



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR)

AGREEMENT FOR
INCREASE CAPACITY HOMEOWNER REPAIR, RECONSTRUCTION OR RELOCATION
PROGRAM-CONSTRUCTION MANAGER SERVICES
BETWEEN THE
PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND
XPRT'S LLC



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This **AGREEMENT FOR INCREASE CAPACITY HOMEOWNER REPAIR, RECONSTRUCTION, OR RELOCATION PROGRAM-CONSTRUCTION MANAGER SERVICES** (hereinafter, "**Agreement**" or "**Contract**") is entered into in San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 16 of November, 2022, by and between the **PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING** (hereinafter, the "**PRDOH**"), a public agency created under Law No. 97 of June 10, 1972, as amended, 3 L.P.R.A. § 441 et seq., known as the "**Department of Housing Organic Act**" (hereinafter, "**Organic Act**"), with principal offices at 606 Barbosa Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico, herein represented by Hon. William O. Rodríguez Rodríguez, of legal age, single, attorney, and resident of San Juan, Puerto Rico, in his capacity as Secretary; and **XPRT'S LLC** (hereinafter, "**CONTRACTOR**"), with principal offices in MAI Center Suite # 213, 771 Road # 1 Marginal, Kennedy Ave. San Juan, Puerto Rico, herein represented by Alberto J. González De Jesús, in his capacity as President, of legal age, married, and resident of San Juan, Puerto Rico, duly authorized by Resolution by the CONTRACTOR.

WHEREAS, on September 2017, Hurricanes Irma and María made landfall in Puerto Rico causing catastrophic island wide damage, knocking out power, water, and telecommunications for the entire island and its island municipalities. Hurricane María caused major structure and infrastructure damage to family homes, businesses and government facilities triggering the displacement of thousands of residents of the Island from their homes and jobs.

WHEREAS, under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017, signed into law on September 8, 2017 (Pub. L. 115-56), \$1.5 billion were allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("**HUD**") for disaster recovery assistance to the Government of Puerto Rico under the CDBG-DR. These funds are intended to provide financial assistance to address unmet needs that arise and that are not covered by other sources of financial aid.

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2018, a Notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 83, No. 28 (83 FR 5844), that allocated \$1.5 billion for disaster recovery assistance to the Government of Puerto Rico.

WHEREAS, under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, signed into law on February 9, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), an additional \$8.22 billion was allocated by HUD for disaster recovery assistance to the Government of Puerto Rico under CDBG-DR.

WHEREAS, pursuant to a letter dated February 23, 2018, sent by the former Governor of Puerto Rico to the Secretary of HUD, the PRDOH is the governmental agency designated as grantee of the CDBG-DR funds allocated to the Government of Puerto Rico.

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2018, a Notice was published in the Federal Register Vol. 83, No. 157, (83 FR 40314) that made an additional allocation to Puerto Rico of \$8.22 billion for recovery. With these allocations of funding, the PRDOH aims to lead a transparent, comprehensive recovery to benefit the residents of Puerto Rico. PRDOH holds

accountability and is committed to the responsible, efficient, and transparent administration of CDBG-DR grant funding.

WHEREAS, On September 20, 2018, the Governor of Puerto Rico and the Secretary of HUD signed the Grant Agreement.

WHEREAS, the PRDOH is interested in contracting designers and contractors firms to provide Construction Manager services for the Homeowner Repair, Reconstruction, or Relocation ("R3") Program. This firm will support PRDOH's objectives of ensuring compliance with all CDBG-DR, HUD and applicable federal and local requirements, rules and regulations, as well as in PRDOH's objectives of the Action Plan, as amended, and adequately coordinating and monitoring all CDBG-DR related activities.

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2022, the PRDOH issued the Request for Proposals No. CDBG-DR-RFP-2022-01 (hereinafter, "**RFP**") for Increase Capacity Homeowner Repair, Reconstruction or Relocation Program-Construction Manager Services with CDBG-DR funds. This request was placed through the "Registro Único de Subastas del Gobierno" ("**RUS**") and the CDBG-DR Program website. Through this procurement process, the PRDOH received eight (8) proposals. The proposals were evaluated by an Evaluation Committee appointed pursuant to Administrative Order No. 22-09 dated March 17, 2022 (AO-22-09). The Evaluation Committee performed an evaluation of the Proposals based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2022, the CONTRACTOR submitted a proposal (hereinafter, "**Proposal**"), which fully complied with the requirements set forth by the PRDOH in the RFP.

WHEREAS, the PRDOH desires to enter into an Agreement with Xpert's LLC to secure its services and accepts the CONTRACTOR's proposal and reasonable costs; and the CONTRACTOR by its acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement is ready, willing and able to provide the requested services contemplated under this Agreement.

WHEREAS, the PRDOH has the legal power and authority, in accordance with its enabling statute, the Organic Act, the Federal laws, and regulations creating and allocating funds to the CDBG-DR/MIT Programs, and the current Action Plans, to enter into this Agreement.

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR has duly adopted a Resolution dated August 4, 2022, authorizing its Authorized Representative, Alberto J. González De Jesús, to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and the terms and conditions set forth herein, the PRDOH and the CONTRACTOR agree as follows:

I. TYPE OF CONTRACT

Contract Type: This is a fixed fee and unit price contract. Under this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall submit monthly invoices to the PRDOH based on **Attachment C** (Cost Form) and as the services are rendered. Any and all changes and/or modifications to this Agreement shall be in writing and must be signed by both parties.

Attachments Incorporated: The following attachments are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and are hereby made part of this Agreement:

Attachment A Contractor's Proposal

Attachment B	Scope of Work
Attachment C	Cost Form
Attachment D	Insurance Requirements
Attachment E	HUD General Provisions
Attachment F	Contract Certification Requirement
Attachment G	Labor Project Agreement
Attachment H	HUD Form 4010 (English and Spanish version)
Attachment I	SAM Wage Determination
Attachment J	Performance Requirements
Attachment K	Non-Conflict of Interest Certification

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All Attachments hereto are fully incorporated herewith such that the terms and conditions of the Attachments shall be as binding as any terms and conditions of this executed written Agreement. Should any inconsistency appear between the Attachments and this Agreement, the Agreement shall prevail.

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II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement shall be in effect and enforceable between the parties from the date of its execution. The Term of this Agreement will be for a performance period of **thirty-six (36) months**, ending on November, 15, 2025.
- B. **Contract Extensions:** The term of the Agreement will be **thirty-six (36) months** with the option of an annual extension of up to **two (2) years**. The PRDOH may, at its sole discretion, extend the Agreement's term upon mutual written agreement of the parties.
- C. The term of this Agreement shall not exceed the lifetime of the initial Grant Agreement between PRDOH and HUD, unless the term of the initial Grant Agreement is extended by HUD, in which case the Agreement shall not exceed said extended period.

III. SCOPE OF WORK

The CONTRACTOR will provide the services described in **Attachment B** (Scope of Work) of the Agreement. The parties agree that the CONTRACTOR shall furnish all permits, consents, licenses, equipment, software, and supplies necessary to perform the Services, at the CONTRACTOR's sole cost.

IV. COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

- A. The PRDOH agrees to pay the CONTRACTOR for allowable Services rendered under this Agreement in accordance with the rates and amounts described in **Attachment C** (Cost Form) of this Agreement.
- B. The PRDOH will pay the CONTRACTOR, for allowable services performed during the term of this Agreement, a maximum amount not to exceed **THIRTY-NINE MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$39,285,714.30)**; from Account Number r02h07rrr-doh-lm 6090-01-000.
- C. Such payment shall be compensation for all allowable services required, performed and accepted under this Agreement included in **Attachment B** (Scope of Work) and **Attachment J** (Performance Requirements).

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- D. Any additional funds to complete the services requested by the PRDOH to the CONTRACTOR will be subject to evaluation before acceptance as well as funds availability and will require an amendment to this Agreement.
 - E. The CONTRACTOR shall submit an invoice to PRDOH on a monthly basis. Said invoice must be submitted including all required invoice supporting documents, including but not limited to monthly reports, timesheets, invoice and photos evidence, expense plan and/or work projections. If PRDOH determines that the submitted invoice and supporting documents are acceptable, then the invoice will be approved for payment.
 - F. The services rendered under the Agreement, shall be payable within forty-five (45) business days from the date the invoice is received and approved by a PRDOH representative for payment. If PRDOH raises any objections, PRDOH will return the invoice for corrections and the CONTRACTOR shall modify the invoice and return it within five (5) business days. Once the CONTRACTOR returns the modified invoice, the PRDOH shall resume and conclude the payment process within the next forty-five (45) business days.
 - G. An authorized representative of the PRDOH will review each invoice and, if adequate, will approve and process its payment. Payments to the CONTRACTOR shall be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT). PRDOH reserves the right to conduct any audits it deems necessary. The CONTRACTOR agrees to cooperate fully with any such audit or audits.
 - H. While providing the services under this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR must adhere to applicable requirements of the CDBG-DR grant. If the CONTRACTOR performs ineligible activities under the CDBG-DR grant or program, the CONTRACTOR cannot include them in the invoice for payment to the CONTRACTOR.
 - I. CONTRACTOR shall be liable to the PRDOH for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and/or compliance audit(s) of funds received under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall reimburse such disallowed costs from funds other than those CONTRACTOR received under this Agreement.
 - J. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees to repay any CDBG-DR funds used for ineligible costs.
 - K. Extended overhead costs is an Ineligible cost under this Agreement and shall not be reimbursable.
 - L. In order for the CONTRACTOR to receive payment for any work performed hereunder, the following certification must be included in each application for payment or invoice submitted to the PRDOH for payment:

"Under penalty of absolute nullity, I hereby certify that no public servant of the government entity is a party to or has an interest of any kind in the profits or benefits to be obtained under the contract which is the basis of this invoice, and should he be a party to, or have an interest in, the profits or benefits to be obtained under the contract, a waiver has been previously issued. The only consideration to provide the contracted goods or services under the contract is the payment agreed upon with the authorized representative of the

government entity. The amount that appears in the invoice is fair and correct. The work has been performed, the goods have been delivered, and the services have been rendered, and no payment has been received therefor."

V. REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

The PRDOH will not reimburse any costs incurred by the CONTRACTOR not included in the approved Proposal or an executed written amendment.

VI. ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Should additional services be needed by the PRDOH, such additional services shall be agreed upon by the parties in a written document signed by both parties, prior to the issuance of a notice to proceed with the performance of such additional services.

VII. OWNERSHIP AND USE OF DOCUMENTS

- A.** With the exception of the CONTRACTOR's working papers, the CONTRACTOR acknowledges the PRDOH's ownership of all information, drafts, documents, reports, papers, and other materials developed and prepared by the CONTRACTOR, its agents or representatives, for purposes of performing key obligations hereunder. In the event of any termination, the CONTRACTOR shall deliver such information, drafts, reports, papers and other materials to the PRDOH, in document form or as computer program data, and the CONTRACTOR recognizes the PRDOH's right to request such documentation or computer program data. If the CONTRACTOR fails to deliver said information, the PRDOH may seek a judicial order to enforce its rights.
- B.** Proof of expenditures incurred by the CONTRACTOR on behalf of PRDOH shall be made available to PRDOH. The CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain accurate records and files of all contract documents, correspondence, book estimates, bills, and other information related to the CONTRACTOR account. These documents shall be open for the PRDOH examination at all reasonable times during the term of this Agreement, and up to **five (5) years** from the closeout of the grant to the state, or the period required by other local applicable laws and regulations.

VIII. DOCUMENTATION AND RECORDKEEPING

- A. Records to be Maintained:** The CONTRACTOR shall maintain records of the state and units of general local government, including supporting documentation, which shall be retained for the greater of **five (5) years** from closeout of the grant to the state, or the period required by other local applicable laws and regulations. Such records include but are not limited to: Records providing a full description of each activity undertaken; Records demonstrating that each activity undertaken meets one of the National Objectives of the CDBG-DR program; Records required to determine the eligibility of activities; Records required to document the acquisition, improvement, use or disposition of real property acquired or improved with CDBG-DR assistance; Records documenting compliance with the fair housing and equal opportunity requirements of the CDBG-DR program regulations; Financial records as required by 24 C.F.R. § 570.506, and 2 C.F.R. part 200, including records necessary to demonstrate compliance with all applicable procurement requirements; and other records necessary to document compliance with this agreement, any other applicable Federal statutes and regulations, and the terms and conditions of PRDOH's Federal award.

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- B. Access to Records:** The CONTRACTOR shall permit the PRDOH and auditors to have access to the CONTRACTOR's records and financial statements as necessary for the PRDOH to meet its audit requirements under the Federal award.
- C. Record Retention and Transmission of Records to the PRDOH:** Prior to close out of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR must transmit to the PRDOH records sufficient for the PRDOH to demonstrate that all costs under this Agreement met the requirements of the Federal award.
- D. CONTRACTOR's Data and Privileged Information:** The CONTRACTOR is required to maintain confidential data demonstrating client eligibility for activities provided under this Agreement. Such data may include, but not be limited to, client name, address, income level or other basis for determining eligibility, and description of activities provided.
- E. PII Policy:** The CONTRACTOR must comply with the PRDOH CDBG-DR Personal Identifiable Information Policy, as found in the CDBG-DR Website (www.cdbg-dr.pr.gov), which is herein included and made integral part of this Agreement, as it may be updated from time to time.

IX. ACCESS TO RECORDS

- A.** The CONTRACTOR agrees to provide the Government of Puerto Rico, PRDOH, HUD's Secretary, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representative's access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the CONTRACTOR which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- B.** 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.

X. NON-DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- A. Confidential Information; Definition:** The term Confidential Information as used throughout this Section, means any information concerning PRDOH operations and that of its CONTRACTOR (e.g., the projects, computer processing systems, object and source codes and other PRDOH business and financial affairs). The term Confidential Information shall also deem to include all notes, analysis, compilation, studies and interpretation or other documents prepared by CONTRACTOR, its agents or representatives, in connection with PRDOH operations.
- B. Non-Disclosure:** CONTRACTOR agrees to take all reasonable steps or measures to keep confidential all Confidential Information and will not, at any time, present or future, without PRDOH express written authorization, signed by the Secretary of the PRDOH, use or sell, market or disclose any Confidential Information to any third party, contractor, corporation, or association for any purpose whatsoever. CONTRACTOR further agrees that, except as they relate to the normal course of the service, the CONTRACTOR will not make copies of the Confidential Information except upon PRDOH express written authorization, signed by an authorized representative of PRDOH, and will not remove any copy or sample of Confidential Information without prior written authorization from PRDOH. CONTRACTOR retains the right to control its work papers subject to these confidentiality provisions.

- C. Return Documents:** Upon receipt of written request from the PRDOH, CONTRACTOR will return to PRDOH all copies or samples of Confidential Information which, at the time of the notice are in CONTRACTOR's or its agent's possession. CONTRACTOR reserves the right to retain a set of its work papers.
- D. Equitable Relief:** The CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that a breach of the provision of subparagraph B and C of this Section will cause PRDOH to suffer irreparable damage that could not be remedied or compensated adequately only by mere monetary retribution. The CONTRACTOR further agrees that money damages may not be a sufficient remedy for any breach of this Section. Accordingly, the CONTRACTOR agrees that PRDOH shall have the right to seek injunctive relief and the specific performance of the provisions of this Section to enjoin a breach or attempted breach of the provision hereof, such right being in addition to any and all other rights and remedies that are available to PRDOH by law, equity, or otherwise.

XI. PERFORMANCE WARRANTY

- (a)** CONTRACTOR warrants that it will perform all work and provide all Deliverables under this Contract in a manner consistent with the degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing under similar circumstances.
- (b)** CONTRACTOR warrants that all Deliverables it completes under this Contract shall: meet or exceed the standards of CONTRACTOR's trade, profession, or industry; meet or exceed the specifications set forth in the Attachments to this Agreement; and be fit for ordinary use, of good quality, and with no material defects.
- (c)** If CONTRACTOR submits Deliverables that do not meet specifications, fails to complete Deliverables timely, or fails to perform its obligation under this Contract, PRDOH may require CONTRACTOR, at its sole expense, to:
1. repair or replace Deliverables that do not meet specifications;
 2. refund payment for Deliverables that do not meet specifications and accept the return of such Deliverables;
 3. pay liquidated damages for any past due Deliverable; and
 4. take necessary action to ensure that future performance and Deliverables meet specifications and conform to the Contract.

XII. TERMINATION

- A. Termination for Cause or Default:** The PRDOH may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, because of CONTRACTOR's failure to fulfill any of its obligations. The PRDOH shall terminate this Agreement by delivering to the CONTRACTOR a **thirty (30) calendar day** notice of termination specifying the extent to which the performance of the service under this Agreement is terminated, the reason therefor and the effective date of termination. CONTRACTOR shall, upon written notice, be provided a **ten (10) calendar day** opportunity to cure the alleged defect that resulted in the perceived default. If the defect is not cured within that period of time, CONTRACTOR shall immediately discontinue all such services being terminated and deliver to the PRDOH all information, notes, drafts, documents, analysis, reports, compilations, studies and other materials accumulated or generated in performing the services contemplated in this Agreement, whether completed or in process. Notwithstanding the above, the CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of liability to the PRDOH for damage sustained to PRDOH CDBG-DR Program by virtue of any breach of the Agreement by the CONTRACTOR. The PRDOH may withhold any payments to the CONTRACTOR, for the purpose of off-set or partial payment, as the case may be, of amounts owed to the PRDOH by the CONTRACTOR. PRDOH shall make payment, in

accordance with the terms of this Agreement, of any amounts due to CONTRACTOR for allowable services rendered prior to the termination notice.

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- B. Termination for Convenience:** The PRDOH may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, whenever the PRDOH determines that such termination is necessary or convenient to the Agency. The PRDOH will terminate this Agreement by delivering to the CONTRACTOR a **thirty (30) calendar day** notice of termination specifying the extent to which the performance of the work under this Agreement is terminated, and the effective date of termination. Upon receipt of such notice, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately discontinue all services affected and deliver to the PRDOH all information, studies and other materials property of the PRDOH. In the event of a termination by Notice, the PRDOH shall be liable only for payment of services rendered up to and including the effective date of termination. PRDOH shall make payment, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, of any amounts due to CONTRACTOR for allowable services rendered prior to the termination notice.
- C. Termination by Unilateral Abandonment:** The PRDOH will consider this Agreement immediately terminated, in the event that the CONTRACTOR unilaterally and without prior notice, chooses to abandon (in any shape, form or fashion) cease and desist in the specific performance of its general and particular duties and responsibilities as agreed in this Agreement. Upon the knowledge of such event, the PRDOH will not be held liable and will immediately, automatically and retroactively deduct from any future reimbursement, all funds from the day such unilateral abandonment took place. The PRDOH will not be compelled to continue the performance of the Agreement, should the CONTRACTOR breach the Agreement by unilateral abandonment. For the purposes of this Section, Abandonment shall mean that CONTRACTOR voluntarily and intentionally disavows its contractual duties in a manner that is overt and without question a relinquishment of said contractual duties.
- D. Unilateral Termination:** The PRDOH may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, at PRDOH's sole discretion, with or without cause, at any time. The PRDOH will terminate this Agreement by delivering to the CONTRACTOR a **thirty (30) calendar day** notice of termination specifying the extent to which the performance of the work under this Agreement is terminated, and the effective date of termination. Upon receipt of such notice, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately discontinue all services affected and deliver to the PRDOH all information, studies and other materials property of the PRDOH. In the event of a termination by Notice, the PRDOH shall be liable only for payment of services rendered up to and including the effective date of termination.
- E. Suspension:** The PRDOH may suspend this Agreement in whole or in part at any time for the PRDOH's convenience. The PRDOH shall give the CONTRACTOR **five (5) business days'** written notice of such suspension. Upon receipt of said notice the CONTRACTOR shall immediately discontinue all Services affected.
- F. Immediate Termination:** In the event the CONTRACTOR is subjected to a criminal or civil action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or court of applicable jurisdiction, or any governmental agency, or the CONTRACTOR shall be subject to an order, judgment, or opinion, issued by any federal or local authority, a court of applicable jurisdiction, or any governmental agency, in connection with the execution, delivery, and performance by the CONTRACTOR of this Agreement or the CONTRACTOR of this Agreement has been noncompliant, breach, inaccuracy of any representation, warranties, covenants, or the certifications provided herein, whether the noncompliance, breach or inaccuracy takes place before or after the execution of

this Agreement, the PRDOH shall have the right to the immediate termination of this Agreement notwithstanding, any provisions to the contrary herein. This Section will apply in the event of any judgment that may obligate the PRDOH to terminate the Agreement pursuant to Act Number 2 of January 2, 2018, as amended, known as the Anti-Corruption Code for the New Puerto Rico.

G. Period of Transition: Upon termination of this Agreement, and for **ninety (90) consecutive calendar days** thereafter (the Transition Period), CONTRACTOR agrees to make himself available to assist the PRDOH with the transition of services assigned to CONTRACTOR by the PRDOH. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the PRDOH the assistance reasonably requested to facilitate the orderly transfer of responsibility for performance of the Services to the PRDOH or a third party designated by the PRDOH. PRDOH reserves the right to provide for the execution of a Transition Services Agreement for the Transition Period. In such instance, the CONTRACTOR will be paid at a reasonable, agreed upon, hourly rate for any work performed for the PRDOH during the Transition Period. Moreover, during that Transition Period, all finished or unfinished records (files, data, work product) connected with this Agreement will be turned over to PRDOH.

XIII. PENALTIES AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

A. Penalties

1. In the event the CONTRACTOR is determined to have engaged in any proscribed conduct or otherwise is in default as to any applicable term, condition, or requirement of this Agreement, at any time following the Effective Date of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR agrees that, PRDOH may impose sanctions against the CONTRACTOR for any default in accordance with **Attachments B** (Scope of Work) and **Attachment J** (Performance Requirements) and this Section. Refer to all required provisions set forth at 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and 24 C.F.R. § 570.489(g), if applicable, and the Contract and Subrecipient Agreement Manual, Section 2, Subsection 2.4.1(a), as found in the CDBG-DR Website (www.cdbg-dr.pr.gov) which is herein included and made integral part of this Agreement, as it may be updated from time to time.
2. If the CONTRACTOR fails to comply with federal statutes, regulations or the terms and conditions of the Agreement, PRDOH may take one or more of the following actions:
 - i. Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by the CONTRACTOR.
 - ii. Disallow all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance.
 - iii. Initiate suspension or debarment proceedings as authorized under 2 C.F.R. part 180.
 - iv. Withhold further Federal awards for the project or program.
 - v. Take other remedies that may be legally available.

B. Liquidated damages

The CONTRACTOR shall pay to PRDOH, as liquidated damages, **\$100.00** for each calendar day that any task deliverable required is late until deemed in compliance subject to a maximum of **\$1,000.00** established in this Agreement between PRDOH and the CONTRACTOR, in accordance with **Attachments B** (Scope of Work) and **Attachment J** (Performance Requirements). Said sum, in view of the difficulty of accurately ascertaining the loss which PRDOH will suffer by reason of delay in the completion of the Work hereunder, is hereby fixed and agreed as the liquidated damages that PRDOH will suffer by reason of such delay. Liquidated damages received hereunder are not intended to be nor shall they be treated as either a partial or full waiver or discharge of the PRDOH's right to indemnification, or the CONTRACTOR's obligation to indemnify the PRDOH pursuant to this Contract, or to any other remedy provided for in this Contract or by Law. Liquidated damages may be assessed at the sole discretion of PRDOH. For the purpose of applying and calculating such liquidated damages, a grace period of **ten (10) business days** shall be observed. The PRDOH may deduct and retain out of the monies which may become due hereunder, the amount of any such liquidated damages; and in case the amount which may become due hereunder shall be less than the amount of liquidated damages due to the PRDOH per the formula above, the CONTRACTOR shall be liable to pay the difference.

XIV. LIABILITY

In no event, the PRDOH shall be liable for any indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages, or damages for loss of profits, revenue, data or use, incurred by either party or any third party, whether in an action in contract or tort, even if the other party or any person has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Third parties operating under this program, with their agency, will have their own general civil and criminal liability imposed by law towards the PRDOH, the CONTRACTOR and any citizen.

The CONTRACTOR shall carry the insurances as are required by law (if applicable), as set forth below. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish PRDOH certificates of insurance.

XV. INSURANCE

A. Required Coverage

The CONTRACTOR shall keep in force and effect for the period beginning from the execution of the Agreement and ending at the completion of all services to be provided hereunder, insurance policies in compliance with the Insurance Requirements, attached hereto and made an integral part hereof as **Attachment D**. The CONTRACTOR shall meet all other insurance requirements as may be imposed by PRDOH from time to time.

Upon the execution of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish PRDOH with original and two (2) certified copies of the insurance policies described in **Attachment D** (Insurance Requirements) and any other evidence PRDOH may request as to the policies' full force and effect.

Any deductible amount, under any of the policies, will be assumed in whole by the CONTRACTOR for any and all losses, claims, expenses, suits, damages, costs, demands or liabilities, joint and several of whatever kind and nature arising from the Agreement resulting from this solicitation by and between the CONTRACTOR and PRDOH.

The PRDOH shall not be held responsible under any circumstances for payments of any nature regarding deductibles of any Commercial Liability Policies for the aforementioned Agreement.

B. Endorsements

Each insurance policy maintained by the CONTRACTOR must be endorsed as follows:

1. PRDOH, Government of Puerto Rico, HUD and its officers, agents and employees are named as additional insured (except Worker's Compensation) but only with respect to liability arising out of tasks performed for such insured by or on behalf of the named insured.
2. To provide waiver of subrogation coverage for all insurance policies provided or herein in favor of PRDOH and its respective officers, agents and employees.
3. The insurer shall be required to give PRDOH written notice at least **thirty (30) days** in advance of any cancellation in any such policies.

The CONTRACTOR shall furnish to PRDOH, prior to commencement of the work, certificates of insurance from insurers with a rating by the A.M. Best Co. of B+ and five (5) or over on all policies, reflecting policies in force, and shall also provide certificates evidencing all renewals of such policies. Insurers shall retain an A.M. Best Co. rating of B+ and five (5) or over on all policies throughout the term of this Agreement and all policy periods required herein. The insurance company must be authorized to do business in Puerto Rico and be in good standing.

C. Related Requirements

The CONTRACTOR shall furnish original Certificates of Insurance evidencing the required coverage to be in force on the Effective Date of Agreement. In the case of Payment and Performance Bond, Certificate of Authority, Power of Attorney and Power of Attorney License issued by the Commissioner of Insurance shall be furnished. THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CONTRATOR COMMENCING WORK. NO CONTRACTOR OR ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES ARE TO BEGIN THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THIS REQUIREMENT AND NOTIFICATION FROM PRDOH TO PROCEED.

Renewal Certificates of Insurance or such similar evidence is to be received by the Contract Administration of the Legal Division and/or the Finance area of the CDBG-DR program prior to expiration of insurance coverage. At PRDOH's option, non-compliance will result in one or more of the following actions: (1) The PRDOH will purchase insurance on behalf of the CONTRACTOR and will charge back all cost to the CONTRACTOR; (2) all payments due the CONTRACTOR will be held until the CONTRACTOR has complied with the Agreement; and/or (3) The CONTRACTOR will be assessed **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for every day of non-compliance.**

The receipt of any certificate does not constitute agreement by PRDOH that the insurance requirements in the Agreement have been fully met or that the insurance policies indicated on the certificate are in compliance with the requirements of the Agreement. The insurance policies shall provide for **thirty (30) days** written notice to be given to PRDOH in the event coverage is substantially changed, cancelled or non-renewed.

