility of negotiating an extension.

2.4. **DEVELOPMENT OF DELIVERABLES:** General guidance and assistance will take place in the context of a general services consulting relationship between the Board and the selected contractor(s). The selected contractor(s) will be expected to respond to technical inquiries and assist with development of Board policy positions from time to time as the need arises and within a reasonable timeframe. The deliverable(s) will be prepared at the selected contractor(s)' office and sent electronically to the Board, with paper copies to follow if requested. One or more in-person meetings may be required to review the deliverables and/or to provide general guidance. Selected contractor(s) shall coordinate and collaborate in the development of the work plan and work schedule, work efforts, findings, conclusions, and policy positions with the Board's technical and legal staff.

2.5. **STATEMENT OF WORK:** The Board anticipates that the selected contractors hired in connection with this Request for Proposal ("RFP") will perform a detailed review and evaluate reports, drawings, and calculations of high-level and detailed designs submitted by the Communications Union Districts and offer expert advice to the Vermont Community Broadband Board and suggestions to applicants. This review and suggestions provided are designed to ensure the effective use of existing state assets and compliance with Outside Plant Design Standards set by the VCBB, among other goals established by Act 71.

2.5.1. The selected contractors will be expected to complete the following tasks:

- a. Conduct a preliminary review and evaluate reports, drawings, and calculations of between 6 and 12 grant applications and provide expert advice to the VCBB Governing Board.
- b. Examine plans individually and collectively to ensure that the resulting state-wide network follows good design practices, is resilient and redundant and provide an assessment of notable issues and/or concerns to the Board;
- c. Attendance at site visits and/or public hearings as needed and scheduled by the Board;
- d. Work with partners inside and outside the state government to identify collaboration opportunities and ensure all networks are built to meet current and future needs, including participating in remote meetings with the Agency of Transportation, Department of Public Safety, Agency of Education, Department of Libraries, Public Service Department, and other agencies;
- e. Coordination with electrical utilities, telephone providers, mobile wireless providers, and other private sector entities; and
- f. Provide additional support to Board staff as needed.

2.5.2. In the contract resulting from this RFP, the Board expects that such measures will consist of:

- a. Ability to logically analyze, evaluate, and resolve project problems and issues.
- b. Ability to communicate effectively and on a timely basis both orally and in writing.
- c. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Board staff, VCBB Governing Board, and other stakeholders.
- d. Capacity to convene and facilitate online and in-person meetings and troubleshoot technical issues.
- e. Timeliness related to the contractor(s)' submittal of review summaries and response to any Board requests for input on strategies or requests for further information.

Such performance measures would assume a reasonable amount of response time, considering holidays, advance notification of key personnel vacation, etc. Respondents are encouraged, but not required, to suggest reasonable performance measures in the response to this RFP, which the Board may, at its discretion, incorporate into a resulting contract. In the event the quality of work described above were to deteriorate in any way, a request would be made that the work be resubmitted immediately at no additional charge to the Board. If there were not an immediate improvement in the overall quality of work, the Contractor would no longer be retained by the Board.

2.5.3. Selected contractor(s) will submit an electronic copy of all reports, supporting documentation, and any other relevant materials. Selected contractor(s) shall maintain the confidentiality of information and documents as specified and directed by the Board. Reimbursement for services will be based upon the actual staff time spent, at the rate agreed upon, and upon other actual costs incurred based upon documentation acceptable to the Board, subject to the maximum amount indicated. All invoices submitted for payment must itemize expenses and tasks performed, listing dates, hours worked and the individual(s) performing tasks.

