

EXHIBIT K. NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

I, _____, of legal age, of marital status (married/single), and a resident of _____, have been designated as the authorized representative of _____ (“the Bidder”) for this procurement process (Bid: Number Pending) (“Procurement Process”).

In such regard, I hereby certify that:

NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

1. No public official or employee of the Procuring Entity possesses any financial interest with any Bidder participating in this Procurement Process, and that, likewise, has had no direct or indirect financial interest with these for the past four (4) years.
2. No public official or employee of the Procuring Entity has solicited or accepted, directly or indirectly, by means of any person or entity with interest in this Procurement Process, including the Bidder, any goods of any value -including, gifts, gratuities, contributions, services, donations, loans, and/or any other item of monetary value- for themselves and/or for any member of their immediate family, and/or relatives, and/or for any person, as a form of compensation for performing the duties and responsibilities of their position in connection with this Procurement Process.
3. No public official or employee of the Procuring Entity has solicited or accepted, directly or indirectly, by means of any person or entity with interest in this Procurement Process, including the Bidder, any goods of any value -including, gifts, gratuities, contributions, services, donations, loans, and/or any other item of monetary value- for themselves and/or for any member of their immediate family, and/or relatives, and/or for any person, in exchange for their actions being an influence in the end result of this Procurement Process.
4. I do not have a kindred relationship within the fourth (4th) degree of consanguinity and/or second (2nd) degree of affinity with public official or employee of the Procuring Entity that participates or influences -or has the capacity to do so- in the institutional decisions of the Procuring Entity.

NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION ON EXISTING OR PENDING CONTRACTS

1. There are no relevant facts or circumstances that could give rise to an organizational or personal conflict of interest for the Bidder or its staff with respect to the Procurement Process with the Procuring Entity. Nonetheless, the Bidder recognizes that situations may arise that may appear to be, or are, conflicts -or potential conflicts- of interest. The term “potential conflict” means reasonably foreseeable conflict of interest.

2. The Bidder will disclose to the Procuring Entity any relevant information of an apparent, potential, or actual conflict of interest that may appear to exist regardless of their opinion that such information would not impair their objectivity.
3. As per 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c)(1), a conflict of interest would arise when “the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract”. Therefore, I understand that conflicts of interests may arise in, but not limited to, the following situations:
 - a) Unequal access to information. A potential contractor, subcontractor, employee, or consultant has access to non-public information through its performance on a government contract for disaster recovery services in Puerto Rico.
 - b) Biased ground rules. A potential contractor, subcontractor, employee, or consultant has worked with a government contract or program with the basic structure or ground rules of another government contract for disaster recovery services in Puerto Rico.
 - c) Impaired objectivity. A potential contractor, subcontractor, employee, or consultant, or member of their immediate family (spouse, parent, or child) has financial interests, or others, that would impair, or give the appearance of impairing, impartial judgment in the evaluation of government programs in offering advice or recommendations to the government, or in providing technical assistance or other services to recipients of Federal funds as part of its contractual responsibility.
4. In the case in which the Bidder discloses to the Procuring Entity an apparent, potential, or actual conflict of interest, the Procuring Entity will take the appropriate measures to address the disclosure by taking the following actions, which include but are not limited to, eliminating, mitigating or neutralizing the apparent, potential or actual conflict, when appropriate, through such means as ensuring a balance of views, disclosure with the appropriate disclaimers, or by restricting or modifying the work to be performed to avoid or reduce the apparent, potential, or actual conflict.
5. If an apparent, potential, or actual conflict of interest is discovered by the Bidder after the Procurement Process concludes, it will make a full disclosure in writing to the contracting officer. This disclosure shall include a description of actions that the Bidder has taken or proposes to take to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the apparent, potential, or actual conflict of interest.
6. The Bidder has no present or currently planned interests (financial, contractual, organizational, or otherwise) relating to the contract or task order that may result from this Procurement Process that would create any apparent, actual, or potential conflict of interest (including conflicts of interest for immediate family members:

spouses, parents, children) that would impinge on its ability to render impartial, technically sound, and objective assistance or advice or result in it being given an unfair competitive advantage.

7. The Bidder has exercised, and will continue to exercise, due diligence in avoiding, identifying, removing, or mitigating any apparent, potential, or actual conflicts of interests to the Procuring Entity's satisfaction.

The Procuring Entity is highly committed to management excellence and promotes the effective use of the government resources to benefit the people of Puerto Rico. Thus, the Procuring Entity will support and comply with the provisions of Act 2-2018, known as the Anti-Corruption Code for the New Puerto Rico, as amended, including Title III, Code of Ethics for Contractors, Suppliers and Applicants for Economic Incentives of the Government of Puerto Rico and recognize that this is an essential requirement in order to execute transactions or to set up agreements with the Procuring Entity.

In light of the above, I, the Bidder's Authorized Representative, also certify that:

Signature of Bidder's Authorized Representative

Date

Bidder's Printed Name and Entity Represented