The CONTRACTOR shall require all subcontractors or consultants to carry the insurance required herein or the CONTRACTOR, may provide the coverage for any or all of its subcontractors and if so, the evidence of insurance submitted shall so stipulate and adhere to the same requirements and conditions as outlined above.

The CONTRACTOR expressly understands and agrees that whenever the CONTRACTOR is covered by other primary, excess, or excess contingent insurance that, any insurance or self-insurance program maintained by PRDOH shall apply in excess of and will not contribute with insurance provided by the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.

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XVI. HOLD HARMLESS

The CONTRACTOR and its affiliates, its successors and assignees will indemnify the PRDOH from any damages and/or losses arising out of any breach of this Agreement by the CONTRACTOR or against personal injuries or property damage resulting from any act of negligence or omission by the CONTRACTOR and its affiliates in connection with this Agreement.

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XVII. FORCE MAJEURE

In the event of a fire, flood, earthquake, natural disaster, hurricane, riot, act of governmental authority in its sovereign capacity, pandemic officially declared by the Government of Puerto Rico, strike, labor dispute or unrest, embargo, war, insurrection or civil unrest, any *Force Majeure* including inclement weather, herein collectively referred to as *Force Majeure* during the term of this Agreement, neither the PRDOH nor the CONTRACTOR shall be liable to the other party for nonperformance during the conditions created by such event.

The CONTRACTOR shall notify, as soon as possible, the PRDOH of the occurrence of the *Force Majeure* event and describe in reasonable detail, the nature of the *Force Majeure* event.

XVIII. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the ethics requirements set forth herein and warrant that to the best of its knowledge and belief and except as otherwise disclosed, it does not have any organizational conflict of interest which is defined as a situation in which the nature of the work under a PRDOH contract and CONTRACTOR's organizational, financial, contractual or other interest are such that:

- a) Award of the Agreement may result in an unfair competitive advantage; or
- b) The CONTRACTOR's objectivity in performing the contract work may be impaired.

The CONTRACTOR agrees that if after award he or she discovers an organizational conflict of interest with respect to this Agreement, it shall make an immediate (within the next **seventy-two (72) hours**) and full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer, which shall include a description of the action, which the CONTRACTOR has taken or intends to take to eliminate or neutralize the conflict. The CONTRACTOR will disclose the details of any existing or future contract to provide services to third parties participating or for the purpose to participate in disaster recovery programs or projects in Puerto Rico. The PRDOH may, however, terminate the Agreement for the convenience of PRDOH if it would be in its best interest.

In the event the CONTRACTOR was aware of an organizational conflict of interest before the award of this Agreement and did not disclose the conflict to the Contracting Officer, the PRDOH may terminate the Agreement for default.

The provisions of this clause shall be included in all subcontracts and/or consulting agreements wherein the work to be performed is similar to the services provided by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall include in such subcontracts and consulting agreements any necessary provision to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest.

XIX. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The relationship of the CONTRACTOR to PRDOH shall be that of an independent CONTRACTOR rendering professional services. Neither the CONTRACTOR nor any personnel of the CONTRACTOR shall have any authority to execute contracts or make commitments on behalf of PRDOH. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create the relationship of employer/employee, principal/agent, joint venture or partner between the CONTRACTOR and PRDOH. Further, the CONTRACTOR recognizes that in view of its status as an independent CONTRACTOR, neither it nor its employees or subcontractors will be entitled to participate in or receive any fringe benefits normally granted to PRDOH employees under such programs, including, but not limited to, worker's compensation, voluntary disability, travel accident insurance, medical/dental insurance, life insurance, long-term disability, holiday pay, sick pay, salary continuation pay, leaves of absence (paid or unpaid), pension plan and savings plan.

The CONTRACTOR shall have exclusive control over its employees and subcontractors (and the CONTRACTOR's employees and subcontractors are herein, collectively, referred to as the "CONTRACTOR Personnel"), its labor and employee relations and its policies relating to wages, hours, working conditions and other employment conditions. The CONTRACTOR has the exclusive right to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discipline, discharge and adjust grievances with its CONTRACTOR Personnel. The CONTRACTOR is solely responsible for all salaries and other compensation of its CONTRACTOR Personnel who provide Services.

The CONTRACTOR is solely responsible for making all deductions and withholdings from its employees' salaries and other compensation and paying all contributions, taxes and assessments, including union payments. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for and shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless PRDOH, and its agents, officers, directors, employees, representatives, CONTRACTOR's, successors and assigns against all costs, expenses and liabilities, including without limitation reasonably prudent attorneys' fees relative to the situation, in connection with the CONTRACTOR's employment and/or hiring of any CONTRACTOR Personnel providing any of the Services, including without limitation: (i) payment when due of wages and benefits, (ii) withholding of all payroll taxes, including but not limited to, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, FICA and FUTA, (iii) compliance with the Immigration Reform Control Act, and (iv) compliance with any other applicable laws relating to employment of any CONTRACTOR Personnel of, and/or hiring by, CONTRACTOR in connection with the Services.

XX. NOTICES

All notices required or permitted to be given under the Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be deemed given when delivered by hand or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address as follows:

To: PRDOH

Hon. William O. Rodríguez Rodríguez, Esq.
Secretary
Puerto Rico Department of Housing
606 Barbosa Ave.
Juan C. Cordero Dávila Bldg.
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918

To: CONTRACTOR

Alberto J. González De Jesús
President
Xpert's LLC
PO Box 363062
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-3062

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XXI. THIRD PARTIES

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with, or a cause of action of a third party against either the PRDOH or the CONTRACTOR.

XXII. SUBCONTRACTS

- A. General:** All subcontracts shall contain the applicable provisions described in **Attachment E** (HUD General Provisions), as well as applicable provisions set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.101. The PRDOH shall review subcontracts as part of the compliance, monitoring, and oversight process performed by PRDOH or upon request.
- B. Specific Requirements:** All subcontracts shall contain provisions specifying:
- i. That the work performed by the subcontractor be in accordance with the applicable terms of this Agreement between the PRDOH and CONTRACTOR;
 - ii. That nothing contained in such subcontract agreement shall impair the rights of the PRDOH;
 - iii. That nothing contained herein, or under this Agreement will create any contractual relation between the subcontractor and the PRDOH;
 - iv. That the subcontractor specifically agrees to be bound by the confidentiality provision regarding Personal Identifiable Information set forth in this Agreement;
 - v. That CONTRACTOR will be responsible for ensuring all subcontract work is performed consistent with federal and state regulations and/or policies to be eligible for reimbursement of the approved work; and
 - vi. All Federal flow down provisions are included in the subcontract agreement per Federal guidelines.
- C. Monitoring:** CONTRACTOR shall diligently monitor all subcontracted services. If CONTRACTOR discovers any areas of noncompliance, CONTRACTOR shall provide the PRDOH summarized written reports supported with documented evidence of corrective action.
- D. Content:** CONTRACTOR shall cause all the applicable provisions of this Agreement to be included in, and made a part of, any subcontract executed in the performance of this Agreement.
- E. Notification:** CONTRACTOR shall notify and provide a copy of any and all subcontracts related to this Agreement and CDBG-DR funds to the Contract

Administration Area of the PRDOH CDBG-DR Legal Division within **three (3) business days** of its execution.

XXIII. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Given that the Agreement involves funds for which HUD is the oversight agency, the CONTRACTOR agrees to carry out its obligations under this Agreement in compliance with all the requirements described in **Attachment E** (HUD General Provisions), **Attachment F** (Contractor Certification Requirement) and the following provisions:

A. Compliance with Executive Order No. OE-2022-014: The CONTRACTOR agrees to faithfully comply with the provisions of the Executive Order No. OE-2022-014 of February 20, 2022 (OE-2022-014), the Labor Project Agreement¹ signed by the PRDOH and the Contractor (**Attachment G**).

The CONTRACTOR will provide a minimum salary of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour to skilled construction workers and eleven dollars (\$11.00) to un-skilled construction workers, for the work performed within the "Construction Project", as defined in the OE-2022-014.

The CONTRACTOR commits to acquire and use cement produced in Puerto Rico in compliance with Act No. 109 of July 12, 1985 for the completion of the "Construction Project". The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that this is an essential condition of this Agreement whose breach by itself, or by any subcontractor, will release PRDOH from disburse funds for any part or section of the "Construction Project" completed in non-compliance with OE-2022-014. In addition, the CONTRACTOR recognizes that non-compliance with this clause could lead to cancellation, without more, of this Agreement.

The CONTRACTOR shall include in any awarded contract to perform the work on behalf of the PRDOH, a clause in which obligate the subcontractor to comply with all provisions of OE-2022-014 (including the provisions concerning the acquisition of cement produced in Puerto Rico and the minimum compensation for workers who work within the "Construction Project"), the Labor Project Agreement signed between the PRDOH and the Contractor, as well as any other document issued pursuant to OE-2022-014.

Similarly, the clause to be included by the CONTRACTOR must provide for any subcontractor to include a similar compliance clause in any subcontract that provides for the release of its obligation before the CONTRACTOR.

B. Compliance with Act No. 173. The CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that in signing this Agreement it is in compliance with Act No. 173 of August 12, 1988, as amended, known as the "Board of Examiners of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects of Puerto Rico Act", 20 L.P.R.A. §§ 711-711z to exercise the profession of engineering, architecture, surveying or landscaping architecture in Puerto Rico, is registered in the official Register of the Board, and is an active member of the College of Engineers and Surveyors of Puerto Rico or the College of Architects and Landscape Architects of Puerto Rico, as applicable.

¹ The OE 2022-014 implements a pilot program for the incorporation of the Labor Agreements. The Secretary of Labor has to issue a new Labor Agreement in compliance with OE-2022-014. Until such Agreement has been issued, the Labor Agreement under Executive Order No. OE-2018-033 remains in effect.

C. Compliance with Executive Order 24: Pursuant to Executive Order 24 of June 18, 1991, the CONTRACTOR certifies and guarantees that at the signing of this Agreement it has filed all the necessary and required income tax returns to the Government of Puerto Rico for the last **five (5) years**. The CONTRACTOR further certifies that it has complied and is current with the payment of any and all income taxes that are, or were due, to the Government of Puerto Rico. The CONTRACTOR shall hand out, to the satisfaction of the PRDOH and whenever requested by the PRDOH during the term of this Agreement, the necessary documentation to support its compliance of this clause. The CONTRACTOR will be given a specific amount of time by the PRDOH to produce said documents. During the term of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR agrees to pay and/or to remain current with any repayment plan agreed to by the CONTRACTOR with the Government of Puerto Rico.

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D. Compliance with Executive Order 52: Pursuant to Executive Order 52 of August 28, 1992, amending EO-1991-24, the CONTRACTOR certifies and warrants that it has made all payments required for unemployment benefits, workmen's compensation and social security for chauffeurs, whichever is applicable, or that in lieu thereof, has subscribed a payment plan in connection with any such unpaid items and is in full compliance with the terms thereof. The CONTRACTOR accepts and acknowledges its responsibility for requiring and obtaining a similar warranty and certification from each and every CONTRACTOR and subcontractor whose service the CONTRACTOR has secured in connection with the services to be rendered under this Agreement and shall forward evidence to PRDOH as to its compliance with this requirement.

E. Social Security and Income Tax Retentions: The CONTRACTOR will be responsible for rendering and paying the Federal Social Security and Income Tax Contributions for any amount owed as a result of the income from this Agreement.

F. Government of Puerto Rico Municipal Tax Collection Center (CRIM, for its Spanish acronym): The CONTRACTOR certifies and guarantees that at the signing of this Agreement it has no current debt with regards to property taxes that may be registered with the Government of Puerto Rico's Municipal Tax Collection Center. The CONTRACTOR further certifies to be current with the payment of any and all property taxes that are or were due to the Government of Puerto Rico. The CONTRACTOR shall hand out, to the satisfaction of the PRDOH and whenever requested by the PRDOH during the term of this Agreement, the necessary documentation to support its compliance of this clause. The CONTRACTOR will deliver upon request any documentation requested under this clause as per request of PRDOH. During the Term of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR agrees to pay and/or to remain current with any repayment plan agreed to by the CONTRACTOR with the Government of Puerto Rico with regards to its property taxes.

G. Income Tax Withholding: The PRDOH shall retain the corresponding amount from all payments made to the CONTRACTOR, as required by the Puerto Rico Internal Revenue Code. The PRDOH will advance such withholdings to the Government of Puerto Rico's Treasury Department (known in Spanish as *Departamento de Hacienda del Gobierno de Puerto Rico*). The PRDOH will adjust such withholdings provided the CONTRACTOR produces satisfactory evidence of partial or total exemption from withholding.

H. Compliance with Act No. 45 of April 18, 1935, as amended, 11 L.P.R.A. § 1, et seq.: The CONTRACTOR certifies and guarantees that at the signing of this Agreement has valid insurance issued by the State Insurance Fund Corporation (CFSE, for its Spanish

Acronym), as established by Act No. 45, *supra*, known as the "Puerto Rico Workers' Accident Compensation Act".

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- I. **Government of Puerto Rico's Agency for the Collection of Child Support (ASUME, for its Spanish acronym):** The CONTRACTOR certifies and guarantees that at the signing of this Agreement that the CONTRACTOR nor any of its Partners, if applicable, have any debt or outstanding debt collection legal procedures with regards to child support payments that may be registered with the Government of Puerto Rico's Child Support Administration. The CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that it is a limited liability company organized and existing in good standing under the laws of the Government of Puerto Rico. The CONTRACTOR shall present, to the satisfaction of PRDOH, the necessary documentation to substantiate the same. The CONTRACTOR will be given a specific amount of time by PRDOH to deliver said documents.
- J. **Compliance with Act No. 168-2000, as amended, 8 L.P.R.A. § 711 , et seq.:** The CONTRACTOR is in full compliance with Act No. 168-2000, as amended, known as "Act for the Improvement of Elderly Support of Puerto Rico."
- K. **Compliance with Act No. 1-2012, as amended, 3 L.P.R.A. § 1854, et seq.:** The PRDOH and the CONTRACTOR hereby certify that in signing this Agreement they are in compliance with Act No. 1-2012, as amended, known as "Puerto Rico Government Ethics Act of 2011", in connection with the possibility of a conflict of interest.
- L. **Clause of Governmental Ethics Certification of Absence of Conflict of Interests -** The CONTRACTOR certifies that: (1) No public servant of this executive agency has a pecuniary interest in this Contract, purchase or commercial transaction. (2) No public servant of this executive agency has requested me or accepted from me, directly or indirectly, for him (her), for any member of his family unit or for any person, gifts, bonuses, favors, services, donations, loans or anything else of monetary value. (3) No public servant (s) requested or accepted any good of economic value, linked to this transaction, from any person of my entity as payment for performing the duties and responsibilities of their employment. (4) No public servant has requested from me, directly or indirectly, for him (her), for any member of her family unit, or for any other person, business or entity, some of economic value, including gifts, loans, promises, favors or services in exchange for the performance of said public servant is influenced in my favor or of my entity. (5) I have no kinship relationship, within the fourth degree of consanguinity and second by affinity, with any public servant who has the power to influence and participate in the institutional decisions of this executive agency.
- M. **Ethics.** CONTRACTOR also acknowledges receipt and agrees to obey with the Anticorruption Code for the New Puerto Rico known in Spanish as "Código Anticorrupción para el Nuevo Puerto Rico".
- N. **Non-Conviction.** The CONTRACTOR certifies that it has not been convicted nor accused of a felony or misdemeanor against the government, public faith and function, or that involves public property or funds, either federal or local in origin. Furthermore, CONTRACTOR also certifies that:
1. It has not been convicted, nor has pleaded guilty at a state or federal bar, in any jurisdiction of the United States of America, of crimes consisting of fraud, embezzlement or misappropriation of public funds, as stated in Act Number 2 of January 2, 2018, as amended, known as the Anti-Corruption Code for the New

Puerto Rico, which prohibits the award of Offers or government contracts to those convicted of fraud, misappropriation of public fund.

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2. It understands and accepts that any guilty plea or conviction for any of the crimes specified in Article 3 of said Act, will also result in the immediate cancellation of any contracts in force at the time of conviction, between the undersigned and whichever Government Agencies, Instrumentalities, Public Corporations, Municipalities and the Legislative or Judicial Branches.
 3. It declares under oath the above mentioned in conformity with what is established as in Act Number 2 of January 2, 2018, as amended, known as the Anti-Corruption Code for the New Puerto Rico, which prohibits awarding Offers for government contracts, to those convicted of fraud, embezzlement or misappropriation of public funds.
 4. The CONTRACTOR represents and guarantees that none of its employees, officials or agents have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor as described in this sub-section. Moreover, the CONTRACTOR agrees to notify PRDOH should any employee, official, or agent is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor as described in this sub-section after the date of this Agreement. Said notice shall be made within **ten (10) business days** from the time of the conviction.

O. Other payments or compensation: The CONTRACTOR certifies that it does not receive payment or compensation for regular services rendered as an official or public employee to another government entity, agency, public corporation or municipality, and knows the ethical standards of his profession and assumes responsibility for his actions.

P. Consequences of Non-Compliance: The CONTRACTOR expressly agrees that the conditions outlined throughout this Section are essential requirements of this Agreement; thus, should any one of these representations, warrants, and certifications be incorrect, inaccurate or misleading, in whole or in part, there shall be sufficient cause for PRDOH to render this Agreement null and void and the CONTRACTOR reimburse to PRDOH all money received under this Agreement.

Q. Non-Conflict of Interest Certification: The CONTRACTOR shall comply with **Attachment K** (Non-Conflict of Interest Certification), attached herein and made an integral part of this Agreement, which outlines several situations that may reasonably be considered as conflicts of interest. The aforementioned certification aids PRDOH, in its role as grantee, to identify, evaluate, disclose and manage apparent potential, or actual conflicts of interest related to CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT-funded projects, activities, and/or operations.

XXIV. ACT NO. 18 OF OCTOBER 30, 1975, as amended, 2 L.P.R.A. secs. 97-98

The parties to this Agreement agree that its effective date will be subject to the due registration and remittance to the Office of the Comptroller of Puerto Rico. No rendering or consideration subject matter of this Agreement will be required before its registration at the Office of the Comptroller of Puerto Rico pursuant to Act No. 18 of October 30, 1975, as amended. The CONTRACTOR will be responsible for ensuring that this Agreement has been registered before the rendering of services by requesting a copy of the registered Agreement with its proper number and date of registry. No services under this Agreement will continue to be delivered after its effective date unless at the expiration date, an amendment signed by both parties and duly registered exists. No services

performed in violation of this provision will be paid. The party violating this clause will be doing so without any legal authority, this action will be deemed as *ultra vires*.

XXV. MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-003; CIRCULAR LETTER 001-2021 OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE GOVERNOR (SECRETARÍA DE LA GOBERNACIÓN) & THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OFICINA DE GERENCIA Y PRESUPUESTO)

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- A. Interagency Services Clause:** Both contracting parties acknowledge and agree that services retained may be provided to any entity of the Executive Branch with which the contracting entity makes an interagency agreement or by direct provision of the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Governor (*Secretaría de la Gobernación*). These services will be performed under the same terms and conditions in terms of hours of work and compensation set forth in this Agreement. For purposes of this clause, the term "Executive Branch entity" includes all agencies of the Government of Puerto Rico, as well as public instrumentalities and corporations and the Office of the Governor.
- B. Termination Clause:** The Chief of Staff (*Secretario de la Gobernación*) of the Governor shall have the power to terminate this Agreement at any time.
- C. Contract Review Policy of the Financial Supervision and Administration Board for Puerto Rico:** The parties acknowledge that the CONTRACTOR has submitted the certification entitled "Contractor Certification Requirement" required in accordance with the Contract Review Policy of the Financial Oversight and Management Board (FOMB) for Puerto Rico, effective as of November 6, 2017 as amended on October 30, 2020, signed by the CONTRACTOR's Executive Director (or another official with an equivalent position or authority to issue such certifications). A signed copy of the "Contractor's Certification Requirement" is included as **Attachment F** to this Agreement.

XXVI. COMPLIANCE WITH THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO (FOMB) POLICY: REVIEW OF CONTRACTS, AS MODIFIED ON APRIL 30, 2021, REGARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The FOMB Policy requires that all agreements that contemplate recurring professional services that may be performed by appropriately trained government staff include a provision of compliance with the adequate transfer of skills and technical knowledge to the pertinent public sector personnel. This requirement shall not apply to contracts which contemplate non-recurring professional services or specialized professional services that may not be performed by existing staff at the applicable governmental entity, including as a result of independence requirements.

Accordingly, given that the agreements under CDBG-DR are non-recurring professional services or specialized professional services, the PRDOH certifies that the transfer of skills and technical knowledge required by the Certified Fiscal Plan is inapplicable given the non-recurring or specialized nature of the contracted services.

As mentioned before, HUD allocated funds for disaster recovery assistance to the Government of Puerto Rico under the CDBG-DR Program. These funds are intended to provide financial assistance to address unmet needs that arise and that are not covered by other sources of financial aid. In addition, with these allocations of funding under the

Grant Agreement, the PRDOH will conduct a comprehensive recovery to benefit the residents of Puerto Rico.

XXVII. COMPLIANCE WITH THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO (FOMB) POLICY, REVIEW OF CONTRACTS

As part of the PRDOH contract process, and pursuant to Section 204(b)(2) of the "Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act," 48 U.S.C. §2101, et seq., also known as "PROMESA", the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (FOMB) require approval of certain contracts and amendments to assure that they "promote market competition" and "are not inconsistent with the approved fiscal plan." For the approval process, the FOMB requests, among other information, the Contractor Certification Requirement for its evaluation.

In compliance with the above, the CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that the information included in the Contractor Certification Requirement is complete, accurate and correct, and that any misrepresentation, inaccuracy or falseness in such Certification will render the contract null and void and CONTRACTOR will have the obligation to reimburse immediately to the Commonwealth any amounts, payments or benefits received from the Commonwealth under the proposed Amendment and original Agreement.

XXVIII. MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-029; CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 013-2021 OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE GOVERNOR (SECRETARÍA DE LA GOBERNACIÓN) & THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OFICINA DE GERENCIA Y PRESUPUESTO):

- A. The PRDOH certifies that the CONTRACTOR was selected as the provider of the services described in this Agreement, pursuant to OE 2021-029.
- B. The Parties certify that they acknowledge the provisions stated in OE 2021-029 and CC 013-2021. Any failure to comply with the requirements set forth in OE 2021-029 and CC 013-2021 will result in the termination of this Agreement.
- C. The CONTRACTOR certifies that it has informed PRDOH of any current contractual relationship with any government entities of the Government of Puerto Rico. The CONTRACTOR certifies that said entities are all the entities of the Government of Puerto Rico with which they maintain a contractual relationship. In addition, the CONTRACTOR recognizes and accepts that omitting any information regarding any current contractual relationship with any governmental entity could result in the termination of this agreement if so required by PRDOH.
- D. The CONTRACTOR certifies that it has informed the PRDOH whether or not the entity is a public corporation whose shares are exchanged in a stock exchange properly regulated. In the event that the CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not a public corporation that exchanges shares in a stock change, the CONTRACTOR certifies it has completed the applicable certification as stated in CC-013-2021.

XXIX. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, & EXECUTIVE ORDERS

The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that HUD financial assistance will be used to fund the Agreement only. Also, the CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable Federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, and policies relating to CDBG-DR and CDBG Program services. This includes without limitation, applicable Federal Registers; 2 C.F.R. part 200

Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; 24 C.F.R. part 570 Community Development Block Grant; applicable waivers; Fair Housing Act, 24 C.F.R. Part 35, 24 C.F.R. Part 58, 24 C.F.R. Part 135; National Historic Preservation Act, and any other applicable state laws or regulations, including the requirements related to nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment; and Action Plan amendments and HUD's guidance on the funds. Also, CONTRACTOR shall comply, without limitation, those set forth in **Attachment E** (HUD General Provisions) and in compliance with all the requirements described in **Attachment F** (Contractor Certification Requirement).

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XXX. FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

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A. COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK" ACT

Salaries of personnel performing work under this Agreement shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a month without payroll deduction or rebate on any account except only such payroll deductions as are mandatory by law or permitted by the applicable regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the Copeland "Anti-Kickback Act" of June 13, 1934 (48 Stat. 948; 62 Stat. 740; 63 Stat. 108; Title 18 U.S.C. § 874; and Title 40 U.S.C. § 276c).

The CONTRACTOR, as well as any subcontractors, shall provide a weekly statement with respect to the wages paid to each of its employees engaged on work covered by the Copeland "Anti-Kickback Act" during the preceding weekly payroll period.² The CONTRACTOR, as well as any subcontractors, shall deliver each weekly statement within seven days after the regular payment date of the payroll period, to the PRDOH. After such examination and check as may be made, such statement, or a copy thereof, shall be kept available, or shall be transmitted together with a report of any violation, in accordance with applicable procedures prescribed by the U.S. Department of Labor. The CONTRACTOR shall preserve his weekly payroll records for a period of six (6) years from date of completion of this Agreement and also the Subrecipients must comply with the record retention requirements, as established in the policy on document handling, administration and accessibility, in accordance with the RKMA policy, and ensure that all documentations is always available for any internal or external tracing visit. Such payroll records shall be made available at all times for inspection by the contracting officer or his authorized representative, and by authorized representatives of the Department of Labor.

The CONTRACTOR, as well as any subcontractors, shall comply with all applicable "Anti-Kickback" regulations and shall insert HUD form 4010 and any additional provisions in all subcontracts covering work under this Agreement to ensure compliance by subcontractors with such regulations as applicable, and shall be responsible for the submission of affidavits and Statements of Compliance required of subcontractors thereunder except as the Secretary of Labor may specifically provide for variations of or exemptions from the requirements thereof.³

B. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

The CONTRACTOR, as well as any subcontractors, shall comply with Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA) (40 U.S.C. §§ 33701-3708)

² This statement shall be executed by the contractor or by an authorized officer or employee of the contractor who supervises the payment of wages, and shall be on the back of Form WH 347, "Payroll (For Contractors Optional Use)" or on any form with identical wording. Copies of WH 347 may be obtained from the Government contracting or sponsoring agency or from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/whd/forms/index.htm> or its successor site.

³ <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/copeland-anti-kickback>.

as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers. The provisions of CWHSSA apply to all laborers and mechanic, including watchmen and guards. 40 U.S.C. Section 3701(b)(2).

The CONTRACTOR, as well as any subcontractors, agrees to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of forty (40) hours in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the CWHSSA. Any work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of no less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in the work week. The CONTRACTOR will not require any laborer or mechanic employed in the performance of this Agreement to work in surroundings or under working conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to health or safety, as established under construction safety and health standards.

The CONTRACTOR, as well as any subcontractors, shall insert appropriate provisions of the CWHSSA in all subcontracts covering work under this Agreement to ensure compliance by subcontractors with such regulations, and shall be responsible for the submission of affidavits required of subcontractors thereunder except as the Secretary of Labor may specifically provide for variations of or exemptions from the requirements thereof.

The CONTRACTOR, as well as any subcontractors, shall comply with all regulations issued pursuant to that act and with other applicable Federal laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards.⁴

C. DAVIS-BACON ACT

The CONTRACTOR, as well as any subcontractors, shall comply with the Davis Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3148) as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5).