3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 3.1. **PRICING:** Bidders must price the terms of this solicitation at their best pricing. Any and all costs that Bidder wishes the State to consider must be submitted for consideration. If applicable, all equipment pricing is to include F.O.B. delivery to the ordering facility. No request for extra delivery cost will be honored. All equipment shall be delivered assembled, serviced, and ready for immediate use, unless otherwise requested by the State.
- 3.1.1. Prices and/or rates shall remain firm for the initial term of the contract. The pricing policy submitted by Bidder must (i) be clearly structured, accountable, and auditable and (ii) cover the full spectrum of materials and/or services required.
- 3.1.2. **Cooperative Agreements.** Bidders that have been awarded similar contracts through a competitive bidding process with another state and/or cooperative are welcome to submit the pricing in response to this solicitation.
- 3.1.3. **Retainage.** In the discretion of the State, a contract resulting from this RFP may provide that the State withhold a percentage of the total amount payable for some or all deliverables, such retainage to be payable upon satisfactory completion and State acceptance in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.
- 3.2. **STATEMENT OF RIGHTS:** The State shall have the authority to evaluate Responses and select the Bidder(s) as may be determined to be in the best interest of the State and consistent with the goals and performance requirements outlined in this RFP. The State of Vermont reserves the right to obtain clarification or additional information necessary to properly evaluate a proposal. Failure of bidder to respond to a request for additional information or clarification could result in rejection of that bidder's proposal. To secure a project that is deemed to be in the best interest of the State, the State reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, with or without cause, and to waive technicalities in submissions. The State also reserves the right to make purchases outside of the awarded contracts where it is deemed in the best interest of the State.
- 3.2.1. **Best and Final Offer (BAFO).** At any time after submission of Responses and prior to the final selection of Bidder(s) for Contract negotiation or execution, the State may invite Bidder(s) to provide a BAFO. The state reserves the right to request BAFOs from only those Bidders that meet the minimum qualification requirements and/or have not been eliminated from consideration during the evaluation process.
- 3.2.2. **Presentation.** An in-person or webinar presentation by the Bidder may be required by the State if it will help the State's evaluation process. The State will factor information presented during presentations into the evaluation. Bidders will be responsible for all costs associated with providing the presentation.
- 3.3. **WORKER CLASSIFICATION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:** In accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54), Bidders must comply with the following provisions and requirements.
- 3.3.1. Self Reporting: For bid amounts exceeding \$250,000.00, Bidder shall complete the appropriate section in the attached Certificate of Compliance for purposes of self-reporting information relating to past violations, convictions, suspensions, and any other information related to past performance relative to coding and classification of workers. The State is requiring information on any violations that occurred in the previous 12 months.
- 3.3.2. Subcontractor Reporting: For bid amounts exceeding \$250,000.00, Bidders are hereby notified that upon award of contract, and prior to contract execution, the State shall be provided with a list of all proposed subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors, together with the identity of those subcontractors' workers compensation insurance providers, and additional required or requested information, as applicable, in accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54). This requirement does not apply to subcontractors providing supplies only and no labor to the overall contract or project. This list MUST be updated and provided to the State as additional subcontractors are hired. A sample form is available online at <http://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing-contracting/forms>. The subcontractor reporting form is not required to be submitted with the bid response.
- 3.4. **EXECUTIVE ORDER 05-16: CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS IN STATE PROCUREMENTS:** For bid amounts exceeding \$25,000.00 Bidders are requested to complete the Climate Change Considerations in State Procurements Certification, which is included in the Certificate of Compliance for this RFP. After consideration of all relevant factors, a bidder that demonstrates business practices that promote clean energy and address climate change as identified in the Certification, shall be given favorable consideration in the competitive bidding process. Such favorable consideration shall be consistent with and not supersede any preference

given to resident bidders of the State and/or products raised or manufactured in the State, as explained in the Method of Award section. But such favorable consideration shall not be employed if prohibited by law or other relevant authority or agreement.