All laborers and mechanics employed by the CONTRACTOR, as well as any subcontractors, including employees of other governments, on construction, work assisted under this Agreement, and subject to the provisions of the federal acts and regulations listed in this paragraph, shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The advertised specifications for every contract in excess of \$2,000, for construction, alteration, or repair, including painting and decorating, of public buildings and public works. 40 U.S.C. Sec. 3142.⁵

The CONTRACTOR, as well as any subcontractors, shall pay all mechanics and laborers employed directly on the site of the work, unconditionally and at least once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account, the full amounts accrued at time of payment, computed at wage rates not less than those stated in the advertised specifications, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor or subcontractor and the laborers and mechanics. The CONTRACTOR will post the scale of wages to be paid in a prominent and easily accessible place at the site of the work.

There may be withheld from the CONTRACTOR so much of accrued payments as the contracting officer considers necessary to pay to laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or any subcontractor on the work the difference between the rates of wages required by the contract to be paid laborers and mechanics on the work and the rates of wages received by the laborers and mechanics and not refunded to the contractor or subcontractors or their agents.

⁴ <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/cwhssa>.

⁵ Section 110 of the Act, determines the DBRA applicability to CDBG-DR. The Act further provides that Section 5310 (Section 110 of the Act) apply to the rehabilitation of residential property only if such property contains not less than eight (8) units (8 units or more).

On a semi-annual basis, the CONTRACTOR shall submit Form HUD 4710 (Semi-Annual labor Standards Enforcement Report) to PRDOH. All covered subcontracts must include Davis-Bacon and other labor standards clauses and the applicable federal wage determinations as well as the local prevailing wage established in this Contract. The Federal Labor Standards Provisions on Form HUD 4010 covers the Davis-Bacon and related acts expected in all subcontracts covering work under this Agreement to ensure compliance by subcontractors with such regulations, and shall be responsible for the submission of affidavits required of subcontractors thereunder except as the Secretary of Labor may specifically provide for variations of or exemptions from the requirements thereof.

The HUD Form 4010 and a Spanish translation of the original form is included as **Attachment H** to this Contract. The attachment ensures contractors, with a predominant fluency in Spanish, are able to immediately reference labor requirements to ensure full compliance for Davis-Bacon and related Acts.

In addition, the applicable wage determination is included as **Attachment I** (SAM Wage Determination) to this Contract. The attachment guarantees that the contractors are informed of the prevailing wages to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations.

D. FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT OF 1938, AS AMENDED

The CONTRACTOR, as well as any subcontractors, shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. §§ 201-219), which governs such matters as Federal minimum wage rates and overtime, as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Parts 500-899).

The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply and implement the applicable regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor at 29 C.F.R. Parts 500-899.⁶

XXXI. CDBG-DR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

In addition to what is established in this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall comply with all CDBG-DR program specific and general policies and procedures, including, but not limited to, the Contract and Subrecipient Agreement Manual, OS&H Guideline, MWBE Policy, Procurement Manual for the CDBG-DR Program, URA & ADP Guidelines, Cross Cutting Guidelines, AFWAM Policy, Section 3 Policy, Personally Identifiable Information, Confidentiality, and Nondisclosure Policy and Conflict of Interest and Standards of Conduct Policy, as found in the CDBG-DR Website (www.cdbg-dr.pr.gov), which are herein included and made integral part of this Agreement, as they may be updated from time to time, and reporting requirements as established by the PRDOH.

XXXII. SECTION 3 CLAUSE

A. The work to be performed under this Contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

B. The parties to this Contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 C.F.R. part 75, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this Contract, the parties

⁶ <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/flsa>.

to this Contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediments that would prevent them from complying with the part 75 regulations.

C. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this Section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

D. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 C.F.R. part 75 and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this Section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 C.F.R. part 75. The CONTRACTOR will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the CONTRACTOR has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 C.F.R. part 75.

E. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors are required to meet the employment, training, and contraction requirements of 24 CFR 75.19, regardless of whether Section 3 language is included in recipient or subrecipient agreements, program regulatory agreements, or contracts.

F. The CONTRACTOR will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the CONTRACTOR is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 C.F.R. part 75 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the CONTRACTOR's obligations under 24 C.F.R. part 75.

G. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 C.F.R. part 75 may result in sanctions, termination of this Contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD-assisted contracts.

H. With respect to work performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (46 U.S.C. § 5307) also applies to the work to be performed under this Contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this Contract that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).

I. The CONTRACTOR agrees to submit, and shall require its subcontractors to submit to them, quarterly reports to the PRDOH detailing the total number of labor hours worked on the Section 3 Project, the total number of labor hours worked by Section 3 Workers, and the total number of hours worked by Targeted Section 3 Workers, and any affirmative efforts made during the quarter to direct hiring efforts to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are Section 3 Workers and Targeted Section 3 Workers.

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XXXIII. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, 31 U.S.C. § 1352

The CONTRACTOR certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

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- A. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an 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 any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
 - B. 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 contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Forms-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
 - C. The CONTRACTOR shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) 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 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that 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 certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

XXXIV. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- A. 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, 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.
- B. 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

considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

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- C. When applicable, 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.
 - D. The CONTRACTOR will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967, and as supplemented by the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the United States Secretary of Labor.
 - E. The CONTRACTOR will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, 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.
 - F. In the event of the CONTRACTOR's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Agreement or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Agreement 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, as amended, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
 - G. The CONTRACTOR will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (A) and the provisions of paragraphs (A) through (F) 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, as amended, 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.

XXXV.SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ACT

- 1) In the performance of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)- designated items unless the product cannot be acquired:
 - a. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
 - b. Meeting contract performance requirements; or

c. At a reasonable price.

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

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3) Contractor must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include:

a. procuring only items designated in guidelines of the EPA at 40 C.F.R. part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);

b. procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and

c. establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

XXXVI. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

The CONTRACTOR should establish procedures and policies to promote a Drug-Free workplace. Further, the CONTRACTOR should notify all employees of its policy for maintaining a Drug-Free workplace, and the penalties that may be imposed for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace. Further, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the PRDOH if any of its employees is convicted of a criminal drug offense in the workplace no later than **ten (10) days** after such conviction.

XXXVII.SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

A. This Agreement is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. part 180 and 2 C.F.R. part 2424. 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).

B. The CONTRACTOR must comply with 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. part 2424, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

C. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by PRDOH. If it is later determined that the CONTRACTOR did not comply with 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. part 2424, in addition to remedies available to PRDOH, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

D. The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. part 2424, while this Agreement is valid. The CONTRACTOR further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

XXXVIII. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM) REGISTRATION

The CONTRACTOR must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) and shall maintain its registration active during contract performance and through final payment. The CONTRACTOR is responsible during performance and through final payment for the accuracy and completeness of the data within SAM. Failure to maintain registration in SAM can impact obligations and payments under this Agreement.

XXXIX. NO OBLIGATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government is not a party to this Agreement and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, CONTRACTOR, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the Agreement.

XL. PROGRAM FRAUD & FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chapter 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the CONTRACTOR's actions pertaining to this Agreement.

XLI. BANKRUPTCY

In the event that CONTRACTOR files for bankruptcy protection, the Government of Puerto Rico and PRDOH may deem this Agreement null and void, and terminate this Agreement without notice.

XLII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement and all its attachments represent the entire and integrated agreement between PRDOH and the CONTRACTOR and supersede all prior negotiations, representations, agreements and/or understandings of any kind. This Agreement may be amended only by written document signed by both PRDOH and the CONTRACTOR.

XLIII. MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT

Any modification of this Agreement or additional obligation assumed by either party in connection with this Agreement shall be binding only if written and signed by both parties, and its authorized representatives. Those amendments shall make specific reference to this Agreement, comply with programmatic policies, procedures, and guidelines. Such amendments shall not invalidate this Agreement, nor relieve or release the Parties from their obligations under this Agreement.

However, PRDOH reserves the right to notify in writing to CONTRACTOR any applicable policies, procedures, regulations, requirements, guidelines, or change in law, whether existing or to be established, as well as changes and/or amendments thereof, and the notified policies, procedures, regulations, requirements, guidelines and laws shall be deemed incorporated by reference to this Agreement without the need of executing a separate written and signed amendment.

XLIV. BINDING EFFECT

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of PRDOH and the CONTRACTOR, their successors and assigns.

The CONTRACTOR shall not assign this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of PRDOH, and any attempted assignment not in accordance herewith shall be null and void and of no force or effect.

XLV. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

The rights of each party hereunder are personal to that party and may not be assigned or otherwise transferred to any other person, contractor, corporation, or other entity without the prior, express, and written consent of the other party.

XLVI. NON-WAIVER

The failure or delay of either party to insist upon the performance of and/or the compliance with any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of such terms and conditions or the right to enforce compliance with such terms and conditions.

XLVII. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

In the event of an inconsistency in this Agreement or if a conflict occurs between this Agreement and any Attachment, Appendix, Exhibit, or Schedule, unless otherwise specifically stated in those documents, the order of precedence shall be: Federal laws, regulations, and policies applicable to this Agreement, this Contract and the **Attachment E** (HUD General Provisions), the **Attachment B** (Scope of Work), the **Attachment C** (Cost Form), and lastly, **Attachment A** (CONTRACTOR's proposal).

XLVIII. GOVERNING LAW JURISDICTION

This Agreement shall be governed by, interpreted, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Government of Puerto Rico and any applicable federal laws and regulations. The parties further agree to assert any claims or causes of action that may arise out of this Agreement in the Puerto Rico Court of First Instance, Superior Court of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

XLIX. CONSOLIDATIONS, MERGERS, CHANGE OF NAME, OR DISSOLUTIONS

A. Consolidation or Merger

In the event that the signing party (e.g. Subrecipient, Contractor, or Subcontractor) of the Agreement with the PRDOH moves for a consolidation or merger with another entity (private or public), by its discretion or otherwise, written notice of such decision or event shall be delivered to the PRDOH **at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the effective date** of the consolidation or merger. The notice shall include, but not limited to, a description of: the expected effective date of the consolidation or merger; name of each of the constituent entities moving to consolidate or merge into the single resulting or surviving entity; the proposed name of the resulting entity (in case of a consolidation) or the name of the surviving entity (in case of a merger) if necessary; reference to the projected capacity of the resulting or surviving entity to comply with the terms, conditions, obligations, tasks, services, and performance goals or requirements included in the Agreement as well as its Exhibits or Attachments; and a brief summary of the proposed plan to achieve the transition of duties (Scope of Work or Scope of Services), tasks, and performance goals or requirements to the resulting or surviving entity.

Upon the consolidation or the merger becoming effective, and supporting evidence of such event is notified to PRDOH, execution of an Amendment to the Agreement may follow. The Amendment would include, but not limited to, modifications to the clauses

that refer to the identity, personal circumstances, address, and any other information related to the signing party deemed relevant by PRDOH for the execution of the Amendment. **No amendment to the Agreement will be necessary if the Subrecipient, Contractor, or Subcontractor becomes the surviving entity following a merger.**

Failure to comply with any of the before mentioned conditions, may result in the activation of the termination clauses provided in the Agreement.

B. Change of Name

In the event that the signing party (e.g. Subrecipient, Contractor, or Subcontractor) of the Agreement with the PRDOH initiates a change of name process, written notice of such decision or event shall be delivered to the PRDOH **at least fifteen (15) business days** prior to the effective date of such event. The notice shall include, but not limited to, a description of: the expected effective date of the change of name; the proposed name; inform of any change of address; and reference of any change in the capacity of the entity to comply with the terms, conditions, obligations, tasks, services, and performance goals or requirements included in the Agreement, as well as its Exhibits or Attachments.

Upon the change of name becoming effective, and supporting evidence of such event is notified to PRDOH, execution of an Amendment to the Agreement may follow. The Amendment would include, but not limited to, modifications to the clauses that refer to the identity, personal circumstances, address, and any other information related to the signing party deemed relevant by PRDOH for the execution of the Amendment.

Failure to comply with any of the before mentioned conditions, may result in the activation of the termination clauses provided in the Agreement.

C. Dissolution

In the event that the signing party (e.g. Subrecipient, Contractor, or Subcontractor) of the Agreement with the PRDOH moves for dissolution of the entity, written notice of such decision or event shall be delivered to the PRDOH **at least fifteen (15) business days** prior to the effective date of such event. The notice shall include, but not limited to, a description of the expected effective date of the dissolution; and contact information of one or more of its directors, officials or agents. Upon dissolution, becoming effective, and supporting evidence of such event is notified to PRDOH, termination of the Agreement will follow. Consequently, the signing party acknowledges and agrees to provide to the PRDOH, after termination of the Agreement, the assistance reasonably requested to facilitate the orderly transfer of responsibility for performance of the tasks or services to the PRDOH or a third party designated by the PRDOH. Moreover, all finished or unfinished records (files, data, work product) connected with this Agreement will be turned over to PRDOH following the Agreement termination.

L. HEADINGS

The titles to the paragraphs of this Agreement are solely for reference purposes and the convenience of the parties and shall not be used to explain, modify, simplify, or aid in the interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement.

LI. FEDERAL FUNDING

The fulfillment of this Agreement is based on those funds being made available to the PRDOH as the lead administrative agency for Recovery. All expenditures under this Agreement must be made in accordance with this Agreement, the policies and procedures promulgated under the CDBG-DR Program, and any other applicable laws.

Further, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that all funds are subject to recapture and repayment for non-compliance.

LII. RECAPTURE OF FUNDS

PRDOH may recapture payments it makes to CONTRACTOR that (i) exceed the maximum allowable rates; (ii) are not allowed under applicable laws, rules, or regulations; or (iii) are otherwise inconsistent with this Agreement, including any unapproved expenditures. CONTRACTOR must refund such recaptured payments within **thirty (30) business days** after the PRDOH issues notice of recapture to CONTRACTOR.

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LIII. OVERPAYMENT

CONTRACTOR shall be liable to the PRDOH for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and/or compliance audit(s) of funds received under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall reimburse such disallowed costs from funds other than those CONTRACTOR received under this Agreement.

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LIV. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement shall operate or would prospectively operate to invalidate the Agreement in whole or in part, then such provision only shall be deemed severed and the remainder of the Agreement shall remain operative and in full effect.

LV. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of whom shall be deemed to be an original, however, all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. If the Agreement is not executed by the PRDOH within **thirty (30) calendar days** of execution by the other party, this Agreement shall be null and void.

LVI.SURVIVAL OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions of this Agreement related to the following subjects shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement: interpretive provisions; consideration; warranties; general affirmations, federal assurances, federal and state certifications; CDBG-DR and state funding, recapture of CDBG-DR and/or state funds, overpayment of CDBG-DR and/or state funds; ownership and intellectual property, copyright; records retention methods and time requirements; inspection, monitoring and audit; confidentiality; public records; indemnification and liability; infringement of intellectual property rights; independent contractor relationship; compliance with laws; notices; choice of law and venue; severability; dispute resolution; consolidations, merger, change of name, and dissolution. Terms and conditions that, explicitly or by their nature, evidence the Parties' intent that they should survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall so survive.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto execute this Agreement in the place and on the date first above written.

PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

XPert'S LLC

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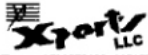
Hon. William O. Rodríguez Rodríguez, Esq.
Secretary



Alberto J. González De Jesús
President

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Detailed Company Profile is included in Exhibit # 1 for needed reference.

II. Identification & Xpert's General Information:

- Legal Name: Xpert's LLC
- Type of Corporation: For profit, Limited Liability Company
- Jurisdiction of Incorporation: Government of Puerto Rico Department of State
- Name of Other Associated Business: NONE
- Name of Owner: Alberto González
- Date of Incorporation: December 30, 1986
- Years of Incorporation: 36
- Services Provided by Business: (1) Demolition Services, (2) Debris Management and Disposal Services, (3) General Construction Services, (4) Janitorial & Custodial Services, (5) Right of Way Vegetation Maintenance Services, (6) Decontamination and Pest Control Services, & (7) Landscaping and Highway Maintenance Services
- Corporate Registration Number: 65182
- Corporate Representative: Mr. Alberto J. González
- Corporate Position: President
- Corporate Phone Number: 787-273-0303
- Corporate Email: alberto@xpertsinc.com
- Corporate Postal Address: PO Box 363062 San Juan Puerto Rico 00936-3062
- Corporate Headquarters Address: MAI Center Suite # 213, 771 Road # 1 Marginal Kennedy Ave. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- DUNS Number: 091094896

III. Executive Officers

- **President:** Alberto J. González
- Corporate Phone: 787-273-0303
- Email: alberto@xpertsinc.com
- **Treasurer:** Eduardo González
- Corporate Phone: 787-273-0303
- Email: eduardo@xpertsinc.com
- **Secretary:** Fernando González
- Corporate Phone: 787-273-0303
- Email: fernando.gonzalez@xpertsinc.com
- **Director of Human Resources:** Jorge Acosta
- Corporate Phone: 787-273-0303

All other required Corporate Certifications are included as Attachment # 2 of this Proposal for needed reference.

IV. Xpert's Contractor Licenses:

- PR Pest Control Certification- License # 241
- Bureau of Transportation and Other Related Services TCA #4888
- EQB Solid Waste Transportation Permit DS1SR-65-0922

- Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification –
 - IICRC License # 300274
 - Odor Control
 - Fire & Smoke Restoration
- **Commercial Contractors License # 44947**
 - Building Construction
 - Highway, Streets & Bridges Construction
 - Heavy Construction
 - Specialty Classifications
 - Marine Salvage and Wreck Removal
 - Non-Hazardous Waste Treatment & Removal
 - Demolition (Building Construction)
- **SBA Certifications**
 - SBA Certified Small Disadvantaged Business
- **Additional Certification Information**
 - Puerto Rico Office DUNS & SAM: 091094896
 - North American Industry Classification Systems (NAICS)
 - 236220 – Commercial and Institutional Building Construction
 - 237990 – Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction
 - 238910 – Site Preparation Contractors
 - 238990 – All Other Specialty Trade Contractors
 - 561720 – Janitorial Services
 - 561730 – Landscaping Services Standard
- **Industrial Classification (SIC)**
 - 1541 – Industrial Buildings and Warehouses
 - 1611 – Highway and Street Construction
 - 1629 – Heavy Construction, NEC
 - 1794 – Excavation Work
 - 1795 – Wrecking and Demolition Work
 - 7349 – Building Maintenance Services, NEC

V. Financial Capability Required to Increase Business Capacity:

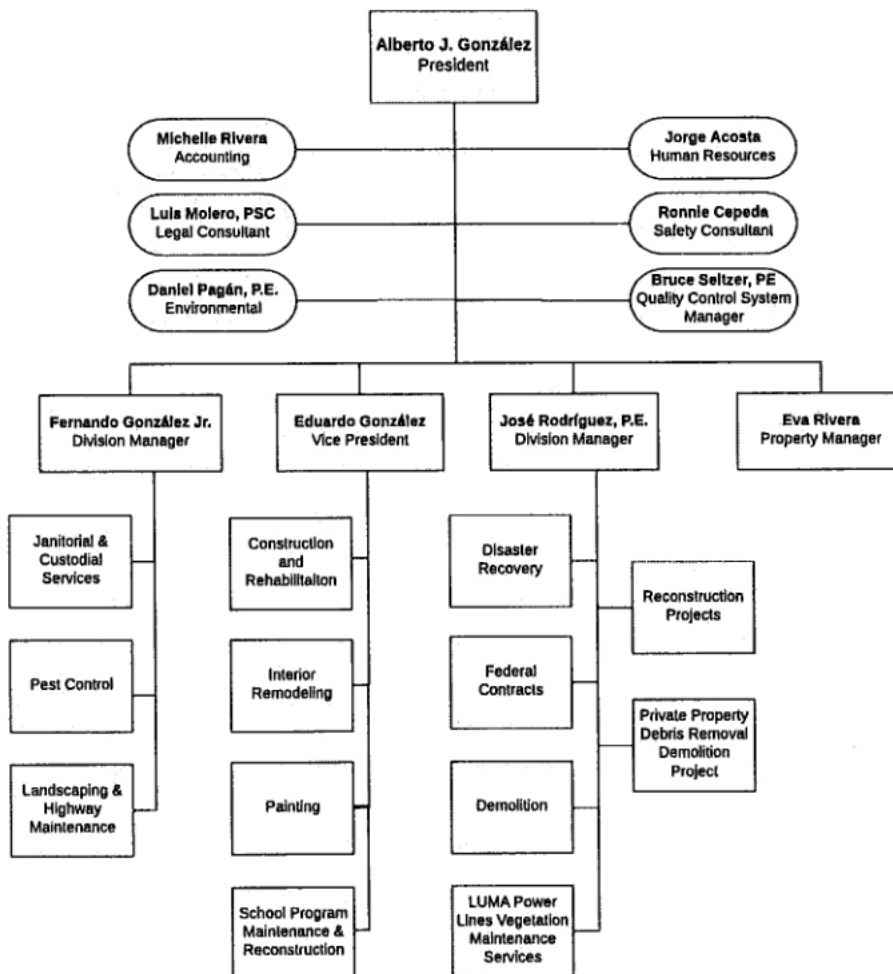
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VI. Statement of Qualification:

Attachment #4 includes Exhibit C: the Statement of Qualification duly completed with required information from our corporation. The document included herein have been initialized on all its pages and signed by Mr. Alberto J. González, President of the Corporation. Required Corporate Resolution authorizing Mr. González to file and sign this proposal before the Department of Housing is included in Attachment # 5. Together the document had been sealed with Xpert's corporate seal as required.

VII. Xpert's Corporate Organizational Chart:

Below please find Xpert's Corporate Organizational Chart as required in the RFP.

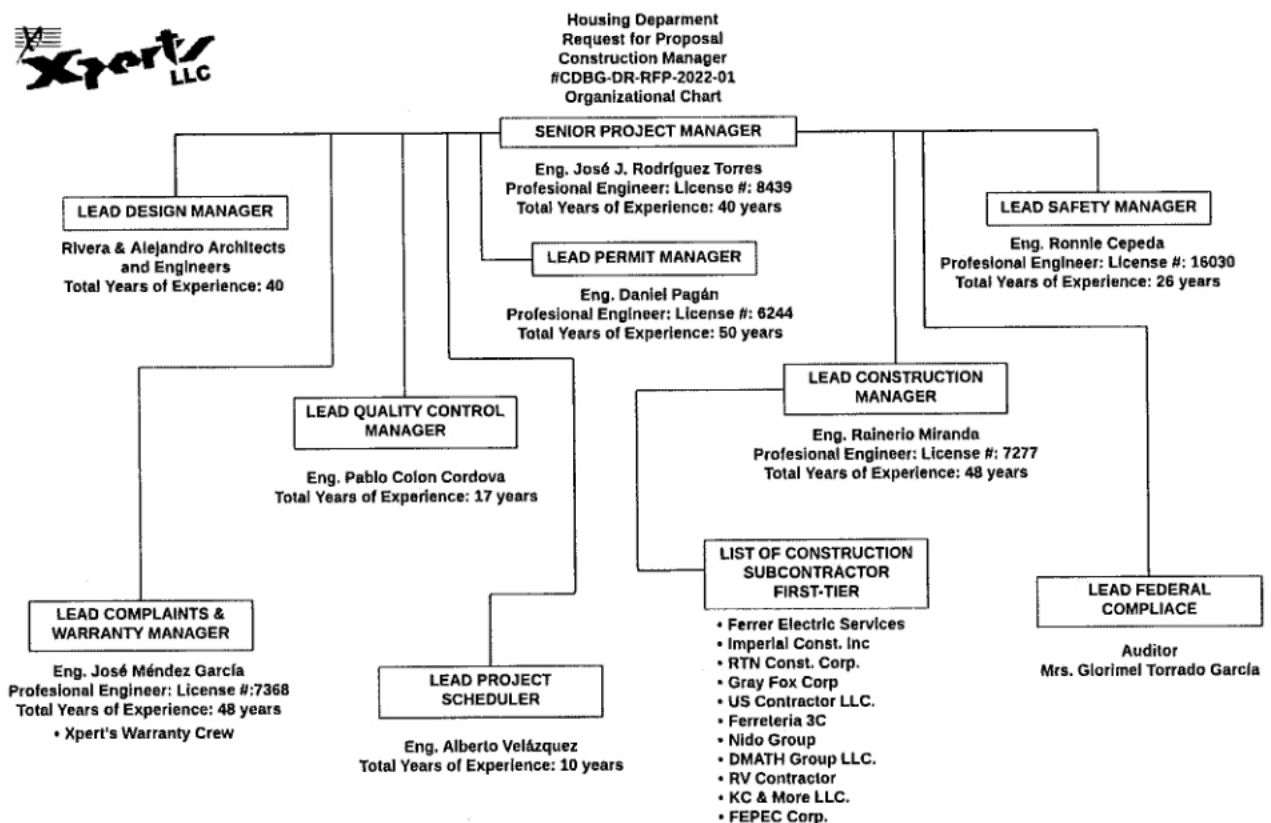


Below please find CDBG-DR RFP-2022-01 Xpert's Proposed Project Organizational chart including all Key Personnel together with our first-tier subcontractor's part of Xpert's Housing Department RFP Team. Xpert's decided as it was done in the past during Hurricane Maria Debris Management Mission with the US Corps of Engineers, as well as the ongoing Private Property Debris Removal Program through the Infrastructure Financing Authority (AFI) that all our subcontractors will be in the first-tier of the project organization. This demonstrated approach allowed them to gain first-hand experience in managing and undertaking projects in compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements as well as the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Attachment # 6 include a Resume of all project Key personnel for needed consideration. Said information included among other: (1) education, (2) years of experience, (3) professional license, (4) certifications, (5) year of Graduation, together with (6) start and end of job positions.

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VIII. CDBG-DR-RFP-2022-01 Project Organizational Chart:

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IX. Comparable Projects:

List of Comparable Projects are included in Exhibit B duly completed and initialized. This document has been included in Attachment #7 of this Proposal.

X. Key Staff Resumes:

Xpert's Management Team is a diverse group of local individuals fully acquainted with the R3 Program Requirements and Milestones, with backgrounds and experience in different areas of the debris management, construction, and service industries. The collective experience accumulated by said group of professionals covers from the management of constructions housing projects, administration of environmental regulatory agency management of the Private Property Debris Removal (PPDR) projects and construction inspections and management of projects of over \$300 million dollars.

The experience summarized above allows Xpert's to assemble an efficient organization and manage construction projects to a successful completion in accordance with the specifications, ahead of schedule and below approved budget. With a diversity of specializations, Xpert's can handle projects that require hand labor (for areas that are too sensitive or critical habitats for the utilization of machinery), barges (waterways that cannot be accessed by land), to extensive use of heavy equipment's.

All Resumes of Xpert's Corporation Key employees to be allocated to the DOH Construction Managers RFP are included in Exhibit # 6 of this Proposal. These includes (1) Senior Project Manager, (2) Lead Design Manager, (3) Lead Permit Manager, (4) Lead Construction Manager, (5) Lead Safety Manager, (6) Lead Quality Control Manager, (7) Lead Complaints and Warranty Manager, (8) Lead Federal Contract Auditor and (9) Project Scheduler.

All team members have been working together for more than ten (10) years in the development of multiple construction projects, all of which were completed within budget and in compliance with the approved working schedule. As a result of this extensive working relationship each member complements each other geared to facilitate the completion of the program milestones and goals.

Below please find a summary of the Qualification of Xpert's Team Personnel allocated for the R3 Construction Managers project.

Senior Project Manager:

Engineer José J. Rodríguez has been designated as Xpert's Senior Project Manager for the R3 Construction Managers RFP. He is fully familiarized with all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. Holds an Engineering Degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus and is a Registered Professional Engineer with active License # 8439, and in good standing with the Engineering & Surveyors College of Puerto Rico. Through his years of experience in the housing constructing industry, Eng. Rodríguez is fully aware and holds needed practical knowledge of program management, regulatory compliance, construction, and statutory compliance for similar complex programs/projects. He was one of the Key personnel in the implementation of a debris management mission of over \$300 million dollars.

Eng. Rodríguez holds the following Professional credentials:

- Fluent in English and Spanish,
- Holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico

Mayagüez Campus,

- Over forty (40) years of experience as project manager on construction projects,
- Active member of the Puerto Rico the Puerto Rico College of Engineers and Land Surveyors and
- Experienced in project development through the design-build concept.

Eng. Rodríguez will be the main point of contact between the DOH and the Xpert's Construction Manager Team. As needed, he will be available on-call and attend R3 Program meetings with the DOH and the top management of the R3 Program.

As Senior Project Manager, Eng. Rodríguez responsibilities includes among others, the following:

- Formulate, organize, and monitor the overall R3 program performance,
- Define objectives and strategies to achieve program success and meet DOH Milestones and Metrics performance criteria's,
- Undertaking key decision to accomplish the program's objectives,
- Additional responsibilities include:
 - Coordinating cross-phases activities,
 - Lead, train and evaluate other project staff and their individual performance,
 - Develop and manage the master schedule of the projects,
 - Oversee performance deadlines compliance, track, and complete project DOH program milestones,
 - Coordination of projects components to ensure the on-time delivery of the approved housing repair projects,
 - Manage and control the Construction Manager's budget, in compliance with approved Project List Price included in Exhibit O,
 - Identify and allocation of resources for the organization,
 - Together with the Safety Manager, assess risk and manage potential changes in the approved projects,
 - Assess program performance for it continue improvement,
 - Assume responsibility for the organization's performance and its staff,
 - Prepare and explain the executive reports to the Owner and its Representatives among others, &
 - Oversee the completion of the Client Satisfaction Questionnaire for each approved Repair Application Assignment.

Lead Design Manager:

Rivera-Alejandro Architects and Engineers (Rivera-Alejandro) will be Xpert's Lead Design Manager for the R3 Construction Manager Project. They are fully acquainted with all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. As part of their staff, they hold, licensed architects and engineers with the knowledge in planning, design, construction codes compliance, sustainable / resilience design, accessible design, contract administration and design team

management in single family construction programs/projects.

As Lead Design Manager for the Xpert's Team R3 Construction Manager Project, they comply and exceed the minimum requirements established for this position by the DOH. These are the following:

- All Principal Engineers and Architects holds bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited institution in architecture or engineering in Puerto Rico,
- The corporation hold needed experience with design-build projects,
- Their principals hold valid professional licenses to practice engineering or architecture in Puerto Rico,
- Active member of the Puerto Rico College of Architects and Landscape Architects and the Puerto Rico College of Engineers and Land Surveyors,
- In Good Standing with the Puerto Rico Department of State,
- Forty (40) years of experience as design manager in the construction industry; and
- Forty (40) years of experience designing housing or residential projects.

Rivera-Alejandro will work under the direction and supervision of the Senior Project Manager to control and oversee the planning/design phase of the R3 projects. They will supervise the design team, with among others, the following responsibilities:

- Assist with the development of the projects' schedule, in the design phase,
- Assign tasks and managing the company design team's personnel,
- Allocate to inhouse architects and engineers for the project design phase,
- Together, they will provide the following support services to the Senior Project Manager:
 - Assist in the risk assessment for the project design phase,
 - Recommend and advise as the subject matter expert in the design and engineering issues,
 - Coordinating various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of the design tasks and deliverables, like final design documents, construction code compliance, projects submittals, request for information, etc.,
 - Promote company inter-team communication and keeping all the design team informed,
 - Oversee all work assigned individual group leaders of the design team,
 - Evaluation of design team staff and performance,
 - Aid in project budget control for the design project phase,
 - Aid with status reports and presentations for the design project phase status,
 - Promote high quality standard for the project cost effective design work,
 - Ensure the compliance of the R3 projects with resilience and sustainable cost-effective designs,
- Promote company ethical behaviors and work ethic within the design team to effectively

- contribute to Xpert's R3 Team,
- Assist in compliance of the R3 projects with the Housing Quality Standard and construction codes, &
- Assume responsibility for work products of the design team, among others.

Lead Permit Manager:

Engineer Daniel Pagán will be Xpert's R3 Lead Permit Manager. He has a complete understanding of all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. Eng. Pagán holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus on Chemical Engineer. He is knowledge in permitting, environmental compliance, sustainable design, goods recycling, contract administration and team management in similar construction programs/projects.

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As Lead Permit Manager Eng. Pagán hold the following professional credentials:

- Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the from University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez Campus,
- Over (50) years of experience as team manager in the environmental or construction industry; and
- Over (50) years of experience in permit processing for housing or residential projects.



Pagán will work together and under the direct supervision of the Senior Project Manager to oversee and control the permitting and environmental aspects of the R3 projects. He will supervise the permits and environmental team of the R3 program, with the following responsibilities among others:

- Assist in the development of the projects' schedule, especially in the permitting and environmental activities,
- Assign project tasks and managing the permits process and environmental team's personnel,
- Allocate resources to the permitting and environmental activities,
- Assist the Senior Project Manager in the following tasks:
 - Risk assessment of regulatory and environmental issues,
 - Recommend and advise in the subject matter as expert in the permitting and environmental issues,
 - Follow Up and pursuing outstanding permits, endorsement, and environmental issues, pending before State / federal regulatory agencies,
 - Coordinate and expedite various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of permits and environmental deliverables, such as lead abatement, asbestos abatement, erosion controls, construction permit, among others,
 - Manage the individual group leaders of the permits and environmental team,
 - Assistance in the evaluation of permits, environmental team staff and performance,

- Assistance in the controls of the budget for permitting and environmental activities,
- Assistance with status reports and presentations for the permitting status and environmental activities,
- Promote inter-team communication and keeping all the permits, environmental and Xpert's R3 management team informed,
- Promote best management practices in the permitting and environmental activities,
- Promote ethical behaviors and work ethic within the permits and environmental team,
- Assume responsibility for work products of the permits and of those generated by the environmental team,
- Assume responsibility for permits and environmental issues of the R3 projects during the planning, design, construction, and closeout phases.

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Lead Construction Manager:

Eng. Rainiero Miranda has been selected as Xpert's Team Lead Construction Manager. Through the 48 years of experience in the housing construction industry Eng. Miranda has a full understanding of all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus. Have practical knowledge in construction (method, materials, equipment, etc.), Puerto Rico Building Code, safety, scheduling, contract administration, and construction management in similar construction programs/projects.

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Eng. Miranda as the Lead Construction Manager holds the following professional credentials:

- Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus,
- Knowledge of design-build and inspection of housing projects,
- Professional license # 7277 to practice engineering in Puerto Rico,
- Active membership of the Puerto Rico College of Engineers and Land Surveyors,
- Active registration with the Puerto Rico Department of State,
- Over forty (40) years of experience as construction manager in the construction industry, and
- Over eighteen (18) years of experience in the construction of housing or residential projects.

Eng. Miranda as Lead Construction Manager for the R3 Construction Managers Project shall work together and under the direct supervision of the Senior Project Manager to control the construction phase of the allocated housing repairs projects.

As Lead Construction Manager, Eng. Miranda will supervise the construction team of the R3 program. He will assist the Senior Project Manager and will hold the following responsibilities among others:

- Assist with the development of the projects' schedule, especially in the construction phase,
- Assign tasks and managing the construction team's personnel,
- Identify and allocate resources to the construction phase,
- Assist in the risk assessment for the construction phase,
- Recommend and advise as the subject matter expert in the construction and constructability issues,
- Pursue outstanding construction issues,
- Coordinating various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of the construction tasks and deliverables,
- Promote inter-team communication and keeping all the construction team informed,
- Managing the individual subcontractors group leaders' part of Xpert's construction team,
- Assist Senior Project Manager in the Following tasks:
 - Assist in the evaluation of construction team staff and performance,
 - Assist in the controls of the budget for the construction phase, &
 - Assist with status reports and presentations for the construction phase,

In addition, Miranda will hold the following additional responsibilities:

- Promote high quality standard for the construction phase,
- Promote ethical behaviors and work ethic within the construction team,
- Assume responsibility for work products of the construction team, and
- Any other function required to support the R3 program.

Lead Safety Manager:

Eng. Ronnie Cepeda has been designated as Xpert's Team Lead Safety Manager for the R3 Construction Managers Project. Eng. Cepeda maintains a complete understanding of all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. He holds a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez campus. His professional experience facilitates a practical knowledge in occupational safety, human health, risk assessment, labor laws and regulations related to workplace safety, contract administration, and team management in similar construction programs/projects.

As Xpert's Lead Safety Manager, Eng. Cepeda holds the following professional credentials:

- Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus,
- Knowledge of OSHA regulations with regards to construction,
- 30 hour of OSHA training & OSHA Trainer Certificate,
- Ability to educate, influence, and motivate groups and team members,
- Clear understanding of specific safety issues related to construction,
- Over seventeen (17) years of experience in the occupational safety and health industry,

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- Over ten (10) years of experience in construction safety for housing or residential projects.

As Lead Safety Manager, Eng. Cepeda will work together and under the direct supervision of the Senior Project Manager, to control the occupational safety and health aspects of the R3 projects. In this position, he will supervise the safety compliance team of the R3 program, including among others the following responsibilities:

- Develop implementation and maintenance of the overall safety plan for the R3 projects,
- Develop, implementation and maintenance of the projects' specific safety plan for the R3 projects,
- Develop and enforce safety protocols related to occupational safety and health issues,
- Prepare and certify the regulatory documentation, related to occupation safety and health aspects, including but limited to: OSHA 300 form, OSHA 300A form, incident report, safety data sheets' binder, hazard communication, and warning labels,
- Analyze incidents, tracking incident metrics, and preparing protocols to prevent future safety work related events,
- Prepare and conduct safety meeting and training with the subcontractor group leaders of the safety compliance team,
- Assign tasks and managing the safety compliance team's personnel,
- Identify and allocate resources to the occupational safety and health activities,

In addition, He will be assisting the Senior Project Manager in the following safety related tasks:

- Undertake risk assessment of regulatory and occupation safety issues,
- Recommend and advise as the subject matter expert in the occupation safety and health issues,
- Pursue outstanding safety and health related issues, like, but not limited to submittals, rigging plans, protocols, high risk events, OSHA, PROSHA, personal protection equipment, and safety inspections,
- Coordinate various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of safety compliance deliverables, including but limited to: (1) rigging plan, (2) risk evaluation, (3) safety reports, (4) tool box meeting, (5) training, (6) record keeping, and (7) certifications,
- Promote inter-team communication and keeping all the safety compliance team informed,
- Manage the individual group leaders of the safety compliance team,
- Assist in the evaluation of safety compliance team, staff, and performance,
- Assist in the controls of the budget for the safety compliance activities,
- Assist with status reports, trainings, and presentations for the safety compliance activities,

- Promote responsible safety and health practices during the abatement, demolition, construction, closeout, and warranty phases of the R3 projects, &
- Promote ethical behaviors and work ethic within the safety compliance team.

Lead Quality Control Manager:

Engineer Pablo Colón was designated as the Lead Quality Control Manager for the R3 Construction Managers R3 Project. He holds a complete understanding of all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. He is a graduated from the Polytechnic University San Juan Campus with a bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. Through the over 17 years of experience, he has practical knowledge in quality control, quality assurance, commissioning, contract administration, and team management in similar construction programs/projects.

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As Lead Quality Control Manager, Eng. Colón holds the following professional credentials:

- Bachelor's degree from the Polytechnic University San Juan Campus with a bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering,
- Clear understanding of specific quality issues related to construction,
- Knowledge on Total Quality Management concepts in practical application to the construction industry,
- Holds Quality Assurance Training Certificate granted by the US Army Corp of Engineers,
- Over seventeen (17) years of experience as team manager in the quality management industry, and
- Over seventeen (17) years of experience in quality control in the construction industry for housing or residential projects.

Eng. Colón as Lead Quality Control Manager will work together and under the direct supervision of the Senior Project Manager to control the quality control and quality assurance aspects of the R3 projects. He will supervise the quality control team of the R3 program, together with assisting Eng. José Rodríguez as Senior Project Manager in undertaking the following responsibilities:

- Assist with the development of the projects' schedule, especially the quality control testing during the construction phase,
- Develop, implementation and maintenance of the program's overall quality plan for the R3 projects,
- Develop implementation and maintenance of the projects' specific quality plan for the R3 projects,
- Develop and enforce quality control and quality assurance procedures and testing, related to construction,
- Track and resolve non-compliance reports,

- Prepare and conduct meetings and trainings with the group leaders of the quality control team,
- Assign tasks and managing the quality control team's personnel,
- Identify and allocate resources to the quality control activities,
- Recommend and advise as the subject matter expert in the quality control and quality assurance issues,
- Pursue outstanding quality related issues similar to, but not limited to coordination drawings, quality control submittals, quality requirements, testing procedures, testing results, equipment start-up, quality control inspection, and mock-ups,
- Coordination of various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of quality control deliverables, including, but not limited to: (1) testing, (2) quality control reports, (3) QC meetings, (4) QC training, (5) record keeping, and (6) QC certifications,
- Promote inter-team communication and keeping all the quality control team informed,
- Manage the individual group leaders of the quality control team,
- Assist in the evaluation of the quality control team, staff, and performance,
- Assist in the controls of the budget for the quality control activities,
- Assist with status reports, trainings, and presentations for the quality control activities,
- Promote total quality control practices during the construction, closeout, and warranty phases of the R3 projects,
- Promote ethical behaviors and work ethic within the quality control team,
- Assume responsibility for work products of the quality control team,
- Assume responsibility for the prevention, communication, and correction of quality control issues, during the construction, closeout and warranty the phases of the R3 projects,
- Assume responsibility for quality control issues during the construction, closeout, and warranty phases,
- Oversee the compliance with the R3 Milestones, Metrics and Project Objectives and
- Provide reports covering said regard to Eng. Jose Rodriguez Senior Project Manager.
- Promote total quality control practices during the construction, closeout, and warranty phases of the R3 projects,
- Promote ethical behaviors and work ethic within the quality control team,
- Oversee the compliance with the R3 Milestones, Metrics and Project Objectives and
- Provide reports covering said regard to Eng. Jose Rodriguez Senior Project Manager.

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Lead Complaints and Warranty Manager:

Eng. José Mendez will be Xpert's R3 Lead Warranty Manager. He maintains a complete understanding of all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. Eng. Mendez holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez Campus. He is knowledgeable in quality, commissioning, contract administration, and team management in similar construction programs/projects.

Eng. Mendez holds the following professional credentials:

- Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez Campus,
- Professional Engineer License Number 7368
- Over forty-nine (49) years of experience as team manager in the construction industry; and
- Over forty-nine (49) years of experience in the construction industry for housing or residential projects.

As designated Lead Complaints and Warranty Manager, Eng. Mendez will work under the direct supervision of the Senior Project Manager to control the final turn over and warranty phase of the projects of the R3 projects. He will supervise the resolution of complaints received and warranty claims presented before Xpert's Team for the R3 program. At said position he will hold the following responsibilities among others:

- Develop, tracking, and certifying the projects' specific closeout checklist and binder for the R3 projects,
- Prepare and certify the closeout procedures and documentation, related to the closeout process, including, but not limited to: (1) checklist, (2) record documents, (3) permits, (4) taxes, (5) certification, (6) insurances, and (7) warranties,
- Prepare and conduct closeout and warranty meeting with the group leaders of the warranty team and stakeholders,
- Assign tasks and managing the warranty team personnel,
- Identify and allocate resources to the warranty activities,
- Pursue outstanding closeout and warranty issues, like, but not limited to: (1) final inspections, (2) non-conformance work, and (3) outstanding debts,
- Coordinate various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of closeout and warranty deliverables, including but limited to record drawings, record specifications, closeout binder, warranty certifications, master plumber certification, professional electrician certification, commissioning, and final cleaning,
- Promote inter-team communication and keeping all the warranty team informed,

- Manage the individual group leaders of the warranty team,
- Assist the Senior Project Manager in the following Tasks:
 - Evaluation of warranty team, staff, and performance,
 - Controls of the budget for the warranty activities,
 - Status reports, trainings and presentations for the closeout and warranty activities,
 - Promote ethical behaviors and work ethic within the warranty team,
 - Assume responsibility for work products of the warranty team,
 - Assume responsibility for the closeout and warranty issues during the closeout and warranty phases,
 - Provide support for the timely resolution of homeowner complaints,
 - Coordinating the complaints resolution process with the Program Manager's Complaints Coordinator, among others.

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Project Scheduler:

Mr. Alberto Velázquez will be Xpert's R3 Project Scheduler. He will assist the Senior Project Manager in undertaking the scheduling of all repairs works associated with all Repairs Application Assignments. His main responsibility will be to ensure the Senior Project Manager that all repairs' tasks are completed as expeditious as possible. He will be responsible as well, to alert the Project Manager of any potential delay in the completion of the approved repairs.

Xpert's will utilize its own scheduling and project tracking software that will allow Mr. Velázquez to complete the assigned responsibilities. The software to be utilized allows the inclusion of photographic files as well as required project schedule information and data.

Mr. Velázquez holds the following professional credentials:

- Bachelor's from in Civil Engineer from the Polytechnic University of San Juan Campus.
- Over (10) years of experience as Project Scheduler.

As Project scheduler, Mr. Velazquez will hold the following responsibilities among others:

- Tracking, and certifying the projects' work progress including the timetable as to when purchases of materials are required for the R3 projects,
- Prepare and certify Project Overall Schedule to assist Senior Project Manager in the development of the repair project,
- Coordinate meetings required to address any unforeseen project challenge,

- Coordinate the project development with the Lead Construction Manager,
- Develop for the Senior Project Manager, needed Action Plan geared to have all repairs completed within the 60 days schedule established by the R3 Project.
- Coordinate various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of needed materials and goods required for Project completion,
- Promote inter-team communication and keeping all the R3 project team informed,

Federal Employee Compliance Manager:

Mrs. Glorimel Torrado will be Xpert's R3 Project Federal Employee Compliance Manager. Her main responsibility will be to ensure full compliance with all personnel, and payroll requirements included in the R3 project. This will cover among others compliance with the Fair Labor Act and Bacon-Davis Act whenever applicable. Together she will be responsible of filing all payroll documentation before the DOH to ensure full compliance with all applicable federal programs.

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Mrs. Torrado holds the following professional credentials:

- Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Sacred Heart Campus,
- Over seven (7) years of experience as Office Administrator and Payroll Auditor

As Federal Employee Compliance Manager, Mrs. Torrado will hold the following responsibilities among others:

- Validation of all Personnel documentation consistent with applicable federal acts,
- Verification of all weekly payrolls to ensure that all required information is clearly available,
- Documentation all findings and correction of any oversight found during her payroll process evaluation,
- Coordinate meetings required to address any payroll project challenge,
- Promote inter-team communication and keeping all the R3 project team informed,

XI. Reference Information:

Exhibit # L included herein summarizes the Reference information associated with services provided as well as the customers to which they were provided. (See Attachment 8)

XII. Ongoing Contracts / Projects:

Xpert's is at this moment is one of the Private Property Debris Removal (PPDR) selected contractors undertaking the demolition and debris removal and disposal in qualified properties by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Infrastructure Financing Authority (AFI). Together we are undertaking reconstruction works at two (2) Public Housing Projects one in Ponce and the second one in Cabo Rojo. The tasks listed in the approved Scope of Work on these two (2) reconstructions contracts are similar to those

included in the R3 program covered under this RFP.

At this time Xpert's is providing services to the DNER covering the removal of debris located within the Puerto Rico shores. This NOAA sponsored project allows the removal of debris accumulated after hurricanes Irma and Maria. The work requires special attention to the protection of the coral reefs located within the areas of services.

As part of the services provided by Xpert's for the last two years Vegetation Maintenance Services covering Transmission and Distribution Lines have been provided to LUMA Energy. These services are provided throughout specific service regions designated by LUMA's personnel.

In addition to the services described above, Xpert's has been providing Vegetation and Office Maintenance / Cleaning Services to private and public corporations in Puerto Rico for the last thirty (30) years. These services are provided to the following municipalities: San Juan, Caguas and Guaynabo. Similar office maintenance and cleaning services are being provided to the Department of Education, Department of Works and Puerto Rico Innovation and Technology Services. An additional line of services is provided by Xpert's, this one covering the sales and installation of air conditioners units in Puerto Rico. In this regard Xpert's coordinates all the installation services throughout the use of small business owners fully qualified for these services.

XIII. Subcontractors Business Information:

As requested in this RFP Attachment # 9 include Commitment Letters and Experience Template for ALL First-Tier subcontractors to be integrated in Xpert's R3 Construction Managers proposal. The Table below provides a summary of the Minority Business Enterprise as well as those Woman Owned Minority Business Enterprise Subcontractors part of our Team.

Table # 1
Minority Business / Woman Owned Minority Business Subcontractors:

Business Name	Services to be Provided	Nature of Business
Ferrer Electric Services	Electrical Services	Minority Business
Imperial Const. Inc.	General Construction Services	Minority Business
RTN Const. Corp.	General Construction Services	Minority Business
Gray Fox Corp.	General Construction Services	Minority Business / Service Disable Veteran
US Contractors LLC.	General Construction Services	Minority Business
RV Contractors	General Construction Services	Minority Business
DMATH Group LLC	General Construction Services	Woman Owned / Minority Business
Ferretería 3C	Construction Material Supplier	Minority Business
Nido Group	Construction Material Supplier	Minority Business
KC & More LLC.	Kitchen Cabinets Supplier	Woman Owned / Minority Business
Pita Law Offices	Formulating and Filing Construction and Use Permits	Minority Business

Attachment # 9 includes a Template that summarizes the individual experience of our First-Tier subcontractors for needed evaluation. Please note that needed Non-Conflict of Interest on Existing or Pending Contracts Anti-Lobbing Certifications and Non-Conflict of Interest Certification will be secured from ALL subcontractors before have any project assigned for reconstruction work.

XIV. Integrity:

Through this proposal Xpert's certifies that NONE of the company personnel and First-Tier Subcontractors have been involved in ANY Criminal, Civil or Administrative Suits, Actions, investigations, Litigations, Sanctions and/or Administrative Complaints or Proceedings during the last five (5) years from the RFP submittal due date.

In addition, this proposal includes duly certified Exhibits F & G related with Limited Denial Participation (LDP)/Suspension or Debarment Status and Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion Affidavits required. These validates the integrity of the Xpert's R3Team.

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XV. Work Plan Approach:

1. Project Understanding:

Xpert's is a diversified Small Business corporation in accordance with the criteria's promulgated by the Small Business Administration (SBA). In undertaking its multiple tasks for the last 36 years services had been provided to federal agencies as well as state agencies and private owners covering the reconstruction and rehabilitation of residential units in Puerto Rico.

Xpert's work force currently are more than 1,600 employees providing its services through Puerto Rico as well as in the US Virgin Islands. Having the benefit of including experienced local licensed professionals, together with small businesses partners will ensure that required services will be performed in a timely manner and meeting all regulatory construction codes. This is accomplished through the selection of professionals that are acquainted with the know how to comply with local laws, rules, and regulations including certified Asbestos / Lead Abatement personnel. This strategy has proven to be effective in meeting by far the requirement of integrating small business enterprises as well as woman owned business as part of Xpert's Service Proposal.

Our corporation is fully acquainted and understands the requirements included in the CDBG-DR-RFP-2022-01 related with the additional Construction Managers for the Repairs of single-family units damaged by Hurricanes Maria and Irma. To this regard, one of the services provided to Xpert's clientele is in fact the reconstruction of single-family units in compliance with the Federal Construction Codes and the updated Puerto Rico Construction Codes.

As part of the formulation of this Proposal, Xpert's staff evaluated in detail all information related with the Scope of Work, RFP documentation together with the published four (4)

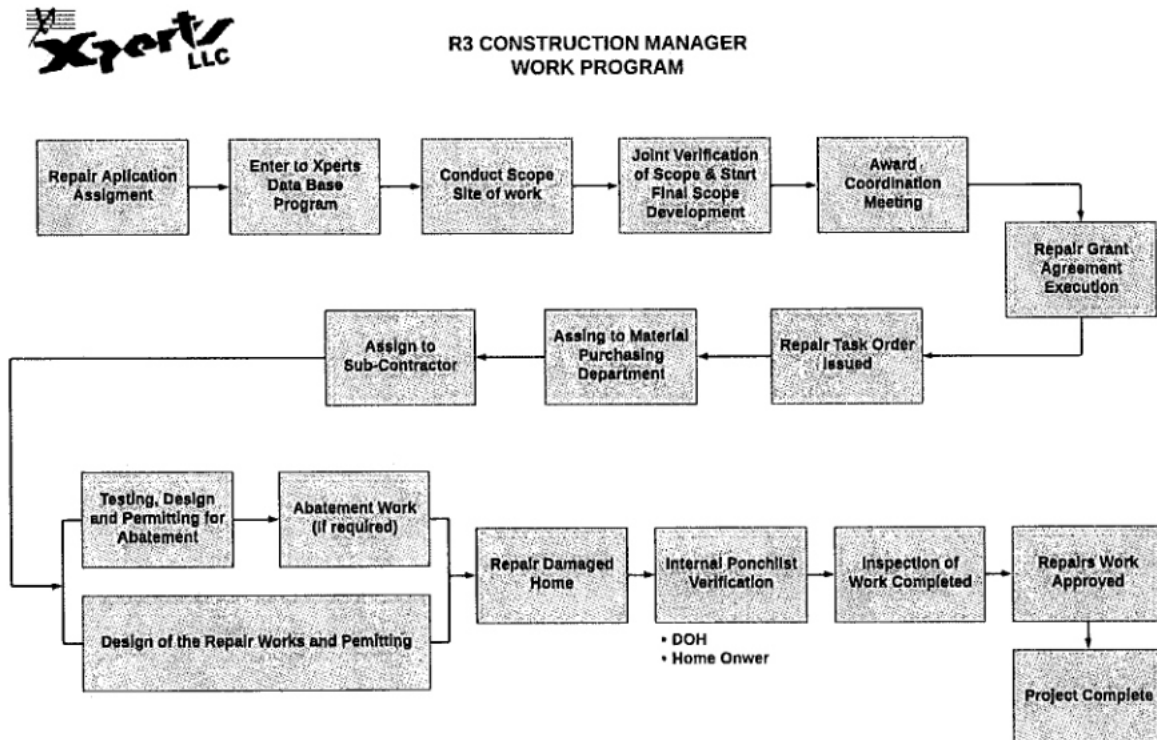
addendums. In addition, all questions presented during the RFP process were evaluated to meet all RFP requirements. Xpert's is fully aware of the required working schedule (60 days from the Repair Application Assessment and are fully committed to comply with said important requirements.

Regarding the Metrics, Milestone and Performance criterions established, Xpert's had included in his administration staff a Project Scheduler. He will be among other, overseen the individual subcontractor performance to meet the performance milestone required.

2. General Administration & Coordination:

Consistent with the above, a detailed "R3 CONSTRUCTION MANAGER WORK PROGRAM" was developed by our inhouse engineering group. Said Work Program summarizes all the steps to be followed in meeting the RFP services requirements.

Figure # 1



Based on the information published in the RFP, the following steps and coordination will be implemented once a Repair Application Assignment (RAA) is approved. These initiatives are the following:

- Once the RAA is officially approved, Xpert's Senior Project Manager, Eng. José Rodríguez (SPM) & Lead Construction Manager, Eng. Miranda (LCM) will evaluate the preliminary Scope of Work developed by the Department of Housing (DOH) engineers. This evaluation will be performed before the Joint Verification of

Damages on the single-unit to be repaired is scheduled.