- 3.5. **METHOD OF AWARD:** Awards will be made in the best interest of the State. The State may award one or more contracts and reserves the right to make additional awards to other compliant bidders at any time if such award is deemed to be in the best interest of the State. All other considerations being equal, preference will be given first to resident bidders of the state and/or to products raised or manufactured in the state, and then to bidders who have practices that promote clean energy and address climate change, as identified in the applicable Certificate of Compliance.
- 3.5.1. **Evaluation Criteria.** Consideration shall be given to the Bidder's project approach and methodology, qualifications and experience, ability to provide the services within the defined timeline, cost, and/or success in completing similar projects, as applicable, including the following criteria and any other criteria the Board deems relevant:
- a. The proposal clearly indicates how the proposer will deliver timely, high-quality, compliant and cost-effective services to meet Board's needs.
 - b. Demonstrate experience and ability with the various types of engineering services that are outlined in the Scope of Services that may be requested by the Board.
 - c. Demonstrated innovation on projects and assignments similar to those types listed in the Scope of Services.
 - d. The proposal clearly demonstrates a sound approach which indicate positive business ethics, a focus on quality assurance and partnering, and clear lines of communication between the proposer and the Board.
 - e. The proposal clearly demonstrates that the proposer has the resources and capability to provide the required services in a timely and cost-effective manner.
 - f. The past performance evaluation will examine how the proposer's past and present performance indicates the likelihood of successful completion of work under this contract. In conducting the past performance assessment, the Board may use data obtained by references provided and any other source.
- 3.5.2. **Review by the Board:** Acceptance or rejection of any or all proposals will be determined by the exercise of the Board's sole discretion. All proposals are subject to an evaluation by the Board and/or non-departmental reviewers. The Board reserves the right (but in no way is obligated) to interview the top prospective candidates to aid in the selection process.
- 3.6. **CONTRACT NEGOTIATION:** Upon completion of the evaluation process, the State may select one or more bidders with which to negotiate a contract, based on the evaluation findings and other criteria deemed relevant for ensuring that the decision made is in the best interest of the State. In the event State is not successful in negotiating a contract with a selected bidder, the State reserves the option of negotiating with another bidder, or to end the proposal process entirely.
- 3.7. **COST OF PREPARATION:** Bidder shall be solely responsible for all expenses incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP and shall be responsible for all expenses associated with any presentations or demonstrations associated with this request and/or any proposals made.
- 3.8. **CONTRACT TERMS:** The selected bidder(s) will be expected to sign a contract with the State, including the Standard Contract Form, [Attachment C](#), and the Federal Terms Supplement (Non-Construction) as attached to this RFP for reference.
- 3.8.1. **Business Registration.** To be awarded a contract by the State of Vermont a bidder (except an individual doing business in his/her own name) must be registered with the Vermont Secretary of State's office <https://bizfilings.vermont.gov/online> and must obtain a Contractor's Business Account Number issued by the Vermont Department of Taxes <http://tax.vermont.gov/>.
- 3.8.2. The contract will obligate the bidder to provide the services and/or products identified in its bid, at the prices listed.
- 3.8.3. **Payment Terms.** Percentage discounts may be offered for prompt payments of invoices; however, such discounts must be in effect for a period of 30 days or more in order to be considered in making awards.
- 3.8.4. **Quality.** If applicable, all products provided under a contract with the State will be new and unused, unless otherwise stated. Factory seconds or remanufactured products will not be accepted unless

specifically requested by the purchasing agency. All products provided by the contractor must meet all federal, state, and local standards for quality and safety requirements. Products not meeting these standards will be deemed unacceptable and returned to the contractor for credit at no charge to the State.

4. CONTENT AND FORMAT OF RESPONSES:

4.1. The content and format requirements listed below are the minimum requirements for State evaluation and should include a Cover Letter and Technical Response. These requirements are not intended to limit the content of a Bidder's proposal. Bidders may include additional information or offer alternative solutions for the State's consideration. However, the State discourages overly lengthy and costly proposals, and Bidders are advised to include only such information in their response as may be relevant to the requirements of this RFP.

4.2. COVER LETTER:

4.2.1. Confidentiality. To the extent your bid contains information you consider to be proprietary and confidential, you must comply with the following requirements concerning the contents of your cover letter and the submission of a redacted copy of your bid (or affected portions thereof).