- LCM will undertake the Joint Damages Assessment Inspection together with the DOH personnel,
- Data gathered from the site inspection, as well as the Repair Application Assignment will be forwarded to the Project Scheduler for the development of a detail repair work plan. This task will be coordinated with the LCM and the SPM.
- Lead Permit Manager (LPM) Eng. Daniel Pagán will verify all available Damage Assessment and Environmental Review Reports together with any other information and data related with the potential presence of Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) & Lead Based Paint housing components at the unit to be repaired. This will be the basis for the development of the Abatement / Mitigation Work Plan,
- The LCM and the Lead Design Manager (LDM) Rivera -Alejandro Architects & Engineers will develop an updated repair punch-list. Together with the input and participation of all Xpert's R3 Team, needed design drawings and construction code specifications will be developed prior to the development of the project repair estimated costs. This last component will be done through the use of the approved Xactaware Price List included in Exhibit # O,
- SPM will Coordinate with the DOH personnel the Project Award Meeting, where the updated Scope of Work-list will be evaluated and discussed with DOH designated personnel. Once an agreement regarding the required updated Scope of Work including inputs from the property Owner, the project will be ready for the execution of the Repair Grant Execution Agreement (RGEA).
- Once the RGEA is executed the DOH will Issue the needed Repair Task Order.
- Upon the approval of the Repair Task Order the following actions will be undertaken by Xpert's SPM. These are the following:

- **Coordinate with the Purchasing Department the acquisition of:**

- Material and products required for the completion of the Approved Repair Work.

- **Project Assignment:**

- SPM & LCM will select and assign the project to one of Xpert's Team Subcontractor.

- **Abatement / Mitigation Initiatives:**

- Secure the Damage Assessment Report and Environmental Review Report for the unit to be repaired.
- LPM will coordinate the delivery of the Lead / Asbestos regulatory pamphlets to the property owner during the preconstruction project conference,
- Obtain the Liability waiver from the homeowner,
- LPM will evaluate the Environmental Review Report including any Testing, Mitigation Report and Mitigation Design Plan to validate its document completion prior to its delivery before the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER). The LPM will oversee the Filing and approval of the required DNER Abatement Permits.
- Once approved, the LPM will coordinate the required Abatement Field Work needed through the use of a Certified Mitigation Company part of Xpert's

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Team (Demolition & Environmental Kontractor Corp.).

- At the time all Abatement Field Works are completed, the Final Completion Report written by Demolition & Environmental Kontractor Corp. will file including all supporting documentation for final approval before the DNER,
- Once Final Written approval is secured from the DNER covering the Abatement / Mitigation work completed, the LPM will notify the SPM & LCM to coordinate the startup of the approved rehabilitation and repair tasks.

○ **Design of any Repair Job including required Construction Codes / Specification to have it ready once Abatement / Mitigation Work is completed.**

Once the Repair Grant Execution Agreement (RGEA) the following actions will be performed:

- Xpert's LCM will immediately undertake any repair design job and complete through the assistance of the LPM filing of the Construction Permit Application before the Office of Permit Management (OPPe),
 - The LPM will notify the SPM & LCM once all Abatement / Mitigation works are completed and Final approval from the DNER secured, together with the approval of the needed construction permit required for the actual reconstruction work are in hand, approved repairs will be initiated.
 - Lead Quality Control Manager (LQCM) Eng. Pablo Colón will validate that the repairs been undertaken are performed in accordance with the Construction Codes as well as the Best Construction Management Practices.
 - Lead Complaint & Warranty Manager (LCWM) Eng. Mendez will be inspecting the work in progress and addressing all complaints and Warranty Issues with the property owner. Together, he will be overseen that all repair tasks are performed in full compliance with the Approved Scope of Work and completed within 60 days schedule from the RDEA date.
 - The Lead Federal Compliance Auditor (LFCA) Mrs. Glorimel Torrado will be responsible of auditing all payroll and personnel documentation required to met R3 requirements. She will prepare needed reports and payroll certifications needed for the payment of services rendered.
 - Project Scheduler responsibilities will be assigned to Mr. Alberto Velázquez. He will be supporting the SPM in tracking that all repairs' tasks are completed within the established 60 days schedule.
- The LCM together with the Lead Complaint & Warranty Manager (LCWM) will coordinate the development of Two Project Punch-List. One will be discussed with the DOH personnel and a second one developed together with the property Owner.
 - The LCM will ensure that all repairs included in the two (2) punch-lists have been repaired and accepted by the DOH and the Property Owner, repairs works are approved, and the Project is completed.
 - The LFCA will coordinate that the Project Satisfaction Questionnaire is completed by the Property Owner. This action is required as part of the DOH Performance / Milestone Metrics of the program.

3. Experience and Knowledge of Local Design Standards and Construction Requirements:

The Senior Project Manager (SPM), Lead Design Manager (LDM) and the Lead Construction Manager are fully experienced professionals fully knowledge of the design codes applicable to the rehabilitation of single-family units.

In the case of the SPM Eng. Rodríguez is a licensed Engineer with extensive experience in the construction of single-family units as well as High Rise Condominiums. In particular, he had supervised the construction of over 660 residential units together with three (3) High Rise projects in the San Juan Metro Area.

In addition, the subcontractors that integrates Xpert's R3 Team hold extensive experience in the construction of single-family units and some of them had been qualified by DOH for the R3 project in the past. Cumulative design, construction experience accumulated by Xpert's Team Members exceeds the 2,000 units in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

Together with the above and to further complement our R3 engineering design team, the civil design Group of Rivera Alejandro Architects and Engineers are part of our technical resources. As engineers and architects with over forty (40) years of experience and meeting construction codes, will round up our team to provide a cost-effective design approach for the R3 Construction Managers Proposal.

4. Regulatory Permits Requirements Experience:

The professional to be engaged in the permit, mitigation and regulatory compliance is an engineer with over fifty (50) years of experience in the environmental compliance area. Eng. Daniel Pagán directed the Air Pollution Control Area of the Former Environmental Quality Board, Executive Director of the Former Solid Waste Management Authority, Secretary of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) and former liaison between the Government of Puerto Rico and all Federal agencies on all aspects of environmental protection and compliance.

Together he has been engaged in the most recent regulatory overhaul covering the design criteria for subpart D Landfills, together with the amendment to the Air Pollution Control Regulation and the 2022 State Implementation Plan for SO₂.

To complement its professional experience, he has been formulating general construction permits for construction projects in Puerto Rico. As a licensed Asbestos Containing Material and Lead Containing Materials mitigation supervisor is fully trained to oversee the abatement / mitigation programs that may be required as part of this R3 Construction Manager Project.

The LPM team integrates as well, professionals fully acquainted with the requirements of the OGPe Construction and Use Permits action that will expedite the approval of said authorizations. The integration of experienced professionals with full knowledge on applicable environmental regulations and acquainted with the OGPe regulations ("Reglamento Conjunto") Requirements will facilitate the completion of the permit approval process faster.

5. Safety Approach during R3 Repairs Jobs:

The safety of our employees and equipment, client's personnel, and the public in general is paramount in all the company's operations. Prior to the start of any new operation, Eng. Ronnie Cepeda the project LSM will identify the potential hazards present and undertake the write up of Project Safety Plan. Workers, subcontractors, and management personnel are instructed in the hazards that might be encountered and the methods developed to minimize and prevent work related accidents.

The LSM will ensure that ALL personnel (including subcontractors) to be undertaking actual field work will be aware of the safety precautions in the risks associated with the handling of Asbestos Containing Materials and Lead Contaminated Paint. LSM will coordinate with the LPM so needed Mitigation certified subcontractor can develop its site work and safety plan as required. Whenever needed, notification will be delivered to the property owners of the presence of ACM and Lead Base Paint Product as required by HUD Regulations.

LSM will ensure that all project Personnel will be provided with all Personnel Protection Clothing and Equipment's to undertake the required job. Whenever required and as part of Xpert's Team a fully qualified Asbestos/ Lead inspector will be available to oversee all field mitigation jobs.

An unsafe job may generate delays and increased costs to the projects that are not recoverable. Xpert's has integrated a LSM that is acquainted with OSHA rules and regulations. He will assist in the preparation of a project specific safety plan and review on-going progress to determine if changes to the plan are required.

Prior to beginning EACH REPAIR JOB, the LSM will complete an activity hazard analysis for said project. Work will not proceed until the hazard analysis and safety plan has been reviewed and accepted. The analysis will include, at a minimum:

- Define the activity being performed,
- Identify the sequence of work to be accomplished,
- Identify the specific hazards that are anticipated,
- Identify the control measures that shall be implemented to reduce each hazard to an acceptable level.

6. Quality Control Efforts in the Design, Demolition, Abatement and Construction Works:

A Quality Control Plan (QCP) will be developed by Eng. Pablo Colón Project Quality Control Manager and furnished for review to the DOH after receipt of RAA, that will provide the necessary supervision and control phases for all items of work covered in the repair order. It will include among others: (1) design work and compliance with construction codes, (2) demolition efforts (if needed), (3) ACM / Lead Base products mitigation / abatement efforts, (4) construction efforts and (5) Metrics and Milestones R3 Compliance. It will provide the necessary supervision, control phases, and tests off all items of work, including those provided by suppliers and subcontractors. Together, it will ensure compliance of all work with the applicable specification covering the contractor equipment's, materials,

workmanship, services, tasks completion, performance, and personnel identification, among others.

The plan will be revised as necessary with each additional scope element change to ensure compliance with task order provisions and submitted to the DOH designated personnel for needed approval. It identifies among other: (1) CQ Personnel, (2) Procedures, and (3) Control Methods. Together it will describe specific quality control system and approaches discussed during project coordination meeting with the DOH Authorized Representative. This will include the development of Metrics and performance criteria established such as: (1) Workmanship, (2) Work in Progress, (3) Average Build Time and (4) Client Satisfaction.

The implementation of a comprehensive Quality Control Plan demonstrates Xpert's tradition to obtain and maintain high quality standards and a safe working environment. These high-quality standards include workmanship throughout all phases of work, such as design, demolition (if required), abatement and construction work.

To ensure our tradition of providing the highest quality and workmanship services the following principles will be observed in Xpert's QCP:

- Assure the highest quality by maintaining supervised control procedures and practices that establish clearly defined responsibility and lines of authority for compliance.
- Comply with all RGA requirements and specifications, applicable standards, federal and local regulatory DOH requirements.
- Complete and accurate record of procedures and other required documentation, including the compliance with R3 Performance Metrics.
- If any deficiency is detected during the implementation of the approved repair field work, the project foreman, or any direct supervisor at the field has the authority and instructions to stop the work and take immediate corrective action. Also, he/she will immediately inform the project Quality Control Manager so they can inform the DOH representative or request a meeting to implement immediate corrective action.
- As mentioned before, any deficiency not detected by the project foreman and detected by the project manager together with our Quality Manager will immediately stop the work being performed and corrective action implemented.
- Xpert's will hold a fully trained CQ staff. If changes become necessary, the QCP will be updated to reflect the changes and submit them to the DOH designated personnel.

7. Inspections / Applicants Complaints and Warranties Issues:

Eng. Mendez will be Xpert's LCWM. He is an experienced project inspector with over forty (40) years inspecting the housing construction industry in Puerto Rico. During the last three (3) years he had been providing independent project inspections services to a total of seven (7) projects, of which three (3) are in progress as of today. His professional contribution will ensure that all work to be developed will be done meeting applicable construction codes. He will provide a timely resolution to any complaint presented by the project owner or appliances warranty claim.

In addition to the above, Mendez will oversee the developments of the repair field works with Xpert's team input. He will ensure that all R3 Metrics, Milestones and Performance criterions are met. Together he will validate that all field repair works are completed within the approved 60 days schedule and that any complaint and or warranty claims are address on a timely fashion.

Complaints and warranty claims presented by the property owner will be received by the LCWM for needed evaluation and correction. Once the Complaint and /or Warranty Claim are addressed by the LCWM, he will communicate with the property Owner to have said claim or complaint closed and file needed documentation to the DOH. A record of all complaints and claims will be maintained as part of the project documentation together with the documented actions implemented for its resolution. Copy of all documentation related with construction complaint and warranty claims will be delivered to the Project scheduler for needed action. Together with the actions mentioned above, he will be responsible of having the performance Questionnaire duly completed by the owner and have it delivered to the DOH for needed action and metrics compliance.

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8. Compliance with Federal Employee R3 Requirement:

Xpert's had included Mrs. Glorimel Torrado as part of his Management Team as Lead Federal Compliance Auditor (LFCA). Her main responsibility will be to ensure full compliance with all personnel, and payroll requirements included in the R3 project. This will cover among others compliance with the Fair Labor Act and Bacon-Davis Act whenever applicable.

9. Metrics, Milestones, and Performance:

Xpert's R3 Management will be developing and gathering needed performance data to validate its company compliance with the DOH Metrics. Milestones and Performance criterions. The main objective on this effort will be the compliance with the established criterions to allow the assignment of additional Repair plication Assignments to the company.

Xpert's Senior Project Manager and Project Scheduler will be gathering performance covering the following areas and initiatives:

- **Workmanship:** This will consider the in-depth evaluation covering the ratio of total failed milestone inspections covering all project assignments. Senior Project Manager will be responsible of maintain the 30 days rolling average in a stable or upward trend.
- **Average Build Time:** Xpert's R3 Project Scheduler will calculate the total number of days from approval of a Notice to Proceed to passing a final inspection for each project assigned. The objective is to have the lowest project completion time compared with the established 60 days program work schedule.
- **Work in Progress:** Xpert's R3 Project Scheduler will determine on a weekly basis the amount of work currently has under contract for which a Notice to Proceed

has been issued, but a final inspection has not been completed. The main objective will be to have the less work in progress to support the allocation of additional repair jobs.

- **Client and Homeowner Satisfaction:** Xpert's R3 Project Scheduler together with the LCWM will be responsible of gathering from the homeowners needed customers survey. Results from the above-mentioned satisfaction survey will be utilized to calibrate the services provided by Xpert's Team and its subcontractors.

10. Compliance with Resilience and Green Energy Standard:

Rivera-Alejandro as Xpert's R3 Lead Design Manager will incorporate in all projects design, resilient materials and characteristics geared to improve its performance. Among the resilient considerations and materials to be considered there are: use of concrete products and the consideration of design resilient characteristics like seismic restraints for equipment and windstorm resistance for exterior windows.

Regarding compliance with the required Green Building Standard, Rivera-Alejandro will comply in the replacement of substantially damaged residential buildings in compliance with the HUD-approved Green Building Standards. All rehabilitation, reconstruction, or new construction will be designed incorporating principles of sustainability, including water conservation, energy efficiency, resilience, and any other infrastructure that will mitigate impact in future disasters.

For the projects under the RFP Construction Manager, all rehabilitation of non-substantially damaged structures, Rivera-Alejandro will adhere and follow the guidelines specified in the HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD) Green Building Retrofit Checklist, as much as practicable possible. This will consider among others the use of mold resistant products when replacing surfaces such as drywall. In addition, the utilization of ENERGY STAR®-labeled, Water Sense-labeled, or Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)-designated products and appliances will be use whenever replacing of older or obsolete products are required.



ATTACHMENT B SCOPE OF WORK

**Request for Proposals
Increase Capacity-Homeowner Repair, Reconstruction, or Relocation Program
CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS
Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery
Puerto Rico Department of Housing
CDBG-DR-RFP-2022-01**

This document defines the Construction Manager tasks that the Proposers must perform in order to increase the capacity and support the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) in the implementation of the Homeowner Repair, Reconstruction, or Relocation Program (R3 Program) as part of Puerto Rico's recovery efforts, in accordance to Federal, State, and Local requirements and in connection with appropriated disaster assistance funding under the Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR) allocation. A detailed description of the Housing CDBG-DR programs is included in the Action Plan approved by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A complete copy of the Action Plan, and proposed amendment are available at www.cdbg-dr.pr.gov/action-plan.

1. Overview

The PRDOH is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure highly qualified and skilled designers and contractors to provide Construction Manager services for the R3 Program. It is expected that the Selected Proposer(s) will be prepared to invest a considerable amount of resources and efforts as related to the design, demolition, abatement, and repair of single-family dwelling units as specified and described in the Action Plan, in a short period of time. Proposers must understand the CDBG-DR's program initiatives, goals, and regulations, including Federal Register Notices 83 FR 5844 and 83 FR 40314. Proposers must be familiar with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) latest acronyms, glossary, laws, policies, guidelines and design standards applicable to this RFP's Scope of Work. The proposer remains fully responsible for determining if the information mentioned before has been revised or updated.

Construction Managers will be an integral part of the R3 Program and will be required to work in harmony with other stakeholders such as the Program Managers, the Environmental Consultants, and the Call Center Operations Consultant, as well as other staff and contractors retained by the PRDOH for implementation of the CDBG-DR programs. Selected Proposers will be directly responsible for ensuring the accuracy, timeliness, and completion of all tasks assigned under a contract.

The PRDOH reserves the right, without limitations, to:

- Cancel the solicitation and reissue the RFP or another version of it, if it deems that doing so is in the best Public Interest;
- Amend the contract(s) of the Selected Proposer(s) to extend its original duration, as further explained in the RFP, as related to the goods and services requested;
- Amend the contract(s) of the Selected Proposer(s) to extend the scale of its(their) scope to include work under subsequent CDBG-DR action plans as related to the goods and services requested herein;

- Amend the contract(s) of the Selected Proposer(s) to reduce the scale of its scope to decrease work, individual tasks, geographical areas, or regions as a consequence of underperformance or inexcusable delays related to the goods and services requested herein; and
- Contract with one or more qualified proposers for Construction Managers as a result of the selection of qualified Proposers or the cancellation of this RFP.

Award of Contract(s) will be to the "Qualified Proposers" whose Proposals, conforming to the RFP, is(are) most advantageous to the PRDOH. The scope of work presented is based upon circumstances existing at the time the RFP is released. The PRDOH reserves the right to modify or delete the tasks listed and, if appropriate, add additional tasks prior to and during the term of the contemplated contract.

1.1. Single-Family Repair, Reconstruction, or Relocation Program (R3 Program)

The R3 Program provide relief for those who were impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria while addressing recognized impediments to affirmatively furthering fair housing as required under the Fair Housing Act. Assistance under this Program will be provided under three primary avenues: repair, reconstruction, and relocation (R3). Within the reconstruction or relocation venues, demolition of substantially damaged dwellings is an eligible activity.

Under the R3 Program all repair, reconstruction and new construction activities will be designed to incorporate principles of sustainability, including water conservation, energy efficiency, resilience, and mitigation against impacts from future disasters. The Selected Proposers will implement design and construction methods that emphasized quality, durability, energy efficiency, sustainability, and mold resistance.

The R3 program provides assistance to homeowners to repair or rebuild their damaged homes. Reconstruction activity returns otherwise displaced families to their homes in their same community. Homes become eligible for reconstruction when the property estimated cost of repair exceeds \$60,000 as confirmed through program inspection, the property is determined to be substantially damaged by an authority having jurisdiction, or a feasibility inspection determines that reconstruction is required. Homes meeting this damage threshold will be reconstructed to include resilient measures in structural materials. Homes that may not be rebuilt in place due to legal, engineering or environmental constraints (permitting, extraordinary site conditions, etc.) will not be reconstructed and the homeowner will be provided with relocation options. Homes in the floodplain the meet the \$60,000 damage threshold for reconstruction, substantial damage, or substantial improvement (repairs exceeding 50% of the current market value of the structure) as defined in 24 C.F.R § 55.2 may be reconstructed only when elevation is reasonable based on the criteria defined in Program Guidelines. These eligible homeowners may also be offered relocation options.

Homes with existing damage equal to or less than \$60,000 or 50% of the current market value of the structure, whichever is less, will be repaired in compliance with the applicable building codes and standards, including the International Existing Building Code and HUD CPD Green Building Retrofit checklist.

The general objectives of the R3 Program are:

- To return displaced homeowners;
- To reconstruct housing to higher resilience standards;
- To revitalize weak and aging housing stock; and
- To move households out of unsafe conditions.

The R3 Program encompasses the use of Construction Managers to coordinate, design, improve, and construct new replacement housing stock or repair existing single-family dwelling units damaged by Hurricanes Irma or María. The Construction Managers will be key components of the R3 Program, which includes other services like: Call Center Operations; Program Managers; Cost Estimators; and Environmental Consultants; among others. It is expected that Selected Proposers actively coordinate and frequently engage with other stakeholders of the R3 Program.

There is no guarantee of a minimum level of services which may be requested by the PRDOH under this contract.

The intent of this Request for Proposal is to procure services for Repair Works only. No Reconstruction or New Construction work will be awarded to the Selected Proposers under this Contract.

2. Construction Managers

The Selected Proposer(s) are expected to strengthen the R3 Program by providing their expertise, experience, and knowledge of design, construction, and contract administration to each project undertaken.

2.1. Objectives

Objectives for the Construction Managers include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Reduce the process and time from the award of benefits to applicants to projects' completion;
- Reduce the risks and legal burden to PRDOH and the R3 Program;
- Control costs and reduce budget overruns;
- Standardize the document controls while reducing the submittal burden on the PRDOH and its representatives;
- Improve the quality of documentation;
- Standardize designs/solutions while reducing the submittal burden on PRDOH and its representatives;
- Expedite and optimize solutions to any unforeseen conditions, while reducing contract modifications;
- Increase quality control and quality assurance in the overall R3 Program;
- Increase project safety while reducing liability to the R3 Program;
- Standardize and expedite the close-out process of projects; and
- Increase the compliance with green building initiatives/checklists.

2.2. Duties and Responsibilities

Duties and responsibilities of Construction Managers include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Obtaining copies Damage Assessment Reports for the assigned cases and clarifying any doubt with the PRDOH's representatives;
- Obtaining copies of the Environmental Review Reports for the assigned cases and clarifying any doubt with the PRDOH's representatives;
- Delivering the Lead and Asbestos pamphlets for the assigned cases to the homeowners, during the pre-construction conference for projects;
- Obtaining copies of Homeowners' authorization to access and work on property, before starting any repair or reconstruction work; and
- Obtaining copies of Homeowners' waiver of liability to remain on the property during construction, if applicable. These waivers shall be obtained during the pre-construction conference with the Homeowner.

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2.3. Construction Managers

Construction Managers will:

- Be assigned to geographical regions (groups of municipalities), at the PRDOH's discretion;
- Have the capability to work one or more regions at any given time;
- Perform Repair projects, including demolition or abatement;
- Ensure that subcontracting of works only occur up to a tier 2 subcontractor level;
- Be frequently evaluated and held responsible for the performance of their team and organization, including designers, consultants, suppliers, manufacturers, and subcontractors;
- Prioritize engaging local subcontractors, professionals and relevant service providers headquartered in Puerto Rico as Team Members and Key Individuals to the greatest extent;
- Engage and cooperate with the local communities and municipalities;
- Provide periodical status reports to PRDOH and its representatives; and
- Attend or conduct meetings with the PRDOH and its representatives.

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3. Staff and Subcontractors

This section details minimum staffing that will be required from the Construction Managers in order to perform the tasks required for the R3 Program. The Selected Proposer(s) will be directly responsible for ensuring the accuracy, timeliness, and completion of all tasks assigned under the Contract. **All subcontractors to be used by the Construction Managers will need to be approved by the PRDOH or its representatives.**

3.1. Staff Requirement

Proposers shall have or will secure, at their own expense, all personnel required in performing the tasks under the Construction Managers Contract. PRDOH expects the Selected Proposers to provide competent and fully qualified staff that are authorized or permitted under federal, state and local law to perform the scope of work under this contract. The PRDOH reserves the right to request the removal of any staff not performing to standard or following the code of ethics. No personnel may be assigned to the resulting contract without the written consent of the PRDOH.

3.2. Staff Experience and Qualifications

Proposers must provide detailed information about the experience and qualifications of the Principals, project managers, key personnel, and staff to be assigned, including degrees, certifications, licenses and years of relevant experience. Proposers shall specifically identify people currently employed by the Proposer who will serve in key roles. This includes the Proposers' own staff and staff from any subcontractors to be used. The Proposers should demonstrate that their staff (and/or subcontractor's staff) meet the desirable requirements listed below and have necessary experience and knowledge to successfully implement and perform the tasks and services. PRDOH promotes opportunities for maximum feasible participation of certified Section 3, Minority, and Women Owned Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE's).

Proposers must include information regarding their administrative capacity, design and construction experience in similar construction projects, personnel, consultants, equipment, software capabilities, document controls, safety record, and quality control procedures. The Selected Proposers must have retained, and must maintain over the life of the contract, as a minimum, the following key staff resources:

3.2.1. Senior Project Manager

The Senior Project Manager shall maintain a complete understanding of all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. He / She must possess academic and practical knowledge of program management, regulatory compliance, construction, and statutory compliance for similar complex programs/projects. The Senior Project Manager must have:

- Should be fluent in English and Spanish languages;
- Must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution;
- At least fifteen (15) years of experience as project manager on construction projects; and
- Experience in design-build projects is preferred.

The resource assigned as Senior Project Manager will be the main point of contact between the PRDOH and the Construction Manager. He / She shall be available on-call and attend R3 Program meetings with the PRDOH and the top management of the R3 Program. The Senior Project Manager responsibilities include the following:

- Formulate, organize and monitor the overall performance;
- Define objectives and strategies to achieve program success;
- Making key decision to accomplish the program's objectives;
- Coordinating cross-phases activities;
- Lead, train and evaluate other senior staff and their performance;
- Developing and managing the master schedule of the projects;
- Developed deadlines and complete milestones;
- Coordinating various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of the overall milestones;
- Manage and control the Construction Manager's budget;

- Identifying and allocating resources to the organization;
- Assess risk and manage changes in the projects;
- Assess program performance for the continues improvement;
- Assume responsibility for the organization's performance and its staff;
- Prepare and explain the executive reports to the Owner and its Representatives; and
- Any other function required to support the R3 Program.

3.2.2. Lead Design Manager

The Lead Design Manager shall maintain a complete understanding of all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. He / She must possess academic and practical knowledge in planning, design, code compliance, sustainable design, accessible design, contract administration and design team management in similar construction programs/projects. The Lead Design Manager must have:

- A bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited institution in architecture or engineering;
- Experience with design-build projects;
- Professional license to practice engineering or architecture in Puerto Rico;
- Active membership of the Puerto Rico College of Architects and Landscape Architects or the Puerto Rico College of Engineers and Land Surveyors;
- Active registration with the Puerto Rico Department of State;
- At least ten (10) years of experience as design manager in the construction industry; and
- At least five (5) years of experience designing housing or residential projects.

The resource assigned as Lead Design Manager shall work together and under the direct supervision of the Senior Project Manager to control the planning/design phase of the R3 projects. The Lead Design Manager will supervise the design team, with the following responsibilities:

- Assisting with the development of the projects' schedule, especially in the design phase;
- Assigning tasks and managing the design team's personnel;
- Identifying and allocating resources to the design phase;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the risk assessment for the design phase;
- Recommending and advising the Senior Project Manager as the subject matter expert in the design issues;
- Owning and pursuing outstanding design issues;
- Coordinating various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of the design tasks and deliverables, like final design documents, code compliance, submittals, request for information, etc.;
- Promoting inter-team communication and keeping all the design team informed;
- Managing the individual group leaders of the design team;

- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the evaluation of design team staff and performance;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the controls of the budget for the design phase;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager with status reports and presentations for the design phase;
- Promoting high quality standard for the design phase;
- Promoting ethical behaviors and work ethic within the design team;
- Ensure the compliance of the R3 projects with resilience and sustainable design;
- Ensure the compliance of the R3 projects with the Housing Quality Standard and codes;
- Assuming responsibility for work products of the design team; and
- Any other function required to support the R3 program.