4.2.2. All responses to this RFP will become part of the contract file and will become a matter of public record under the State's Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. § 315 et seq. (the "Public Records Act"). If your response must include material that you consider to be proprietary and confidential under the Public Records Act, your cover letter must clearly identify each page or section of your response that you consider proprietary and confidential. Your cover letter must also include a written explanation **for each marked section** explaining why such material should be considered exempt from public disclosure in the event of a public records request, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c), including the prospective harm to the competitive position of the bidder if the identified material were to be released. Additionally, you must include a redacted copy of your response for portions that are considered proprietary and confidential. Redactions must be limited so that the reviewer may understand the nature of the information being withheld. It is typically inappropriate to redact entire pages, or to redact the titles/captions of tables and figures. Under no circumstances may your entire response be marked confidential, and the State reserves the right to disqualify responses so marked.

4.2.3. Exceptions to Contract Terms and Conditions. If a Bidder wishes to propose an exception to any terms and conditions set forth in the Standard Contract Form and its attachments, such exceptions must be included in the cover letter to the RFP response. Failure to note exceptions when responding to the RFP will be deemed to be acceptance of the State contract terms and conditions. If exceptions are not noted in the response to this RFP but raised during contract negotiations, the State reserves the right to cancel the negotiation if deemed to be in the best interests of the State. Note that exceptions to contract terms may cause rejection of the proposal.

4.3. **TECHNICAL RESPONSE**. In response to this RFP, a Bidder shall:

4.3.1. **Background**. Provide details concerning your form of business organization, company size and resources.

4.3.2. **Resumes or CV**. Include a brief description of the consultant(s) background, which includes history, certifications, and qualifications, including resume(s) or CV(s) with detailed qualifications and levels of competence of all services to be provided.

4.3.3. **Relevant Experience**. Describe your capabilities and particular experience relevant to the RFP requirements and identify all current or past State projects.

4.3.4. Identify the names of all subcontractors you intend to use, the portions of the work the subcontractors will perform, and address the background and experience of the subcontractor(s), as per RFP section 4.3.2 above.

4.4. **COST PROPOSAL**. A bidder shall submit a separate cost proposal consisting of:

4.4.1. A composite schedule by task of direct labor hours, direct labor cost per class of labor, overhead rate, and fee for the project. If the use of sub-consultants is proposed, a separate schedule must be provided for each.

4.5. **REFERENCES.** Provide the names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least three companies with whom you have transacted similar business in the last 12 months. You must include contact names who can talk knowledgeably about performance.

4.6. **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** Provide a sample of any reporting documentation that may be applicable to the Detailed Requirements of this RFP.

4.7. **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:** This form must be completed and submitted as part of the response for the proposal to be considered valid.

4.8. **OTHER SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

4.8.1. Evidence of an active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) which should be obtained through [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov), the System for Award Management.

4.8.2. A declaratory statement regarding the responding contractor(s)' past, current, and anticipated relationships, obligations and commitments with any entity engaged in developing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and/or monitoring any utility facilities in Vermont. If the contractor is involved in any way in any litigation, arbitration, mediation, or other dispute resolution process to which the State of Vermont is a party, please identify the matter (including docket number) and describe the involvement.

5. **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:**

5.1. **CLOSING DATE:** Bids must be received by the State by the due date specified on the front page of this RFP. Late bids will not be considered.

5.1.1. The State may, for cause, issue an addendum to change the date and/or time when bids are due. If a change is made, the State will inform all bidders by posting at the webpage indicated on the front page of this RFP.

5.1.2. There will not be a public bid opening. However, the State will record the name, city and state for any and all bids received by the due date. This information will be available upon request.

5.2. **BID DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:**

5.2.1. ELECTRONIC, E-MAIL BIDS: Only electronic, emailed bids will be accepted. Bids will be accepted via email submission to vcbb@vermont.gov. Bids must consist of a single email with a single, digitally searchable PDF attachment containing all components of the bid. Multiple emails and/or multiple attachments will not be accepted. There is an attachment size limit of 40 MB. It is the Bidder's responsibility to compress the PDF file containing its bid, if necessary, to meet this size limitation.