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3.2.3. Lead Permit Manager

The Lead Permit Manager shall maintain a complete understanding of all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. He / She shall possess academic and practical knowledge in permitting, environmental compliance, sustainable design, contract administration and team management in similar construction programs/projects. The Lead Permit Manager must have:

- A bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited institution in environmental or engineering related field;
- At least ten (10) years of experience as team manager in the environmental or construction industry; and
- At least five (5) years of experience in permit processing for housing or residential projects.

The resource assigned as Lead Permit Manager shall work together and under the direct supervision of the Senior Project Manager to control the permitting and environmental aspects of the R3 projects. The Lead Permit Manager will supervise the permits and environmental team of the R3 program, with the following responsibilities:

- Assisting with the development of the projects' schedule, especially in the permitting and environmental activities;
- Assigning tasks and managing the permits and environmental team's personnel;
- Identifying and allocating resources to the permitting and environmental activities;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager with the risk assessment of regulatory and environmental issues;
- Recommending and advising the Senior Project Manager as the subject matter expert in the permitting and environmental issues;
- Owning and pursuing outstanding permits, endorsement and environmental issues;

- Coordinating various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of permits and environmental deliverables, like lead abatement, asbestos abatement; erosion controls, construction permit, etc.;
- Promoting inter-team communication and keeping all the permits and environmental team informed;
- Managing the individual group leaders of the permits and environmental team;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the evaluation of permits and environmental team staff and performance;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the controls of the budget for the permitting and environmental activities;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager with status reports and presentations for the permitting and environmental activities;
- Promoting best management practices in the permitting and environmental activities;
- Promoting ethical behaviors and work ethic within the permits and environmental team;
- Assuming responsibility for work products of the permits and environmental team;
- Assuming responsibility for permits and environmental issues of the R3 projects during the planning, design, construction and closeout phases; and

3.2.4. Lead Construction Manager

The Lead Construction Manager shall maintain a complete understanding of all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. He / She shall possess academic and practical knowledge in construction (method, materials, equipment, etc.), Puerto Rico Building Code, safety, scheduling, contract administration, and construction management in similar construction programs/projects. The Lead Construction Manager must have:

- A bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited institution in architecture or engineering;
- Knowledge of design-build projects.
- Professional license to practice engineering or architecture in Puerto Rico;
- Active membership of the Puerto Rico College of Architects or Landscape Architects or the Puerto Rico College of Engineers and Land Surveyors;
- Active registration with the Puerto Rico Department of State;
- At least ten (10) years of experience as construction manager in the construction industry; and
- At least five (5) years of experience in the construction of housing or residential projects.

The resource assigned as Lead Construction Manager shall work together and under the direct supervision of the Senior Project Manager to control the construction phase of the R3 projects. The Lead Construction Manager will

supervise the construction team of the R3 program, with the following responsibilities:

- Assisting with the development of the projects' schedule, especially in the construction phase;
- Assigning tasks and managing the construction team's personnel;
- Identifying and allocating resources to the construction phase;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the risk assessment for the construction phase;
- Recommending and advising the Senior Project Manager as the subject matter expert in the construction and constructability issues;
- Owning and pursuing outstanding construction issues;
- Coordinating various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of the construction tasks and deliverables;
- Promoting inter-team communication and keeping all the construction team informed;
- Managing the individual group leaders of the construction team;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the evaluation of construction team staff and performance;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the controls of the budget for the construction phase;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager with status reports and presentations for the construction phase;
- Promoting high quality standard for the construction phase;
- Promoting ethical behaviors and work ethic within the construction team;
- Assuming responsibility for work products of the construction team; and
- Any other function required to support the R3 program.

3.2.5. Lead Safety Manager

The Lead Safety Manager must maintain a complete understanding of all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. He / She shall possess academic and practical knowledge in occupational safety, human health, risk assessment, labor laws and regulations related to workplace safety, contract administration, and team management in similar construction programs/projects. The Lead Safety Manager must have:

- A bachelor's from an accredited institution;
- Knowledge of OSHA regulations with regards to construction;
- 30 hour of OSHA training (OSHA trainer certificate preferred);
- Ability to train, influence, and motivate groups and team members;
- Clear understanding of specific safety issues related to construction;
- At least ten (10) years of experience in the occupational safety and health industry; and
- At least five (5) years of experience in construction safety for housing or residential projects.

The resource assigned as Lead Safety Manager shall work together and under the direct supervision of the Senior Project Manager, to control the occupational safety and health aspects of the R3 projects. The Lead Safety Manager will supervise the safety compliance team of the R3 program, with the following responsibilities:

- Development, implementation and maintenance of the overall safety plan for the R3 projects;
- Development, implementation and maintenance of the projects' specific safety plan for the R3 projects;
- Development and enforce safety protocols related to occupational safety and health issues;
- Preparing and certifying the regulatory documentation, related to occupation safety and health aspects, including but limited to: OSHA 300 form, OSHA 300A form, incident report, safety data sheets' binder, hazard communication, and warning labels;
- Analyzing incidents, tracking incident metrics, and preparing protocols to prevent future events;
- Preparing and conducting safety meeting and training with the group leaders of the safety compliance team;
- Assigning tasks and managing the safety compliance team's personnel;
- Identifying and allocating resources to the occupational safety and health activities;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager with the risk assessment of regulatory and occupation safety issues;
- Recommending and advising the Senior Project Manager as the subject matter expert in the occupation safety and health issues;
- Owning and pursuing outstanding safety and health related issues, like, but not limited to: submittals, rigging plans, protocols, high risk events, OSHA, PROSHA, personal protection equipment, and safety inspections;
- Coordinating various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of safety compliance deliverables, including but limited to: rigging plan, risk evaluation, safety reports, tool box meeting, training, record keeping, and certifications;
- Promoting inter-team communication and keeping all the safety compliance team informed;
- Managing the individual group leaders of the safety compliance team;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the evaluation of safety compliance team, staff and performance;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the controls of the budget for the safety compliance activities;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager with status reports, trainings and presentations for the safety compliance activities;
- Promoting responsible safety and health practices during the abatement, demolition, construction, closeout and warranty phases of the R3 projects;
- Promoting ethical behaviors and work ethic within the safety compliance team;

- Assuming responsibility for work products of the safety compliance team;
- Assuming responsibility for the prevention, communication and correction of safety issues during the all the phases of the R3 projects;
- Assuming responsibility for safety and health issues during the construction phase; and
- Any other function required to support the R3 program.

3.2.6. Lead Quality Control Manager

The Lead Quality Control Manager must maintain a complete understanding of all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. He / She shall possess academic and practical knowledge in quality control, quality assurance, commissioning, contract administration, and team management in similar construction programs/projects. The Lead Quality Control Manager must have:

- A bachelor's from an accredited institution in engineering, architecture, business or science-related field;
- Clear understanding of specific quality issues related to construction;
- Knowledge in Total Quality Management concepts and practical application to the construction industry;
- At least ten (10) years of experience as team manager in the quality management industry; and
- At least five (5) years of experience in quality control in the construction industry for housing or residential projects.

The resource assigned as Lead Quality Control Manager shall work together and under the direct supervision of the Senior Project Manager to control the quality control and quality assurance aspects of the R3 projects. The Lead Quality Control Manager will supervise the quality control team of the R3 program, with the following responsibilities:

- Assisting with the development of the projects' schedule, especially the quality control testing during the construction phase;
- Development, implementation and maintenance of the program's overall quality plan for the R3 projects;
- Development, implementation and maintenance of the projects' specific quality plan for the R3 projects;
- Development and enforce quality control and quality assurance procedures and testing, related to construction;
- Tracking and resolving non-compliance reports;
- Preparing and conducting meetings and trainings with the group leaders of the quality control team;
- Assigning tasks and managing the quality control team's personnel;
- Identifying and allocating resources to the quality control activities;
- Recommending and advising the Senior Project Manager as the subject matter expert in the quality control and quality assurance issues;
- Owning and pursuing outstanding quality related issues similar to, but not limited to: coordination drawings, quality control submittals, quality

requirements, testing procedures, testing results, equipment start-up, quality control inspection, and mock-ups;

- Coordinating various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of quality control deliverables, including but limited to: testing, quality control reports, QC meetings, QC training, record keeping, and QC certifications;
- Promoting inter-team communication and keeping all the quality control team informed;
- Managing the individual group leaders of the quality control team;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the evaluation of the quality control team, staff and performance;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the controls of the budget for the quality control activities;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager with status reports, trainings and presentations for the quality control activities;
- Promoting total quality control practices during the construction, closeout and warranty phases of the R3 projects;
- Promoting ethical behaviors and work ethic within the quality control team;
- Assuming responsibility for work products of the quality control team;
- Assuming responsibility for the prevention, communication and correction of quality control issues, during the construction, closeout and warranty the phases of the R3 projects;
- Assuming responsibility for quality control issues during the construction, closeout and warranty phases; and
- Any other function required to support the R3 program.

3.2.7. Lead Complaints and Warranty Manager

The Lead Warranty Manager must maintain a complete understanding of all applicable R3 Program policies, requirements, and procedures. He / She shall possess academic and practical knowledge in quality, commissioning, contract administration, and team management in similar construction programs/projects. The Lead Warranty Manager must have:

- A bachelor's from an accredited institution in engineering, architecture, business or science-related field;
- At least ten (10) years of experience as team manager in the construction industry; and
- At least five (5) years of experience in the construction industry for housing or residential projects.

The resource assigned as Lead Complaints and Warranty Manager shall work together and under the direct supervision of the Senior Project Manager to control the final turn over and warranty phase of the projects of the R3 projects. The Lead Complaints and Warranty Manager will supervise the complaints and warranty team of the R3 program, with the following responsibilities:

- Development, tracking, and certifying the projects' specific closeout checklist and binder for the R3 projects;

- Preparing and certifying the closeout procedures and documentation, related to the closeout process, including but limited to: checklist, record documents, permits, taxes, certification, insurances, and warranties;
- Preparing and conducting closeout and warranty meeting with the group leaders of the warranty team and stakeholders;
- Assigning tasks and managing the warranty team personnel;
- Identifying and allocating resources to the warranty activities;
- Owning and pursuing outstanding closeout and warranty issues, like, but not limited to: final inspections, non-conformance work, and outstanding debts;
- Coordinating various components of projects to ensure the on-time delivery of closeout and warranty deliverables, including but limited to: record drawings, record specifications, closeout binder, warranty certifications, master plumber certification, professional electrician certification, commissioning, and final cleaning;
- Promoting inter-team communication and keeping all the warranty team informed;
- Managing the individual group leaders of the warranty team;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the evaluation of warranty team, staff and performance;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager in the controls of the budget for the warranty activities;
- Assisting the Senior Project Manager with status reports, trainings and presentations for the closeout and warranty activities;
- Promoting ethical behaviors and work ethic within the warranty team;
- Assuming responsibility for work products of the warranty team;
- Assuming responsibility for the closeout and warranty issues during the closeout and warranty phases;
- Providing support for the timely resolution of homeowner complaints;
- Coordinating the complaints resolution process with the Program Manager's Complaints Coordinator; and
- Any other function required to support the R3 program.

3.3. Organizational and Staffing Plan

Proposers shall submit to the PRDOH an initial organizational chart detailing the identity of each person (whether employed by Proposer or a subcontractor), position, rank and relationship of the personnel performing any Construction Manager services or planned to work on the R3 Program. The Proposers' organization and staffing plan shall specifically include the required number of personnel, roles, and responsibilities of each person on the project, their planned level of effort, their anticipated duration of involvement, and their on-site availability.

4. Deliverables

The Selected Proposers are responsible to complete the specific activities and task for the R3 Program as described in this section. These deliverables must be produced in a timely manner with the utmost diligence. The PRDOH or its representatives could modify (reduce or expand) these deliverables or milestones, as required by the R3 Program circumstances. The deliverables required

in this section will be presented in the Proposers schedules as milestones of the program or the projects.

4.1. Planning and Design Deliverables for Repair Works

For repair works to be performed under the Program, the PRDOH will require a Construction Documents Phase.

4.1.1. Construction Documents Phase

The Selected Proposers will develop and submit construction documents for all the repair and construction works. The final construction documents will include all revisions required by the PRDOH or its representative, as well as the final permits approval for construction. This phase of design will be executed by the Selected Proposers upon assignment of homes through the R3 Program.

4.1.1.1. Project Site and Conditions

The Selected Proposers will assess the specific property to complete the design. Construction Managers will be expected to diligently engage its organization to complete the civil and structural analysis, and design.

4.1.1.2. Drawings

The drawings developed will become the Final Construction Documents for the projects. Drawings shall illustrate the floor plans, elevations, sections, schedules, detail views, and typical details, among others. Drawings are to include, as a minimum, the following items: cover sheet, titles, structural, architectural, plumbing, mechanical, and electrical. These renderings should be produced in standard commercial software like AutoCAD®.

4.1.1.3. Technical Specifications

The Selected Proposers shall provide technical specifications in conjunction with the Final Construction Drawings. These final specifications will describe the materials, products, quality, testing, construction method, and execution for each project assigned. The specifications are to include, as a minimum, the following: existing conditions; concrete; masonry; metals; wood, plastic and composites; thermal and moisture protection; openings; finishes; specialties; equipment; furnishing; fire suppression; plumbing; mechanical; electrical; communications; electronic safety and security; earthwork; exterior improvements; and utilities. These technical specifications should be produced in standard commercial software like MasterSpec®.

4.1.1.4. Document Format

The Selected Proposers must present the final drawings in 24" x 36" sheets. All presentation material shall be delivered in printed and digital format (PDF). The final drawings set will have the following order per sheet: cover sheet, titles, civil, structural, architectural, plumbing, mechanical, and electrical. The Project Manual will have the following order: technical specification with MasterFormat sequence

and other relevant documents. The Plans will have a graphic scale, the title of each drawing, and PRDOH logo and name. A presentation format for these drawings may be specified before delivery. Digital files must be supplied in Universal Serial Bus (USB) drives.

4.1.1.5. Permits and Endorsement

The Selected Proposers shall prepare, submit, and obtain all final construction permits for all the homes assigned. The Construction Managers will submit all the applicable documents and pay all the application fees to obtain the necessary approvals pursuant to the construction permit as per OGPe ("Oficina de Gerencia y Permisos" for its Spanish Acronym).

4.1.1.6. Schedule of Deliverables

Time is of the essence for the R3 program and the disaster recovery efforts. The Selected Proposers shall be responsible for completing the Final Construction Drawing activities and must produce the products or services of this section within twenty (20) days from the assignment of homes.

4.2. Lead and Asbestos Abatement, Demolition, Repair, and Construction Work Deliverables

The Selected Proposers will be responsible for completing all work applicable to the homes assigned (including design, permitting, abatement work, demolition work, repair work, and new construction work, as may be applicable) within the following timeframes:

- **Design and Permitting:** Construction Managers, upon assignment of any home, will begin the required design and permitting work for the construction activities to be performed. **There is no specific timeframe of performance for the design and permitting work.** Nonetheless, Construction Managers must complete this work within the least amount of time possible, as the "Average Build Time" metric specified in Section 5 of this document will be measured from the date assignments are issued to the Construction Manager.

Repair Works: All work under a repair award must be completed by Construction Managers within **sixty (60) days**. This period will begin counting upon acquisition of the Construction Permit Notice ("Notificación de Permiso de Construcción") by the Construction Manager. The date at which the Construction Permit Notice was issued to the Construction Manager will be considered the Notice to Proceed for Repair Works. This period will be considered as completed upon acquisition of the Occupancy Permit ("Permiso de Uso") by the Construction Manager. The date of the Occupancy Permit will be considered the date at which work is substantially completed by the Construction Manager.

Repair Work period of performance is subject to liquidated damages. If any issues or events that warrant a time extension to the period of performance of the Construction Managers as set forth above arise, then the proper request for a time extension shall be submitted by the Construction Manager to the PRDOH for evaluation. If the request is justified and warrants a time extension the

PRDOH shall extend the time allotted to the Construction Manager for the completion of the assigned works. Approved time extensions are non-compensable excusable delays.

5. Metrics, Milestones, and Performance

The PRDOH or its representatives will actively review the Selected Proposers' responsiveness and performance in the R3 program. Repeated failures or low performance will result in limited future assignments of projects, reduction in the geographical regions assigned, or a probation period without receiving additional R3 projects. Construction Managers will be evaluated during the life of the Contract for:

- **Workmanship:** To be quantified by examining the ratio of total failed milestone inspections. The R3 Construction Managers with the lowest ratio will be assigned a higher weighted factor. The PRDOH's representatives will monitor all "rolling" failed inspections within last thirty (30) days. Performance may trend upward or downward over a given period;
- **Average Build Time:** Calculated as a measure of the total number of days from a notice to proceed to passing a final inspection. The R3 Construction Manager with the lowest average build time is assigned a higher weighted factor;
- **Work in Progress:** A measure of the amount of work the R3 Construction Manager currently has under contract for which a notice to proceed has been issued, but a final inspection has not been completed. This value will be compared against initial baseline capacity that is established for the R3 Construction Manager. Less work in progress means a higher capacity to be assigned more projects. The baseline may be adjusted over the life of the project based on actual performance of each R3 Construction Manager;
- **Client and Homeowner Satisfaction:** This evaluation will be performed using customers surveys to the homeowner, owners and its representatives. A self-evaluation survey will be given to the Selected Proposers to be used in an improvement tool for the R3 Program. The survey results will be tabulated and valued to establish a composite score of the customers satisfaction. These results will be share and discussed with the corresponding Construction Manager.

PRDOH, at its sole discretion, may determine, implement, and monitor additional performance indicators for Construction Managers through the life of the Contract and the R3 Program.

6. Compliance of Work with Federal Laws

6.1. Fair Labor Act

All work performed for the R3 Program by the Construction Managers, as well as any of their subcontractors, as part of the Contract must comply with the requirements of the Fair Labor Act.

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6.2. Davis-Bacon Act

All work performed for the R3 Program by the Construction Managers, as well as any of their subcontractors, as part of the Contract must comply with the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act, if applicable¹.

7. Environmental Review

Environmental review is the process of reviewing a project and its potential environmental impacts to determine whether it meets federal, state, and local environmental standards. The Environmental Reviews of the properties in the R3 Program will be prepared by Environmental Consultants retained by the PRDOH. An environmental review process will be required for all awards to be issued under the R3 Program to ensure that the proposed activities do not negatively impact the surrounding environment and that the property itself will not have an adverse environmental or health effect on end users.

The R3 Program will have documentation that follows the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and/or HUD requirements for environmental review. Therefore, all R3 projects shall have an Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR for the projects will set forth (a) the existence of negative impacts on a site, (b) the means to mitigate negative impacts, (c) alternatives to the project (if needed), and (d) the rejection of the proposed activities if all other options fall and it becomes the most prudent action to take. Selected Proposers will be responsible for implementing any means to mitigate negative environmental impacts for projects, including lead and asbestos abatement measures.

7.1. Lead Hazard Assessments

Federally funded programs, such as CDBG-DR, will assist housing built before 1978, therefore steps must be taken to address lead hazards. A lead-based paint hazard is any condition that causes exposure to lead from dust-related hazards, soil-lead hazards, or lead-based paint that is deteriorated, or present in chewable surfaces, friction surfaces, or impact surfaces that would result in adverse human health effects. The R3 Program will comply with provisions found at 24 CFR 35 for lead reduction. The Lead Hazard Assessments of the properties in the R3 Program will be prepared by the Selected Proposers as needed.

Lead hazard assessments are on-site investigations to determine the existence, nature, severity, and location of lead-based paint hazards accompanied by a report explaining the results and options for reducing lead-based paint hazards (40 CFR 745.227(d)(11)). Lead hazard assessments for the R3 Program will describe the options for controlling lead hazards, if hazards are found, including interim controls and abatement measures. If any abatement measures are needed, Construction Managers will be responsible for implementing such measures and obtaining environmental clearance in accordance with any federal, state, and local requirements for such works.

¹ Generally, Davis-Bacon applies to contractors and subcontractors performing on federally funded or assisted contracts in excess of \$2,000 for the construction, alteration, or repair (including painting and decorating) of public buildings or public works. Davis-Bacon also applies to residential construction which consists of projects involving the construction, alteration, or repair of eight or more separate, contiguous single-family houses operated by a single entity as a single project or eight or more units in a single structure. In the case of the R3 Program, Davis-Bacon requirements may not be triggered, since the Program is limited to single-family rehabilitation/reconstruction.

7.2. Asbestos Survey

Exposure to asbestos increases risk of developing lung diseases. In general, the greater the exposure to asbestos, the greater the chance of developing harmful health effects. Disease symptoms may take many years to develop following exposure. Because of its fiber strength and heat resistance asbestos has been used in a variety of building construction materials for insulation and as a fire retardant. Asbestos has also been used in a wide range of manufactured foods, mostly in building materials (roofing shingles, ceiling and floor tiles, paper products, and asbestos cement products), friction products (automobile clutch, brake, and transmission parts), heat-resistant fabrics, packaging, gaskets, and coatings. Asbestos fibers may be released into the air by the disturbance of asbestos-containing materials during product use, demolition work, building or home maintenance, repair, and remodeling.

176 An asbestos survey is used to locate and describe asbestos-containing materials in a structure. The R3 Program will conduct comprehensive building asbestos surveys through inspection of the properties. The Asbestos Surveys of the properties in the R3 Program will be prepared by the Selected Proposers as needed. If any abatement measures are needed, Construction Managers will be responsible for implementing such measures and obtaining environmental clearance in accordance with any federal, state, and local requirements for such works.

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8. Damage Assessment Report

A Damage Assessment Report prepared by the PRDOH's representative will be given to the R3 Construction Manager for each property. These damage assessments will be performed by qualified Program Damage Assessors from the Program Managers. These reports and their probable estimated cost of repairs will be the base to decide if a house will be repaired or replaced.

The Damage Assessment Report, in addition to documenting actual damages sustained by the dwelling unit, because of Hurricane's Irma and María, will also serve to establish the scope of work for the repair task of the R3 Construction Manager. This report will have the following information:

- The total cost of the rehabilitation to bring the home within the R3 Program parameters;
- The quantification of the value of work performed by the applicant at his/her home after the disaster;
- Detailed item-by-item take-off of the damages identified, for cost determination. The take-offs shall be combined with standardized unit prices (Program's Unit Pricelist) for each type of damage;
- Photographic evidence of the home's exterior including photos of the front, back, and sides. Any additional photograph required to document the overall building structure and site;
- Photographic evidence of the damages identified during the damage assessment;
- Overall recommendation for the Scope of Work to be performed through the R3 Program; and
- Any other pertinent information to the Damage Assessment Report.

9. Program's Unit Pricelist

The R3 Program requires standardization of unit costs. This:

- Facilitates communication and provides consistency amongst the PRDOH and its vendors (including Construction Managers);
- Ensures applicants are treated fairly during award determination process;
- Prevents unfair and unbalanced treatment to applicants;
- And facilitates the review and approval of applications for payment and change orders for Construction Managers.

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The R3 Program will make use of Xactware's Pricing Lists as the main source for pricing of construction works to be performed. Xactaware is an independent, third-party, company that researches and reports on industry pricing. They use pricing information from general contractors, subcontractors, insurance carriers, insurance adjusters, and a host of other industry professionals as they research and report on average market price for each price list item. Xactaware assures that no one party or industry segment has any undue influence on the pricing data that they research and report on. Xactaware's Pricing Lists have been used in other implementations of CDBG-DR Programs all through the United States (e.g. Louisiana, North Carolina, Texas, West Virginia, etc.) and has been accepted by HUD as of reasonable cost.

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The Selected Proposer and its lower tier contractors, shall document and comply with a minimum wage rate of \$15.00 per hour. This will align with Xactware's unit price labor costs and with the current R3 Program Construction Managers' contracts.

Xactaware issues updates to its pricing lists constantly, sometimes even once (1) a month. Therefore, Xactaware's Pricing Lists ensures that the cost for work performed under the R3 Program maintains itself within reasonable cost levels for the duration of the Program. Initially, the R3 Program will make use of the Xactaware Pricing List **PRSJ8X_JUL21** for Puerto Rico and for the month of July 2021 with a Contractor Profile. Xactaware's Pricing List to be used by the Program will be updated on a yearly basis at the beginning of each State Fiscal Year to the most recently up to date list published by Xactaware. This allows for pricing within the Program to become fixed for one-year terms to facilitate Program Administration and allows for adjustments to the pricing due to conditions outside of the PRDOH's and the Construction Managers' control. The frequency for updates to the Program Price List herein stated may be adjusted by the PRDOH if such a change is beneficial to R3 Program's implementation.

Xactaware's Pricing Lists are published through Xactimate Software. Therefore, Construction Managers are required to acquire, maintain, and pay for Xactimate Licenses while under an engagement with the PRDOH for Construction Managers.

As Xactaware's Pricing Lists may not hold every item of work required by the Program, the PRDOH reserves the right to include additional items of work and their reasonable pricing/cost as part of Program issued documents. Construction Managers must perform work specified under additional line items published by the PRDOH, at the pricing established by the PRDOH, when works that include such additional line items are assigned. PRDOH will only establish pricing at reasonable costs. Additional Line Item Lists, and their updates, will be published by the PRDOH as part of program issued documents whenever necessary.

Xactaware's Pricing Lists in combination with any Additional Line Item List published by PRDOH are the **Program Unit Price List**. All work performed under the Program Unit Price List must conform to all design and construction requirements for Puerto Rico, as well as with the Minimum Architectural and Design Standards included as **Attachment 01** to the RFP.

9.1. Overhead

Overhead for Program Unit Price List items will also be standardized under the R3 Program. Overhead percentage to be paid for all construction-related activities is equal to twenty percent (20%). Overhead is inclusive of indirect expenses (general overhead) such as (i) salaries and benefits of employees and personnel like bookkeepers, executives, administrative personnel, purchasing staff, estimators, and anyone else working on the central offices and not directly employed on a specific project; (ii) any central office cost including rent, utilities, supplies, phones, internet services, insurance, office equipment, furniture, and taxes; (iii) any physical property including vehicles and associated cost; (iv) costs of marketing, advertising, travel costs, and fees for professional services such as legal fees and audit services, among others; (v) and depreciation expenses for any office equipment or any other company owned construction equipment that would have a percentage written off as part of a general overhead expense and the cost of doing business. Overhead is also inclusive of any direct expenses (job overhead) such as (i) cost for space and structures including temporary office structures such as trailers, architect quarters, and leased office space; (ii) project-specific salaries including wages, payroll taxes, benefits and any reimbursable expenses for foremen, schedulers, engineers, and job superintendents, among other employed on-site staff; (iii) temporary facilities such as on-site offices and other temporary structures like tool sheds, on-site container storage, temporary barricades, railing, ramps, walls, and protection; (iv) temporary utilities such as hydrant meters, temporary water, heat, electricity, generators, and fuel, including connection and disconnection fees; (v) cost for drinking water for on-site staff and workers including cups and maintenance; (vi) project photographs and signage; (vii) surveying and project staking; (viii) site cleanup, both daily and final; and (ix) and testing and inspection required including pumping, soil testing, and material testing.

9.2. Profit

Profit for Program Unit Price List Items will also be standardized under the R3 Program. Profit percentage to be paid for all construction-related activities is equal to ten percent (10%).

10. Payment Terms and Method of Payments

Payments shall be issued for services provided under the Construction Manager contract as stated in this Section. Invoices must be submitted with all supporting documents, as required by HUD and PRDOH. The supporting documents may include, but not limited to following:

- Invoice;
- Documents checklists;
- Breakdown for Payment;
- Photographical evidence;
- Expense plans or projections;
- Payroll statement of compliance;
- Work projections or project schedules;
- Monthly status or quality control reports;

- Insurance and bonds evidence, including renewals;
- Approved change orders or contract modifications;
- Certification of compliance with update of record drawing;
- Certification of compliance with updated of record specification;
- Certifications required by federal, state or local governments; and
- Any other documents that supports the service provided and billed.

PRDOH reserves the right to review the correctness of invoices and perform the audits as it deems fit. The Proposer must take into account that one or more of the documents presented in the payment request will require formal signatures, notarization or official certifications from one or more entities within the Construction Managers organization.

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The Selected Proposers shall submit monthly invoices (every month) for services performed. Invoices must be detailed, specified, and itemized accompanied by a description of the services provided as previously approved by the PRDOH.

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Selected Proposers will be paid on a per home assigned basis. Only a single pay point will be allowed for repair works under the R3 Program. Invoices for repair works will be submitted by the Selected Proposers with their monthly invoice once all repair work is completed and accepted by the Program. No partial payments for repair works will be allowed.

The PRDOH reserves the right to include additional pay points for work performed by Construction Managers if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Program.

The Selected Proposers will deliver the original invoice to PRDOH's designated representatives. The PRDOH's designated representatives for the R3 Program will be the Program Managers. Invoices must be properly completed and certified by the Selected Proposers. Upon receipt of a proper invoice recommended for payment by the R3 Program Manager, the designated office within PRDOH will process it for certification, in accordance with the Accounting Act Law, following the standards and regulations established by enforcement agencies of the Government of Puerto Rico.

11. Code Compliance Requirements

The 2018 International Building Code® as recently incorporated establishes minimum requirements for building systems using prescriptive and performance-related provisions. This 2018 edition is fully compatible with all of the International Codes® (hereinafter "I-Codes") published by the International Code Council (hereinafter "ICC"). This regulation arises from the adoption of ten (10) of the ICC family with its amendments to conform to the requirements of Laws and Regulations of construction and occupancies in Puerto Rico. This edition of the Puerto Rico Codes, like the other Codes published by the ICC, is arranged and organized to follow sequential steps that generally occur during a plan review or inspection and must be used with the corresponding code of the I-Codes family as follows:

1. *Puerto Rico Building Code* (hereinafter "PRBC"), as amended from the 2018 International Building Code® (hereinafter "IBC")

2. *Puerto Rico Residential Code* (hereinafter or "PRRC"), as amended from the 2018 International Residential Code® (hereinafter "IRC")
3. *Puerto Rico Mechanical Code* (hereinafter "PRMC"), as amended from the 2018 International Mechanical Code® (hereinafter "IMC")
4. *Puerto Rico Plumbing Code* (hereinafter "PRPC"), as amended from the 2018 International Plumbing Code® (hereinafter "IPC")
5. *Puerto Rico Fire Code* (hereinafter "PRFC"), as amended from the 2018 International Fire Code (hereinafter "IFC")
6. *Puerto Rico Fuel Gas Code* (hereinafter "PRFGC"), as amended from the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code® (hereinafter "IFGC")
7. *Puerto Rico Energy Conservation Code* (hereinafter "PRECC"), as amended from the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code® (hereinafter "IECC")
8. *Puerto Rico Existing Building Code* (hereinafter "PREBC"), as amended from the 2018 International Existing Building Code® (hereinafter "IEBC")
9. *Puerto Rico Private Sewage Disposal Code* (hereinafter "PRPSDC"), as amended from the 2018 International Private Sewage Disposal Code® (hereinafter "IPSD")
10. *Puerto Rico Swimming Pool and Spa Code* (hereinafter "PRSPSC"), as amended from the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code® (hereinafter "ISPSC")

All work performed by R3 Construction Managers must also comply with most current federal, state and local, codes, laws, regulations and standards including, but not necessarily limited to:

1. *Joint Regulation for Project Evaluation and Permitting, regarding Land Development and Use, and Business Operations* ("Reglamento conjunto para la evaluación y expedición de permisos relacionados al desarrollo, uso de terrenos y operación de negocios"), as amended;
2. Local planning and zoning requirements;
3. Planning and Capacity Building (Section 105(a)(12) of the HCDA);
4. Energy Development Goals (Section 105(a)(16) of the HCDA);
5. *Puerto Rico Firefighters Code*; most current approved version;
6. *Applicable Environmental Regulations*;
7. *Applicable HUD Terms and Conditions*;
8. *Fair Housing Act*, as amendment;
9. *American with Disabilities Act* (where required)

12. Tasks

The R3 Program is a complex and extensive program that will cover all municipalities of Puerto Rico. The following are the tasks the PRDOH expects Construction Managers to perform professionally, diligently, and adhering to the highest standards of the construction industry.

12.1. Task 01: Construction Management/Administration

Selected Proposers' organization must have the knowledge, experience and resources to incorporate the best construction management and administrative technics to the R3 Program.

12.1.1. Duties and Responsibilities

- Organized the Selected Proposers' personnel and subcontractors;
- Expedite the R3 process to deliver the repaired, reconstructed, or newly constructed homes diligently and within budget;

- Standardize the document controls to improve the quality of the documentation and construction;
- Standardize the design processes and solutions, while reducing the submittals and clarifications, burden on the Owner and its representatives;
- Ensure compliance with local and federal regulations, including permit and environmental laws;
- Provide solutions to the unforeseen conditions and reduce contract modifications;
- Increase the compliance with green building initiatives/checklists; and
- Standardize and expedite the close-out process of the projects.

12.1.2. Document Control and Information Technology

The Selected Proposers shall engage in the use of the latest technologies for the document controls and information technologies as an ancillary requirement to operate and interact with the R3 Program. No additional compensation for the implementation, maintenance, or licenses of these technologies will be provided to the Construction Managers. The Selected Proposers must expect the usage of the following commercial technologies, but not limited to:

- Word processor software, like MS Word or Google Docs;
- Spread sheet software, like MS Excel or Google Sheets;
- Web browser software, like MS Edge or Google Chrome;
- Presentation software like MS PowerPoint or Google Slides;
- File Transfer services, like MS SharePoint or Dropbox;
- Project Scheduling software, like MS Project or Primavera;
- Computer Aid Design (CAD) software, like AutoCAD, MicroStation or Revit;
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS), like Geosoft or ArcGIS;
- Scanners for drawings and documents with Optical Character Recognition (OCR) capacity;
- Estimating database and software, like Gordian RSMeans and Xactimate; and
- Grant Management Software to be provided by the PRDOH.

12.1.3. Occupational Safety and Health

The Selected Proposers must comply with the federal, state or local labor laws, related to the occupational safety, health and wellbeing of the employees and stakeholders of the Construction Manager organization. Selected Proposers will prepare and update, from time to time, the Safety Plan (general or projects' specific). The Selected Proposer will have the qualified and competent safety personnel to ensure and reduce the risk of accidents or incidents. The Selected Proposers will be responsible to provide the Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to all employees and visitors, including, but limited to, the PRDOH or its representatives during the visits or meetings at the projects.

12.1.4. Quality Control and Quality Assurance

The Selected Proposers must comply with the highest quality parameters for the residential construction industry. These quality parameters will be prepared and updated by the Selected Proposers in the Quality Plan. The Quality Plan will be

coordinated and approved by the PRDOH or its representatives. The projects' specific quality control and quality assurances procedures, testing, and reporting will be developed by the Construction Managers' design team as part of the technical specifications of each project and approved by the PRDOH or its representatives.

12.1.5. Resilience Standard

The Proposers shall incorporate resilient materials and characteristics into the design and performance of repair projects. The Selected Proposers are expected to include resilient materials like concrete, as well as resilient characteristics like seismic restraints for equipment and windstorm resistance for exterior windows.

12.1.6. Green Building Standard

As required by Federal Register Vol. 83, No. 28 (February 9, 2018), 83 FR 5844, and amended by Federal Register Vol. 84 No. 33 (February 19, 2019), 84 FR 4836, all new construction of residential buildings and all replacement of substantially damaged residential buildings must comply with a HUD-approved Green Building Standards. All rehabilitation, reconstruction, or new construction should be designed to incorporate principles of sustainability, including water conservation, energy efficiency, resilience, and mitigating impact of future disasters.

12.1.6.1. Green Standards for Repairs

For rehabilitation of non-substantially damaged structures, Proposers shall adhere to the guidelines specified in the HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD) Green Building Retrofit Checklist, to the extent applicable, of the rehabilitation work undertaken, including the use of mold resistant products when replacing surfaces such as drywall. When rehabilitation work includes replacing older or obsolete products, the Proposer must use ENERGY STAR®-labeled, Water Sense-labeled, or Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)-designated products and appliances.

The Selected Proposer(s) shall provide the latest HUD CPD Green Building Retrofit Checklist standards and requirements, and any other HUD and/or PRDOH provision to each Project under the R3 Program Repair Award.

12.1.7. Public Relations

The Selected Proposers are expected to cooperate with R3 Program's public relation efforts and facilitate dissemination of information. In order to achieve these goals, the Selected Proposers will, from time to time, provide and assist with data and information related to the R3 Program and its performance. The Construction Managers will channel any communication requests through the PRDOH and its representatives. The Proposers are not authorized to share any of the internal documents, data, confidential materials or sensitive information related to the R3 Program, unless an express and written authorization are provided by PRDOH.

12.1.8. R3 Program Coordination

The Selected Proposer will be responsible for the coordination and communication with the other entities working in the R3 Program. These R3 Program's team member will be:

- **PRDOH:** The Puerto Rico Department of Housing is the recipient and grantee of the Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery. This public entity is called the "Owner" in the R3 Program;
- **Program Managers:** responsible for everyday management of the different tasks performed by the PRDOH's other contractors and consultants. Will also be responsible for the inspection of all works completed through the housing programs. This entity will provide services to the PRDOH that could include, but are not limited to, operation support, construction compliance, project management, statutory compliance; document control, accounting and reporting for the PRDOH;
- **Cost Estimators:** responsible for the estimating services in the construction and non-construction services for all CDBG-DR Programs. This entity will provide services to the PRDOH, that could include but are not be limited to, cost estimating, bid evaluation, special cost reports, cost-benefit analysis, claims analysis, price analysis, and cost analysis;
- **Environmental Consultants:** responsible for the environmental reviews of the properties in the R3 Program. This entity will provide services to the PRDOH that could include, but are not limited to, wetland evaluation, environmental site assessment, environmental testing, historical site evaluation, and archeological study.

Proposers may have to coordinate and communicate with additional stakeholders through the life of the Program.

12.2. Task 02: Architectural and Engineering Design

The Selected Proposers will be responsible for all aspects relating to the design of single-family homes. These designs will be performed and certified by individuals who are licensed to practice the professions of architecture or engineering in Puerto Rico. Services provided by Construction Managers, its subcontractors, agents and employees, shall comply with all applicable federal and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to those that relate to the practice of licensed professions and those that could affect the Construction Managers' ability to carry out the scope of services under the contract. Also, Construction Managers must possess all necessary permits, endorsements and approvals necessary to perform the Work, which are to be valid and updated for the duration of the Contract. Construction Managers, and each of their employees, agents, subcontractors, and subconsultants must have all licenses, permits, authorizations, consents, and approvals necessary for the performance of the Scope of Work under the contract, and such licenses, permits, authorizations, consents, and approvals are to be up to date and in full force and effect from the date of submission of a Proposal and for the duration of the Contract. Construction Managers will ensure that professional, architectural, or engineering work is performed by qualified professionals with the proper education, know-how, training, knowledge,

expertise, experience and license to perform such works, according to applicable federal and local rules and regulations.

The risk of design includes (but is not limited to): inadequate design planning and substandard design versus user requirements; ineffective design development coordination and delays in complying with schedules; risk that design does not fully comply with technical requirements, relevant codes, and standards; and general risk of not completing the design on schedule and within budget.

12.2.1. Objectives

- Sustainable design;
- High resilience housing;
- Universal design methodology;
- Safer conditions for the homeowners;
- Healthier residents and communities;
- ADA compliant home, if applicable; and
- Water conservation and energy efficient.

12.2.2. General Design Requirements:

- All submitted written texts, including but not limited to all communications (electronic or otherwise), questions, design descriptions, texts in drawings, and specifications must be in English;
- Meetings may be carried out in Spanish or English;
- For design purposes, Proposers may follow the requirements for zoning district classification that applies of the "Reglamento conjunto para la evaluación y expedición de permisos relacionados al desarrollo, y uso de terrenos y operación de negocios, as amended, and as it may be updated from time to time by the Puerto Rico Planning Board";
- Solar water heater (installed) anchored to withstand hurricane force winds according to applicable codes;

All design and construction work under the contract must also comply with the Minimum Architectural and Design Standards set forth in **Attachment 01** to the RFP.

12.2.3. Specific Requirements:

- All the engineer or architectural research, data and analysis necessary for the completion of the R3 designs will be included in the costs of the repair work. These ancillary costs may include, but not limited to: soil studies, traffic studies, tree inventory, hydrology & hydraulic study, or land surveys;
- If applicable, the design of homes must include modifications to accommodate SHPO requirements.

12.2.4. Repairs

The Selected Proposers will design the repair work of existing non-substantially damaged homes as indicated in the Damage Assessment Reports. Due to the

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nature of the repair work the Selected Proposers will be expected to create practical design and custom solutions for each household. The design for the repair work will be discussed and approved by the PRDOH or its representatives, prior to its execution.

12.3. Task 03: Permits and Endorsements

The Selected Proposer shall secure and pay for all incidental permits, endorsements, or certifications required to execute and use the repaired project, as assigned to them and within the boundaries of the R3 Program. These permits, certifications, or endorsements shall be acquired in a timely manner to not adversely affect the progress of the work and the critical path of the work. Permits must be acquired in the name of the Program beneficiary (i.e. homeowner). The list of typical permits or endorsements shown below is a general list and shall not be interpreted by the Proposer as an exclusive list of documents, other permits could be required for each project.

12.3.1. List of Permits or Endorsements

- Department of Transportation endorsement;
- Solid Waste Authority endorsement;
- Fire Department endorsement;
- Department of Agriculture endorsement;
- Municipality endorsement;
- Culture Institute endorsement;
- State Historical Preservation Office endorsement;
- United States Army Corp of Engineers endorsement;
- Environmental Quality Board endorsement;
- Planning Board endorsement;
- Department of Natural Resources and Environmental permit;
- General Consolidated permit;
- Public Service Commission permit;
- Demolition Permit;
- Lead and Asbestos Abatement permit;
- Construction permit;
- Propane Gas permit;
- Emergency Generator permit (installation);
- Emergency Generator permit (operation);
- Roadwork construction or modification permit;
- PREPA endorsement;
- PRASA endorsement; and
- Occupancy permit ("Permiso de Uso").

12.4. Task 04: Lead & Asbestos Abatement

The Selected Proposer shall secure and pay for all abatements permits, mitigation work, testing, and certifications required to execute the cleaning and prepare the projects for the demolition, rehabilitation, reconstruction or new construction activities. This task has to be completed in a timely, secure and safe manner, to ensure the compliance with the environmental laws and regulations.

12.4.1. Objectives

- Mitigating or removing the hazardous material from the household;
- Mitigating or removing the Hazardous material from the community;
- Preparing the structure for selective demolition;
- Improving the standard of living and wellness for the impacted households; and
- Obtaining environmental clearance once all abatement work is completed.

12.4.2. General Requirements

- All submitted written texts, including but not limited to all communications (electronic or otherwise), questions, design descriptions, texts in drawings and specifications must be in English.
- Project or coordination meetings may be carried out in Spanish or English.
- Acquiring a copy of the lead hazard assessment and reports, prepared by the PRDOH's Environmental Consultants;
- Acquiring a copy of the asbestos survey and reports, prepared by the PRDOH's Environmental Consultants;
- Providing homeowners with the Lead and Asbestos Pamphlet;
- The Selected Proposer will start the mitigation or abatement work as directed in writing, by the PRDOH or its representatives;
- The Selected Proposer will be responsible for the design, permits and expenses related to this task; and
- All LBP contractor activities must be implemented in accordance with the EPA's 2008 Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule.

12.4.3. Specific Requirements (if required)

- Providing a secure perimeter and appropriate signages for the mitigation or abatement activities in the project, while safeguarding the public;
- Performing the abatement design or mitigation procedures, as required by the hazardous materials assessment;
- Performing all the mitigation or abatement in the house or project;
- Performing all the inspection and material disposals as required by the environmental laws and regulations;
- Performing all the testing and certification required for the mitigation or abatement in the house or the project;
- Closing the mitigation or abatement permits;
- Providing evidence and digital copy of the closing documentation of the mitigation or abatement permits; and
- Documenting and reporting all the mitigation or abatement activities.

12.4.4. Notice of Completion

The mitigation and abatement for each R3 project under this task will be consider completed, when the following conditions are met:

- All the change requests have been closed, either eliminated or executed;

- All the hazardous materials have been mitigated or eliminated from the house or project;
- Delivery of the test results have been provided to PRDOH or its representatives;
- Delivery of the final inspection reports with certification have been provided to PRDOH or its representatives;
- The Lead Abatement permit have been closed with the corresponding government agencies;
- The Asbestos Abatement permit have been closed with the corresponding government agencies; and
- The PRDOH or its representative have provided a written confirmation that this task has been completed.

12.5. Task 05: Single-Family Repair

Homes with an estimated cost of repair less than \$60,000 or 50% of the current market value of the structure, whichever is less, will be rehabilitated in place to achieve living standards and compliance with applicable building codes. The estimated costs of repair will be determined by the Program's Damage Assessment Report. The repair scope of work for each home will be provided to the R3 Construction Manager by the PRDOH or its representative. Construction Managers must confirm on site all work stated in the Damage Assessment Report.

12.5.1. General Requirements

- All submitted written texts, including but not limited to all communications (electronic or otherwise), questions, design descriptions, texts in drawings and specifications must be in English;
- The Selected Proposer will conduct regular construction and coordination meeting in coordination with the other interested parties of the CDBG-DR program. The frequency of the meetings will depend of the complexity and phase of the project. These meetings may be carried out in Spanish or English;
- Any obsolete products replaced as part of the rehabilitation must be replaced with Energy Star, Water Sense, or FEMP designated products or appliances, as per 83 FR 5844;
- Selective demolition will be executed and paid under this task;
- Lead and Remediation of known or suspected environmental contamination, including project-specific environmental assessment costs will be executed under Task 04 of this RFP;
- Cost of labor, materials, supplies, equipment, and any other expenses ancillary or required for the rehabilitation of property, are included in the R3 Construction Manager cost proposal under each Program's unit Pricelist item;
- The purchase and installation of washers, dryers, and other appliances that promote energy efficiency;
- Rehabilitation of a home in substantially the same manner as the original condition before the disaster, subject to practical, technical or legal limitations (deviations are permitted for reasons of safety or of otherwise impractical);

- Specialty construction elements associated with historical properties, including coordination with the Puerto Rico Cultural Institute and State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO), must be included under this task; and
- Obtaining all necessary federal, state or municipal permits, certificates or endorsements to close-out the rehabilitation work is included in Task 03 of this RFP.

12.5.2. Specific Requirements

The Selected Proposer will be required to repair the eligible homes from an array of repairs ranging from minor to mayor. The rehabilitation activities for each dwelling unit will be based in the Damage Assessment Report and may include, although not be limited to, the following:

- Preparing a work plan and schedule for each household repair, using the information provided in the Damage Assessment report and Probable Cost Estimate;
- Verifying the information giving by the Owner's or Owner's representative, to diligently notifying any discrepancy or inconsistencies;
- Preparation of initial report, including photographs of the initial conditions. This report will certify if the conditions observed match the Damage Assessment report, if not it will list the discrepancies;
- Obtaining all necessary federal, state or municipal permits or endorsements to commence the repair work;
- Providing architectural and engineering construction plans and technical specification for the repair work;
- Selective demolition of site, exterior or interior elements in the lot;
- Site clearance and improvements;
- Removal of buildings materials or debris;
- Foundation remediation, leveling or repairs;
- Structural damage repairs or seismic retrofit;
- Installation of smoke detectors, dead-bolt locks, and other devices for security purposes;
- Equipment and systems to increase the efficient use of water and improvements to increase the efficient use of energy in structures through such means as installation of storm windows and doors, and modification or replacement of heating and cooling equipment;
- Utility connection from residential structure to water distribution system or local sewer collection lines, or installing septic tank system;
- Utility connection from residential structure to electrical distribution system;
- Building envelope rehabilitation, including: roof, exterior doors, exterior windows, exterior walls, siding, and exterior MEP systems.
- Removal of materials and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly and severely disabled persons to the dwelling unit;
- Improvements to the quality of life of elderly and handicap persons, that are eligible for rehabilitation;
- Construction or replacement of landscape materials, sidewalks, and driveways when incidental to other rehabilitation of the property;

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- Preserving or restoring properties of historic significance;
- Surface preparation and finishes rehabilitation, including painting;
- Flooring repairs or replacement;
- Cabinet, shelving and appliances replacement;
- MEP equipment repair or replacement;
- Preparing the punch lists and correcting the deficiencies; and
- Preparing and keeping relevant documents, including record drawings and technical specifications (both signed and sealed by a professional engineer);
- Preparation of the final report, including photographs of the repaired elements. This report will certify that all the conditions observed in the Damage Assessment report were corrected and certify any deviation work or modifications performed.

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12.5.3. Notice of Completion

The individual rehabilitation projects under this task will be consider completed, when the following conditions are met:

- All the change requests have been closed, either eliminate or executed;
- All the punch lists have been corrected;
- All the non-conformance reports have been signed-off by the PRDOH or its representative;
- Delivery of the final report and corresponding certification of work completed;
- Waivers of Mechanic's Lien for the work completed to the date of the substantial completion and lawfully entitled to subcontractor, consultants, supplier, etc. This waiver should list any pending payments, even if not due but duly submitted to the R3 Construction Manager;
- The home has passed its final inspection, as evidenced by written inspection report from the Program Manager stating such fact.

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12.6. Task 06: Projects Closeout

The Selected Proposers will be responsible for the closeout process of the repaired homes. The closeout procedures and record documentation will be defined and coordinated with the PRDOH or its representatives, after the Proposers are selected.

12.6.1. Duties and Responsibilities:

- Deliver one hardcopy and digital copy of closeout binder to the PRDOH or its representatives;
- Deliver one hardcopy and digital copy of closeout binder to the Homeowner;
- Maintaining and preserving the projects records for the period prescribed in the contract;
- Maintaining and preserving the projects records for the period required by the federal and state laws and regulations; and
- Assist with any audits performed by the Owner or its representatives.

12.6.2. Closeout Checklist and Binder (PRDOH):

The Closeout binder for each project may include, but not limited to following:

- Binder cover, dividers and checklist;
- Copy of the Agreement and its amendments;
- Waterproofing system warranties and bonds;

- Transfers of all warranties and equipment ownership;
- Operation and Maintenance Manuals;
- List of vendors, supplier or manufacturer used;
- Record drawings, signed and sealed;
- Record specification, signed and sealed;
- Master plumber certifications;
- Professional electrician certifications (interior and exterior);
- Submittal log and its digital copies of submittals in pdf format;
- Copy of closing government permits; and
- Any other documents required by the R3 Program.

12.6.3. Closeout Checklist and Binder (Homeowner):

The Closeout binder for each project may include, but not limited to following:

- Binder cover, dividers and checklist;
- Waterproofing system warranties;
- Equipment warranties and transfer to homeowner;
- Operation and Maintenance Manuals;
- Record drawings, signed and sealed;
- Master plumber certifications;
- Professional electrician certifications (interior and exterior);
- Digital copies of relevant submittals (pdf format);
- Construction and Occupancy permits; and
- Any other documents required by the R3 Program.

12.7. Task 7: Warranty Period

All work performed by the Selected Proposers will be guaranteed as follows:

- Roof waterproofing works will be guaranteed for a minimum of ten (10) years;
- Solar Water Heaters will be guaranteed for a minimum of five (5) years;
- Equipment and Appliances installed will be guaranteed for a minimum of one (1) year or as provided for by the manufacturer (whichever is greater); and
- All other work will be guaranteed for a period of one (1) year.

For the warranty periods established above the assisted homeowner may require the Selected Proposers to correct defects or problems arising from the Selected Proposers' work under the contract. The R3 Program will have designated case managers to receive and process warranty and construction complaints as applicable. All warranty and construction complaint issues shall be logged into the Program's system of record for follow up. A reasonable amount of time will be given to correct the problem; however, in no case will such time exceed two (2) weeks to respond. Should the Construction Manager fail to correct the problem the assisted homeowner may contact the Program to take any necessary legal resources as prescribed in the Construction Manager's contract.

12.8. Task 8: Temporary Relocation

CDBG-DR funds may be used for temporary relocation payments and assistance to persons displaced by an activity that is not subject to the requirements described above. This may include payments and other assistance for temporary relocation (when persons are not permanently displaced).

Applicants to the R3 Program qualify for temporary relocation assistance only if they must vacate the storm-impacted property during program-sponsored construction. Applicants who are not residing in the storm-impacted property for any reason other than program-sponsored construction are not eligible for temporary relocation assistance. The R3 Program may provide temporary relocation assistance only on an extremely limited basis and as a last resort for applicants to secure temporary housing during program-sponsored construction.

In order to qualify for temporary relocation assistance, the applicant must:

1. Be determined to be eligible to receive assistance that requires the applicant vacate the damaged property during construction;
2. Have an income of less than 50% of HUD-approved income limits for Puerto Rico;
3. Have no duplication of benefits issues that could prevent the Program from providing services;
4. Have exhausted all possible options to temporarily reside with friends, family, in self-funded housing or any other options available; and
5. Have no other options for temporary housing, as identified by a counselor in PRDOH's Housing Counseling Program.

The Program will compensate the applicant in the amount of 100% of the HUD fair-market rent rate² for a home large enough to accommodate the household in the municipality where the damaged property is located. Most up to date rates published by HUD for Fiscal Year 2022 are available at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html>. Rates to be paid by the Program will be updated from time to time based on HUD-issued guidance and updates. Temporary relocation will be provided from the time the applicant moves out of the property until one (1) week after the construction passes a final inspection and its confirmed that work was completed in accordance to the agreed upon scope and a occupancy permit (permiso de uso) is obtained, if applicable.

Applicants who qualify for temporary relocation assistance will receive payment for the duration of construction, plus two (2) weeks to accommodate time to obtain a final inspection and occupancy permit (permiso de uso). Temporary relocation assistance will be prorated for partial months, as needed. Temporary relocation assistance will not be offered for any period of time beyond one (1) week after the date of final inspection or date occupancy permit (permiso de uso) is issued, whichever is later.

Construction Managers are required to issue temporary relocation payments to Program applicants as applicable and approved by the PRDOH under an assignment or a case-specific change order related to an assignment. The PRDOH will reimburse Construction Managers for temporary relocation assistance payments issued to applicants as approved by the Program. Reimbursements for temporary relocation payments issued will not include any additional costs (administrative, overhead, profit, or otherwise).