6. **BID SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:** All responses to this RFP must include the following information:

- ✓ Cover Letter
- ✓ Technical Response including contractor(s) background and experience
- ✓ Resumes or CVs
- ✓ References
- ✓ Signed Certificate of Compliance
- ✓ Evidence of an active, current registration in SAM.gov, the System for Award Management

7. **ATTACHMENTS:**

7.1. Certificate of Compliance

7.2. Worker Classification Compliance Requirement; Subcontractor Reporting Form

7.3. Attachment A – Statement of Work

7.4. Attachment B – Payment Provisions

7.5. Standard State Contract with its associated attachments, including but not limited to, [Attachment C: Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants](#).

7.6. Attachment D: [FEDERAL TERMS SUPPLEMENT \(non-Construction\)](#)

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

For a bid to be considered valid, this form must be completed in its entirety, executed by a duly authorized representative of the bidder, and submitted as part of the response to the proposal.

- A. **NON COLLUSION:** Bidder hereby certifies that the prices quoted have been arrived at without collusion and that no prior information concerning these prices has been received from or given to a competitive company. If there is sufficient evidence to warrant investigation of the bid/contract process by the Office of the Attorney General, bidder understands that this paragraph might be used as a basis for litigation.

- B. **CONTRACT TERMS:** Bidder hereby acknowledges that is has read, understands and agrees to the terms of this RFP, including Attachment C: Standard State Contract Provisions, and any other contract attachments included with this RFP.

- C. **FORM OF PAYMENT:** Does Bidder accept the Visa Purchasing Card as a form of payment?
 ____ Yes ____ No

- D. **WORKER CLASSIFICATION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT:** In accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54), the following provisions and requirements apply to Bidder when the amount of its bid exceeds \$250,000.00.

Self-Reporting. Bidder hereby self-reports the following information relating to past violations, convictions, suspensions, and any other information related to past performance relative to coding and classification of workers, that occurred in the previous 12 months.

Summary of Detailed Information	Date of Notification	Outcome

Subcontractor Reporting. Bidder hereby acknowledges and agrees that if it is a successful bidder, prior to execution of any contract resulting from this RFP, Bidder will provide to the State a list of all proposed subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors, together with the identity of those subcontractors' workers compensation insurance providers, and additional required or requested information, as applicable, in accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54), and Bidder will provide any update of such list to the State as additional subcontractors are hired. Bidder further acknowledges and agrees that the failure to submit subcontractor reporting in accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54) will constitute non-compliance and may result in cancellation of contract and/or restriction from bidding on future state contracts.

E. Executive Order 05 – 16: Climate Change Considerations in State Procurements Certification

Bidder certifies to the following (Bidder may attach any desired explanation or substantiation. Please also note that Bidder may be asked to provide documentation for any applicable claims):

1. Bidder owns, leases or utilizes, for business purposes, space that has received:

- Energy Star® Certification
- LEED®, Green Globes®, or Living Buildings ChallengeSM Certification
- Other internationally recognized building certification:

2. Bidder has received incentives or rebates from an Energy Efficiency Utility or Energy Efficiency Program in the last five years for energy efficient improvements made at bidder's place of business. Please explain:

3. Please Check all that apply:

- Bidder can claim on-site renewable power or anaerobic-digester power ("cow-power"). Or bidder consumes renewable electricity through voluntary purchase or offset, provided no such claimed power can be double-claimed by another party.
- Bidder uses renewable biomass or bio-fuel for the purposes of thermal (heat) energy at its place of business.
- Bidder's heating system has modern, high-efficiency units (boilers, furnaces, stoves, etc.), having reduced emissions of particulate matter and other air pollutants.
- Bidder tracks its energy consumption and harmful greenhouse gas emissions. What tool is used to do this? _____
- Bidder promotes the use of plug-in electric vehicles by providing electric vehicle charging, electric fleet vehicles, preferred parking, designated parking, purchase or lease incentives, etc..
- Bidder offers employees an option for a fossil fuel divestment retirement account.
- Bidder offers products or services that reduce waste, conserve water, or promote energy efficiency and conservation. Please explain:

4. Please list any additional practices that promote clean energy and take action to address climate change:

F. Acknowledge receipt of the following Addenda:

Addendum No.: _____ Dated: _____
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Bidder Name: _____ Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ Fax Number: _____

_____ Telephone: _____

_____ E-Mail: _____

By: _____ Name: _____
Signature of Bidder (or Representative) (Type or Print)

END OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

SUBCONTRACTOR REPORTING FORM

This form must be completed in its entirety and submitted prior to contract execution and updated as necessary and provided to the State as additional subcontractors are hired.

The Department of Buildings and General Services in accordance with Act 54, Section 32 of the Acts of 2009 and for total project costs exceeding \$250,000.00 requires bidders to comply with the following provisions and requirements.

Contractor is required to provide a list of subcontractors on the job along with lists of subcontractor's subcontractors and by whom those subcontractors are insured for workers' compensation purposes. Include additional pages if necessary. This is not a requirement for subcontractor's providing supplies only and no labor to the overall contract or project.

Subcontractor	Insured By		Subcontractor's Sub	Insured By

Date: _____

Name of Company: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Fax Number: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Failure to adhere to Act 54, Section 32 of the Acts of 2009 and submit Subcontractor Reporting: Worker Classification Compliance Requirement will constitute non-compliance and may result in cancellation of contract and/or forfeiture of future bidding privileges until resolved.

Send Completed Form to: Office of Purchasing & Contracting
 133 State Street, 5th Floor
 Montpelier, VT 05633-8000

STANDARD CONTRACT FOR SERVICES (Template)

1. **Parties.** This is a contract for services between the State of Vermont, _____ (hereinafter called "State"), and _____, with a principal place of business in _____, (hereinafter called "Contractor"). Contractor's form of business organization is _____. It is Contractor's responsibility to contact the Vermont Department of Taxes to determine if, by law, Contractor is required to have a Vermont Department of Taxes Business Account Number.
2. **Subject Matter.** The subject matter of this contract is services generally on the subject of _____. Detailed services to be provided by Contractor are described in Attachment A.
3. **Maximum Amount.** In consideration of the services to be performed by Contractor, the State agrees to pay Contractor, in accordance with the payment provisions specified in Attachment B, a sum not to exceed \$_____.00.
4. **Contract Term.** The period of Contractor's performance shall begin on _____, 20__ and end on _____, 20__.
5. **Prior Approvals.** This Contract shall not be binding unless and until all requisite prior approvals have been obtained in accordance with current State law, bulletins, and interpretations.
6. **Amendment.** No changes, modifications, or amendments in the terms and conditions of this contract shall be effective unless reduced to writing, numbered and signed by the duly authorized representative of the State and Contractor.
7. **Termination for Convenience.** This contract may be terminated by the State at any time by giving written notice at least thirty (30) days in advance. In such event, Contractor shall be paid under the terms of this contract for all services provided to and accepted by the State prior to the effective date of termination.
8. **Attachments.** This contract consists of ___ pages including the following attachments which are incorporated herein:
 - Attachment A - Statement of Work
 - Attachment B - Payment Provisions
 - Attachment C – "Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants" a preprinted form (revision date 12/15/2017)
 - Attachment D - Other ProvisionsAdditional attachments may be lettered as necessary
9. **Order of Precedence.** Any ambiguity, conflict or inconsistency between the documents comprising this contract shall be resolved according to the following order of precedence:
 - (1) Standard Contract
 - (2) Attachment D
 - (3) Attachment C (Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants)
 - (4) Attachment A
 - (5) Attachment B
 - (6) List other attachments, if any, in order of precedence

WE THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS CONTRACT

By the State of Vermont:

By the Contractor:

Date: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

ATTACHMENT A – STATEMENT OF WORK

The Contractor shall: _____

DELETE THESE INSTRUCTIONS All State contracts must describe the work to be performed in clear, concise and complete statements. Attachment A of the Standard State Contract should be used to detail the work to be performed or products to be delivered by the contractor. A well written description will include the schedule for performance, identification of project deliverables, deliverable milestones, and standards by which the contractor’s performance will be measured. This description of the work may also be referred to as the Statement of Work, Specifications of Work, or Subject Matter. Please refer to Appendix II for further guidance. The deliverables and milestones should be used to inform the payment terms in Attachment B. Attaching RFPs and RFP responses to contracts is not permitted. RFP responses can be long and complicated and may include both unnecessary information and introduce internally inconsistent terms within the contract.

The level of required contract compliance monitoring, if applicable, should be based on the assessment of the risk for delay or failure to deliver the services. In assessing the risk, agencies should consider factors such as: amount of funds involved; contract duration; contract complexity; history of the Contractor with State government; amount of subcontracting involved; and other relevant issues. Whether or not liquidated damages, service credits and/or retainage are part of the contract, the document should include a section that describes specifically how the Agency will monitor the contract for compliance.

Types of compliance monitoring processes and steps may include: (i) periodic contractor reports; (ii) invoice reviews; (iii) on-site visits; (iv) scheduled meetings; (v) audits; (vi) independent performance reviews; (vii) surveys of users/clients; and (viii) post-contract audit or review. This section may also describe a process for identification, discussion, and resolution of disputes between the Contractor and the State, both during the contract duration and after expiration.

NOTE: Additional guidance for drafting Attachment A is provided in Bulletin 3.5, Appendix II

ATTACHMENT B – PAYMENT PROVISIONS

The maximum dollar amount payable under this contract is not intended as any form of a guaranteed amount. The Contractor will be paid for products or services actually delivered or performed, as specified in Attachment A, up to the maximum allowable amount specified on page 1 of this contract.

1. Prior to commencement of work and release of any payments, Contractor shall submit to the State:
 - a. a certificate of insurance consistent with the requirements set forth in Attachment C, Section 8 (Insurance), and with any additional requirements for insurance as may be set forth elsewhere in this contract; and
 - b. a current IRS Form W-9 (signed within the last six months).
2. Payment terms are **Net 30** days from the date the State receives an error-free invoice with all necessary and complete supporting documentation.
3. Contractor shall submit detailed invoices itemizing all work performed during the invoice period, including the dates of service, rates of pay, hours of work performed, and any other information and/or documentation appropriate and sufficient to substantiate the amount invoiced for payment by the State. All invoices must include the Contract # for this contract.
4. Contractor shall submit invoices to the State in accordance with the schedule set forth in this Attachment B. Unless a more particular schedule is provided herein, invoices shall be submitted not more frequently than monthly.
5. Invoices shall be submitted to the State at the following address: _____
6. The payment schedule for delivered products, or rates for services performed, and any additional reimbursements, are as follows: _____

DELETE THESE INSTRUCTIONS The above language up through section 5 is standard and should be included in all services contracts. Section 6 is merely a prompt for completion of the particular payment terms necessary to the contract, such as the schedule and/or rates of pay. Sample language is provided below, if helpful, but there is no required format.

TIME/MATERIALS: If payment will be based upon time and materials, specify the frequency of invoicing and the rate of payment. For example:

Contractor shall be paid \$50.00 per hour for work performed under this Contract, and shall submit invoices to the State not more frequently than monthly.

FIXED PRICE/DELIVERABLES: If payments are fixed price, specify an invoice schedule that corresponds to completion of the deliverables or phases of work described in Attachment A. For example:

Contractor shall submit invoices to the State in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Deliverable</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>
Phase 1 completed by May 1, 2015	\$5,000.00
Phase 2 completed by July 1, 2015	\$5,000.00
Submit Final Report by August 31, 2015	\$8,000.00

NOTE: Additional guidance for drafting Attachment B is provided in Bulletin 3.5, Section IX.A.5 and Appendix III

**ATTACHMENT C: STANDARD STATE PROVISIONS
FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS
REVISED DECEMBER 15, 2017**

“Attachment C: Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants” (revision version dated December 15, 2017) constitutes part of this Agreement and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein and shall apply to the purchase of all goods and/or services by the State under this Agreement. A copy of this document is available online at: <https://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing-contracting/forms>.

Attachment D: STATE OF VERMONT- FEDERAL TERMS SUPPLEMENT (Non-Construction)
for all Contracts and Purchases
of Products and Services Connected with 2020 Pandemic

BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more certify that 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 shall 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 recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency

PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS

In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated Items unless the products cannot be acquired-

1. Competitively within a time frame providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
2. Meeting contract performance requirements; or
3. At a reasonable price

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

The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

1. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
2. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the State of Vermont and understands and agrees that the State of Vermont will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
3. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.
4. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
5. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the State of Vermont and understands and agrees that the State of Vermont will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
6. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA. a. Standard. Non-Federal entities and contractors are subject to the debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, *Debarment and Suspension* (1986) and Executive Order 12689, *Debarment and Suspension* (1989) at 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and the Department of Homeland Security's regulations at 2 C.F.R. Part 3000 (Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension).

CONTRACTOR BREACH, ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

1. Any breach of the terms of this contract, or material errors and omissions in the work product of the contractor must be corrected by the contractor at no cost to the State, and a contractor may be liable for the State's costs and other damages resulting from errors or deficiencies in its performance.

2. Neither the States' review, approval or acceptance of nor payment for, the services required under this contract shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this contract or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this contract.
3. The rights and remedies of the State provided for under this contract are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or elsewhere in the contract.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

1. General

- a. Any termination for convenience shall be effected by delivery to the Contractor an Order of Termination specifying the termination is for the convenience of the Agency, the extent to which performance of work under the Contract is terminated, and the effective date of the termination.
- b. In the event such termination occurs, without fault and for reasons beyond the control of the Contractor, all completed or partially completed items of work as of the date of termination will be paid for in accordance with the contract payment terms.
- c. No compensation will be allowed for items eliminated from the Contract.
- d. Termination of the Contract, or portion thereof, shall not relieve the Contractor of its contractual responsibilities for work completed and shall not relieve the Contractor's Surety of its obligation for and concerning any just claim arising out of the work performed.

2. Contractor Obligations

After receipt of the Notice of Termination and except as otherwise directed by the State, the Contractor shall immediately proceed to:

- a. To the extent specified in the Notice of Termination, stop work under the Contract on the date specified.
- b. Place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, and/or facilities except as may be necessary for completion of such portion(s) of the work under the Contract as is (are) not terminated.
- c. Terminate and cancel any orders or subcontracts for related to the services, except as may be necessary for completion of such portion(s) of the work under the Contract as is (are) not terminated.
- d. Transfer to the State all completed or partially completed plans, drawings, information, and other property which, if the Contract had been completed, would be required to be furnished to the State.
- e. Take other action as may be necessary or as directed by the State for the protection and preservation of the property related to the contract which is in the possession of the contractor and in which the State has or may acquire any interest.
- f. Make available to the State all cost and other records relevant to a determination of an equitable settlement.

3. Claim by Contractor

After receipt of the Notice of Termination from the state, the Contractor shall submit any claim for additional costs not covered herein or elsewhere in the Contract within 60 days of the effective termination date, and not thereafter. Should the Contractor fail to submit a claim within the 60-day period, the State may, at its sole discretion, based on information available to it, determine what, if any, compensation is due the Contractor and pay the Contractor the determined amount.

4. Negotiation

Negotiation to settle a timely claim shall be for the sole purpose of reaching a settlement equitable to both the Contractor and the State. Settlement shall be based on actual costs incurred by the Contractor, as reflected by the contract rates. Consequential damages, loss of overhead, loss of overhead contribution of any kind, and/or loss of anticipated profits on work not performed shall not be included in the Contractor's claim and will not be considered, allowed, or included as part of any settlement.