END OF SCOPE OF WORK

² <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html>



Attachment 01

MINIMUM ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN STANDARDS

Request for Proposals

Increased Capacity- Homeowner Repair, Reconstruction, or Relocation Program

CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS

Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery

Puerto Rico Department of Housing

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(Revised for Repairs Works Only on December 1, 2021)

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This document defines the Minimum Architectural and Design Standards that Proposers shall comply in design and construction process in order to support the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) in the implementation of the Homeowner Repair, Reconstruction, or Relocation Program (R3 Program) as part of Puerto Rico's recovery efforts, in accordance to Federal, State, and Local requirements and in connection with appropriated disaster assistance funding under the Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR) allocation. A detailed description of the Housing CDBG-DR programs is included in the Substantial Amendment to the Action Plan approved by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on November 5, 2021. A copy of the Action Plan, and amendment, are available at www.cdbg-dr.pr.gov/action-plan.

1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

The PRDOH issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure highly qualified and skilled designers and contractors to provide Construction Management services for the R3 Program. Award of Contract(s) will be to the "Qualified Proposers" whose Proposals, conforming to the RFP, is(are) most advantageous to the PRDOH.

1.1. Standards Intent

The intent of the R3 Program Minimum Architectural and Design Standards is to:

- Enhance consistency in the design approval process;
- Promote the use of durable materials that reduce maintenance costs for the applicants;
- Create a healthy living environment for the program's eligible applicants;
- Enhance energy and water efficiency to reduce operating costs; and
- Balance quality of materials with cost containment principles.

Unless otherwise stated, these minimum architectural and design standards include only the minimum requirements and may be outperformed. These apply to Repair Type of Grant Awards of the R3 Program and shall make part of the Scope of Work ("SOW"). PRDOH reserves the right to waive minimum architectural and design standards herein stated on a case-by-case basis. Waivers may be granted by PRDOH after careful analysis of requests from Construction Managers for a waiver.

1.2. Codes, Laws and Regulations Compliance

The Proposer's design and construction under the R3 Program must comply with the latest applicable local codes, as adopted on February 15, 2019.

E. "Regardless of the date of its filing in the Permits Management Office or an Autonomous Municipality with hierarchy from I to V, as of the approval

of this Regulation, the projects listed below will have to comply with the provisions of this Regulation:

1. Projects financed by the federal government;
2. First-priority installations that can be used as shelter;
3. Equipment anchored on the roof;
4. Projects in flood-risk areas.

F. "Any project submitted after February 15th, 2019 shall be governed by the provisions of this Regulation"

Puerto Rico Codes 2018 ¹

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The 2018 International Building Code® as recently incorporated establishes minimum requirements for building systems using prescriptive and performance-related provisions. This 2018 edition is fully compatible with all of the International Codes® (hereinafter "I-Codes") published by the International Code Council (hereinafter "ICC"). This regulation arises from the adoption of ten (10) of the ICC family with its amendments to conform to the requirements of Laws and Regulations of construction and occupancies in Puerto Rico. This edition of the Puerto Rico Codes, like the other Codes published by the ICC, is arranged and organized to follow sequential steps that generally occur during a plan review or inspection and must be used with the corresponding code of the I-Codes family as follows:

1. Puerto Rico Building Code (hereinafter "PRBC"), as amended from the 2018 International Building Code® (hereinafter "IBC")
2. Puerto Rico Residential Code (hereinafter or "PRRC"), as amended from the 2018 International Residential Code® (hereinafter "IRC")
3. Puerto Rico Mechanical Code (hereinafter "PRMC"), as amended from the 2018 International Mechanical Code® (hereinafter "IMC")
4. Puerto Rico Plumbing Code (hereinafter "PRPC"), as amended from the 2018 International Plumbing Code® (hereinafter "IPC")
5. Puerto Rico Fire Code (hereinafter "PRFC"), as amended from the 2018 International Fire Code (hereinafter "IFC")
6. Puerto Rico Fuel Gas Code (hereinafter "PRFGC"), as amended from the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code® (hereinafter "IFGC")
7. Puerto Rico Energy Conservation Code (hereinafter "PRECC"), as amended from the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code® (hereinafter "IECC")

¹ This Regulation is promulgated pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Puerto Rico Permits Management Office in virtue of Article 2.3 (g) of Act No. 161-2009, as amended, known as the "Puerto Rico Permit Process Reform Act"; and as ordered in Act. No. 38-2017, as amended, known as "Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico".

The provisions contained in this Regulation are related to Final Determinations and Permits for construction and land use projects, as well as certifications in Puerto Rico, including licenses, permits and/or certifications, regulated by OGPe in accordance with the Puerto Rico Permit Process Reform Act. Provided that, all Permits Management Office determinations must comply with the design standards contained in this Regulation, which seek to ensure the health and safety of all construction and/or occupation in Puerto Rico Permit Process Reform Act that guarantees safe and resilient constructions and occupancies.

8. Puerto Rico Existing Building Code (hereinafter "PREBC"), as amended from the 2018 International Existing Building Code® (hereinafter "IEBC")
9. Puerto Rico Private Sewage Disposal Code (hereinafter "PRPSDC"), as amended from the 2018 International Private Sewage Disposal Code® (hereinafter "IPSD")
10. Puerto Rico Swimming Pool and Spa Code (hereinafter "PRSPSC"), as amended from the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code® (hereinafter "ISPC")

All work performed by R3 Construction Managers must also comply with most current federal, state and local, codes, laws, regulations and standards including, but not necessarily limited to:

11. Joint Regulation for Project Evaluation and Permitting, regarding Land Development and Use, and Business Operations ("*Reglamento conjunto para la evaluación y expedición de permisos relacionados al desarrollo, uso de terrenos y operación de negocios*"), as amended;
12. Local planning and zoning requirements;
13. Planning and Capacity Building (Section 105(a)(12) of the HCDA);
14. Energy Development Goals (Section 105(a)(16) of the HCDA);
15. Puerto Rico Firefighters Code; most current approved version;
16. Applicable Environmental Regulations;
17. Applicable HUD Terms and Conditions;
18. Fair Housing Act, as amendment;
19. American with Disabilities Act (where required)

Puerto Rico is located in an area of high seismic activity, as well as cyclonic. The updating of maps related to these activities, as well as the recent flood maps previously approved by PRPB, require that the design and construction requirements on the Island comply with them; thus, guaranteeing greater security to life and property. On the other hand, this Regulation is designed specifically for the conditions of Puerto Rico; the Codes establish construction and design parameters related to mitigating the impact of catastrophic events, fire prevention and energy conservation, among others. The Historic preservation requirements or recommendations may be an exception to these requirements as per consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office, ("SHPO").

1.3. Quality Control and Assurance

The Selected Proposers must comply with the highest quality parameters for the residential construction industry. The projects' specific quality control and quality assurances procedures, testing, and reporting will be developed by the Construction Managers' design team as part of the technical specifications of each project and approved by the PRDOH or its representatives.

1.4. Resilience Standards

The Proposers shall incorporate resilient materials and characteristics into the design and performance of repair and replacement home construction projects. The Selected Proposers are expected to include resilient materials like concrete, as well as resilient characteristics like seismic restraints for equipment and windstorm resistant for exterior windows, as set forth in the selected Green Building Standard and latest adopted construction codes.

1.5. Green Building Standard

The Selected Proposers must apply the following principles or requirements to the extent applicable for the repair activities undertaken:

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- HUD Guidelines on the Community Planning and Development Green Building Retrofit Checklist;
- HUD CPD Green Building Retrofit Checklist;
- Use of mold resistant products when replacing surfaces;
- Use of Energy-Star labeled products or appliances;
- Use of WaterSense labeled products or appliances; or
- Use of Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) designated products or appliances.

2. MINIMUM ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN STANDARDS

The minimum architectural and design standards attempt to balance the need for long-lasting designs that will reduce the maintenance requirements and balance with cost effective designs that promote an efficient use of resources.

The following minimum architectural and design standards apply to Repair Type of Grant Awards under the R3 Program. All the Proposers shall conform to these minimum requirements unless waived by the PRDOH in writing or design standards are needed to meet accessibility requirements.

Table 1.0
Minimum Architectural and Design Standards

ELEMENT	MINIMUM STANDARD	NOT-ALLOWED
Roofing Water Impermeabilization	High Performance, Liquid Applied Membrane. 2 in 1 Product (Primer and Sealer) ≥ 60% Percent of Solids by Weight and ≥ 50% Percent of Solids by Volume Applied as per Manufacturer's Instructions and Recommendations Note: Only applicable under home repair works (minimum requirement may be outperformed).	
Finishes	Paint: High-Performance Paint 2-1 Paint (Satin or Eggshell finish). 2 Coats (minimum)	
Appliances	Refrigerator: Energy Star Certified Overall Capacity: ≥ 18 cu. Feet Range: Electric or Gas Range Size: ≥ 30 inches Freestanding Number of Burners: 4-minimum Control Type: Knob and Electronic Gas Range Ignition: Electronic	Under-counter and compact refrigerators will not be accepted.

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ELEMENT	MINIMUM STANDARD	NOT-ALLOWED
Kitchen Countertop & Sink	Countertop Finish: Plastic Laminate Countertop Grade Fire-Test-Response Characteristics: Provide decorative plastic laminate with the following surface burning characteristics: 1. Flame-Spread Index: 25 or less. 2. Smoke-Developed Index: 450 or less Note: All exposed faces and edges laminated. LF of countertop dependent on available space and existing kitchen configuration.	
	Countertop Substrate: High-density PVC panel Water-resistant fiberboard Water-resistant MDF panelboard Plywood: Grade B	Countertop Substrate: Water-absorbent Fiberboard Substrates Water-absorbent MDF panelboard Plywood Grade C & D Construction Plywood
	Sink: Kitchen sink bowl ≥ 9 inches depth	Sink: Kitchen sink bowl ≤ 9 inches depth
Kitchen Cabinet Doors & Drawers	Cabinet Standard Laminate: Wood or Plastic Note: All exposed faces and edges laminated. Interior wood substrate (not laminated) must be smooth finish and water sealed. All cabinets must have back panels 1/4" minimum depth.	
	Cabinet Substrate: High-density PVC panel Water-resistant fiberboard Water-resistant MDF panelboard Plywood: Grade B Doors & Drawers: May be finger-pull or with easy to grasp door & drawer handles. Type to be selected by owner. Hardware: Soft closing door hinges and drawer sliders	Cabinet Substrate: Water-absorbent Fiberboard Substrates Water-absorbent MDF panelboard Plywood Grade C & D Construction Plywood
HVAC	Energy Star Certified Mini Split Air Conditioner Unit High efficiency (Only applicable when replacing A/C units under repair awards)	Window or Wall-Mounted Air Conditioner Units

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Applicants shall have options to choose from such as exterior paint color schemes, cabinets color scheme, floor color schemes, and any other optional component that will not have an impact on costs. Accessible kitchens and private areas, must have at least a 12" x 15" appliance-free counter-space adjacent to all appliances. Accessible unit stoves must be at the same height as adjacent counter tops. Construction Managers shall notify the Program Manager Construction Lead and PRDOH the project accessibility standard used for all accessible homes.

3. COMPLIANCE OF WORK WITH FEDERAL LAWS: BUY AMERICAN ACT

All materials or equipment acquired and incorporated in projects by the R3 Construction Managers, as well as any of their subcontractors, as part of the Contract are **not** required to comply with the requirements of the Buy American Act. However, materials and equipment shall comply with applicable performance, quality standards, and warranties as established in the Scope of Work for the services.

END OF MINIMUM ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN STANDARDS

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EXHIBIT O COST FORM PROGRAM UNIT PRICE LIST

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The Homeowner Repair, Reconstruction, or Relocation Program (R3 Program) will standardize line item pricing to (i) facilitate communication and provide consistency amongst the PRDOH and its vendors; (ii) ensure applicants are treated fairly during the award determination process; (iii) prevent unfair treatment and unbalanced treatment to applicants; and (iv) facilitate the review and approval of applications for payment and change orders for Construction Managers.

XACTWARE'S PRICING LIST

The R3 Program will make use of Xactware's Pricing Lists as the main source for pricing of construction works to be performed. Xactware is an independent, third-party, company that researches and reports on industry pricing. They use information from general contractors, subcontractors, insurance carriers, insurance adjusters, and a host of other industry professionals as they research and report on average market price for each price list item. Xactware assures that no one party or industry segment has any undue influence on the pricing data that they research and report on.

Xactware issues updates to its pricing lists constantly, sometimes even once (1) a month. Therefore, Xactware's Pricing Lists ensures that the cost for work performed under the R3 Program maintains itself within reasonable cost levels for the duration of the Program. Initially, the R3 Program will make use of the Xactware Pricing List **PRSJBX_JUL21** for Puerto Rico and for the month of July 2021 with a Contractor Profile. Xactware's Pricing List to be used by the Program will be updated on a yearly basis at the beginning of each State Fiscal Year to the most recently up to date list published by Xactware. This allows for pricing within the Program to become fixed for one-year terms to facilitate Program Administration and allows for adjustments to the pricing due to conditions outside of the PRDOH's and the Construction Managers' control. The frequency for updates to the Program Price List herein stated may be adjusted by the PRDOH if such a change is beneficial to R3 Program's implementation.

ADDITIONAL LINE ITEMS TO XACTWARE'S PRICING LIST

As Xactware's Pricing Lists may not hold every item of work required by the Program, the PRDOH reserves the right to include additional items of work and their reasonable pricing/cost as part of Program issued documents. Construction Managers must perform work specified under additional line items published by the PRDOH, at the pricing established by the PRDOH, when works that include such additional line items are assigned. PRDOH will only establish pricing at reasonable costs. Additional Line Item Lists, and their updates, will be published by the PRDOH as part of program issued documents whenever necessary. Additional line item pricing for the Program is included in the following pages.

The combination of line items within Xactware's Price Lists and those additional line items set forth in this document will be the R3 Program's Unit Price List.

OVERHEAD AND PROFIT

To items, as applicable, Construction Managers will add Overhead and Profit as follows:

- Overhead **Twenty Percent (20%)**
- Profit **Ten Percent (10%)**

The fixed fee amount calculated by taking a specific line item's Unit Cost and multiplying it by the Overhead and Profit percentages set forth above, as applicable, will be the Construction Manager's entitlement for work completed in compliance with Program requirements. Profit will be calculated on a cumulative basis with overhead.

MUNICIPAL TAXES

Based on the municipality at which Construction Managers will be performing work the cost of Municipal Patents (typically 0.05%) and Construction Taxes ("Arbitrios") (typically ranging from 5% to 6%) will be added to determine the total cost of work, as applicable.

ADDITIONAL LINE ITEMS LIST

Design and Permitting Costs for Repair Awards (Soft Cost)

The following are the fixed fees to be paid by PRDOH to Construction Managers for the design and permitting of repair awards in the Program. These costs include overhead and profit. Therefore, no additional costs (administrative or otherwise) may be added to these line items when determining the total cost of work to be performed.

No.	Item Description	Units	Unit Cost	Notes
1	Soft Cost: Design and Permitting for Repair Awards from \$0 to \$10,000	LS	\$3,180	Includes design and permitting costs for any and all repair works (including repair and any abatement required) in awards not exceeding \$10,000 in hard / construction costs. Also includes CIAPR/CAAPPR stamps cost as required for the expected max. hard / construction cost, as well as services during construction (construction supervision). Abatement permitting is not included in this line item.
2	Soft Cost: Design and Permitting for Repair Awards from \$10,001 to \$20,000	LS	\$5,250	Includes design and permitting costs for any and all repair works (including repair and any abatement required) in awards not exceeding \$20,000 in hard / construction costs. Also includes CIAPR/CAAPPR stamps cost as required for the expected max. hard / construction cost, as well as services during construction (construction supervision). Abatement permitting is not included in this line item.
3	Soft Cost: Design and Permitting for Repair Awards from \$20,001 to \$30,000	LS	\$7,330	Includes design and permitting costs for any and all repair works (including repair and any abatement required) in awards not exceeding \$30,000 in hard / construction costs. Also includes CIAPR/CAAPPR stamps cost as required for the expected max. hard / construction cost, as well as services during construction (construction supervision). Abatement permitting is not included in this line item.

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4	Soft Cost: Design and Permitting for Repair Awards from \$30,001 to \$40,000	LS	\$9,428	Includes design and permitting costs for any and all repair works (including repair and any abatement required) in awards not exceeding \$40,000 in hard / construction costs. Also includes CIAPR/CAAPPR stamps cost as required for the expected max. hard / construction cost, as well as services during construction (construction supervision). Abatement permitting is not included in this line item.
5	Soft Cost: Design and Permitting for Repair Awards from \$40,001 to \$50,000	LS	\$11,510	Includes design and permitting costs for any and all repair works (including repair and any abatement required) in awards not exceeding \$50,000 in hard / construction costs. Also includes CIAPR/CAAPPR stamps cost as required for the expected max. hard / construction cost, as well as services during construction (construction supervision). Abatement permitting is not included in this line item.
6	Soft Cost: Design and Permitting for Repair Awards from \$50,001 and above	LS	\$13,580	Includes design and permitting costs for any and all repair works (including repair and any abatement required) in awards exceeding \$50,000 in hard / construction costs. Also includes CIAPR/CAAPPR stamps cost as required for the expected max. hard / construction cost, as well as services during construction (construction supervision). Abatement permitting is not included in this line item.
8	Soft Cost: Asbestos Abatement Permitting	LS	\$935.00	Includes costs for the acquisition of asbestos removal permits for the implementation of any abatement works required at the storm-damaged home.
9	Soft Cost: Lead-Based Paint Abatement Permits	LS	\$935.00	Includes costs for the acquisition of lead-based paint removal permits for the implementation of any abatement works required at the storm-damaged home.

Construction Works (Hard Costs)

The following are the fixed fees to be paid by PRDOH to Construction Managers for additional line items of construction works not found in Xactware's Pricing List. These costs exclude overhead and profit. Therefore, overhead and profit percentages as established by the PRDOH for the Program must be added when these items are used.

ID	Item Description	Units	Unit Cost	Notes
1	Lead & Asbestos: Mobilization and Preparation for Lead and/or Asbestos Abatement	LS	\$1,300.00	Applicable to all abatement and encapsulation works requested. Only a single instance of the line item may be included per property.
2	Lead Encapsulation: Interior, brushwork, trim	LF	\$5.74	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0020. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
3	Lead Encapsulation: Balustrades	LF	\$5.15	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0040. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
4	Lead Encapsulation: Pipe, to 4" diameter	LF	\$3.15	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0050. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
5	Lead Encapsulation: Pipe, to 8" diameter	LF	\$3.78	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0060. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
6	Lead Encapsulation: Pipe, to 12" diameter	LF	\$5.71	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0070. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.

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7	Lead Encapsulation: Pipe, to 16" diameter	LF	\$8.44	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0080. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
8	Lead Encapsulation: Cabinets	SF	\$7.92	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0090. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
9	Lead Encapsulation: Flush doors, both sides, frame and trim	EA	\$143.80	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0120. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
10	Lead Encapsulation: French doors, both sides, frame and trim	EA	\$235.25	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0130. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
11	Lead Encapsulation: Panel doors, both sides, frame and trim	EA	\$205.40	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0140. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
12	Lead Encapsulation: Louver doors, both sides, frame and trim	EA	\$281.70	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0150. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
13	Lead Encapsulation: Window	EA	\$114.80	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0180. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
14	Lead Encapsulation: Grilles, vents	SF	\$5.15	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0210. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
15	Lead Encapsulation: Walls, roller, drywall or plaster	SF	\$1.60	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0220. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
16	Lead Encapsulation: Ceilings roller, drywall, or plaster	SF	\$1.94	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0250. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
17	Lead Encapsulation: Exterior, brushwork, gutters and downspouts	LF	\$5.06	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0270. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
18	Lead Encapsulation: Exterior columns	SF	\$3.46	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0280. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
19	Lead Encapsulation: Spray, siding	SF	\$2.59	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0290. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
20	Lead Encapsulation: Electrical conduit, brushwork, to 2" diameter	LF	\$3.15	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0310. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
21	Lead Encapsulation: Brick, bloc, or concrete, spray	SF	\$3.24	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0320. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
22	Lead Encapsulation: Steel, flat surfaces and tanks to 12"	SF	\$3.64	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0330. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
23	Lead Encapsulation: Beams, brushwork	SF	\$3.46	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0340. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
24	Lead Encapsulation: Trusses	SF	\$11.65	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.23 0350. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
25	Lead Removal: Baseboards	LF	\$26.06	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 0050. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
26	Lead Removal: Balustrades, one side	SF	\$26.06	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 0200. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
27	Lead Removal: Cabinets	SF	\$22.92	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 1400. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.

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28	Lead Removal: Cornice	SF	\$13.00	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 1600. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
29	Lead Removal: Doors, one side, flush	SF	\$9.77	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 2800. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
30	Lead Removal: Door trim, one side	LF	\$11.61	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 2880. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
31	Lead Removal: Fence, picket, one side	SF	\$24.32	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 3000. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
32	Lead Removal: Grilles, one side	SF	\$24.32	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 3200. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
33	Lead Removal: Handrails	LF	\$9.02	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 3240. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
34	Lead Removal: Pipes, to 4" diameter	LF	\$9.23	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 4400. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
35	Lead Removal: Pipes, to 8" diameter	LF	\$16.93	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 4420. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
36	Lead Removal: Pipes, to 12" diameter	LF	\$23.82	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 4440. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
37	Lead Removal: Pipes, to 16" diameter	LF	\$40.68	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 4460. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
38	Lead Removal: Pipe hangers	EA	\$19.71	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 4500. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
39	Lead Removal: Siding	SF	\$9.02	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 4800. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
40	Lead Removal: Trusses	SF	\$14.62	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 5000. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
41	Lead Removal: Windows, one side, 24"x48", includes frame and trim items	EA	\$199.40	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 6200. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
42	Lead Removal: Windows, one side, 30"x60", includes frame and trim items	EA	\$263.10	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 6220. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
43	Lead Removal: Windows, one side, 36"x72", includes frame and trim items	EA	\$314.90	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 6240. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
44	Lead Removal: Windows, one side, 40"x80", includes frame and trim items	EA	\$395.80	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 6280. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
45	Lead Removal: Hand scraping and HEPA vacuum	SF	\$87.60	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 7000. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
46	Lead Removal: Collect and bag bulk material	CF	\$24.15	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 83 19.26 8000. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
47	Asbestos Removal: Metal Beams	LF	\$53.64	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 0140. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
48	Asbestos Removal: Duct or AHU Insulation	SF	\$8.49	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 0400. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.

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49	Asbestos Removal: Pipe insulation, air cell type, up to 4" diameter pipe	LF	\$8.30	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 0600. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
50	Asbestos Removal: Pipe insulation, air cell type, 4" to 8" diameter pipe	LF	\$9.34	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 0610. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
51	Asbestos Removal: Pipe insulation, air cell type, 10" to 12" diameter pipe	LF	\$10.64	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 0620. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
52	Asbestos Removal: Pipe insulation, air cell type, 14" to 16" diameter pipe	LF	\$13.60	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 0630. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
53	Asbestos Removal: Pipe insulation, air cell type, over 16" diameter pipe	SF	\$11.47	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 0650. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
54	Asbestos Removal: Pipe fitting insulation up to 4" diameter pipe	EA	\$23.31	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 1000. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
55	Asbestos Removal: Pipe fitting insulation, 6" to 8" diameter pipe	EA	\$24.60	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 1100. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
56	Asbestos Removal: Pipe fitting insulation, 10" to 12" diameter pipe	EA	\$38.85	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 1110. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
57	Asbestos Removal: Pipe fitting insulation, 14" to 16" diameter pipe	EA	\$58.28	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 1120. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
58	Asbestos Removal: Pipe fitting insulation, over 16" diameter pipe	SF	\$42.55	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 1130. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
59	Asbestos Removal: Scrape foam fireproofing from flat surface	SF	\$3.10	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 2000. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
60	Asbestos Removal: Scrape foam fireproofing from irregular surface	SF	\$6.24	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 2100. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
61	Asbestos Removal: Remove cementitious materials from flat surface	SF	\$4.14	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 3000. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
62	Asbestos Removal: Remove cementitious materials from irregular surface	SF	\$7.41	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 3100. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
63	Asbestos Removal: Scrape acoustical coating/fireproofing, from ceiling	SF	\$2.33	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 4000. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
64	Asbestos Removal: Remove VAT and mastic from floor by hand, one layer	SF	\$3.10	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 5000. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
65	Asbestos Removal: Remove VAT and mastic from floor by machine, one layer	SF	\$1.56	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 5100. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
66	Asbestos Removal: Remove VAT and mastic from floor by hand, two layer	SF	\$4.66	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 5150. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
67	Asbestos Removal: Remove VAT and mastic from floor by machine, two layer	SF	\$2.34	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 5150. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
68	Asbestos Removal: Remove contaminated soil from crawl space	CF	\$18.69	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 6000. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
69	Asbestos Removal: Cement-asbestos transite board and cement wall board	SF	\$2.03	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 8000. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.

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70	Asbestos Removal: Shingle roofing	SF	\$1.92	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 8200. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
71	Asbestos Removal: Single roofing, built-up, no gravel, non-friable	SF	\$2.46	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 8250. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
72	Asbestos Removal: Bituminous flashing	SF	\$2.48	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 8260. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
73	Asbestos Removal: Asbestos millboard, flat board, and VAT contaminated plywood	SF	\$1.91	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 02 82 13.43 8300. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
74	Roof: Waterproofing, built-up membrane, asphaltic, 10-year warranty, 4 plies #15 asphalt felt.	SF	\$4.29	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 07 51 13.20 0500. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
75	Roof: Waterproofing, built-up membrane, coal tar, 10-year warranty, 4 plies #15 organic felt.	SF	\$4.99	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 07 51 13.20 4600. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
76	Roof: Waterproofing, elastomeric membrane, 10-year warranty, 45 mil fully adhered with adhesive.	SF	\$2.65	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 07 53 23.20 3800. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
77	Roof: Waterproofing, fluid-applied membrane, 10-year warranty, Acrylic, 2 coats.	SF	\$2.07	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 07 56 10.10 0035. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
78	Roof: Waterproofing, modified bituminous membrane, 10-year warranty, Mod. bit. flng., SBS mod, gran surf, cap sheet, poly. rein'. 120 to 160 mils thick.	SF	\$4.15	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 07 52 16.10 0650. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
79	Roof: Waterproofing, thermoplastic membrane, 10-year warranty, Heat welded seams, reinforced, 48 mils, fully adhered with adhesive.	SF	\$3.18	Cost Reasonableness Basis: RSMeans 07 54 19.10 8850. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
80	Soil Treatment: Termite Chemical Control	GL	\$158.10	Reasonable Cost Basis: RSMeans 2019 31 31 16.13 0400. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.
81	Soil Treatment: Termite Control Barrier	SF	\$1.05	Reasonable Cost Basis: RSMeans 2019 31 31 16.13 0020. 1.8 Factor applied to labor cost for minimum wage rate of \$15/hr consideration.

I hereby acknowledge and accept the terms of the Program Unit Price List if awarded a contract for Construction Manager Services of the R3 Program.

Xpert's LLC

Proposer Entity Name

Proposer Authorized Representative Signature

March 21, 2022

Date

Alberto J. González De Jesús

Proposer Authorized Representative Printed Name

- END OF PROGRAM UNIT PRICE LIST -



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SPECIAL INSURANCE AND BONDING SPECIFICATIONS
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A. All bidders will submit a BID BOND

The bid will be accompanied of a bid bond of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid and option of the bidder, which will be able to be by means of:

- a. Certifies check, or
- b. Bank draft

The Bid Bond must be issued by a surety appearing in the latest US Department of Treasury's List of Approval Sureties (Circular Letter 570) and authorized to do business in Puerto Rico.

- B.** The successful bidder before commencing work or receiving a written notice to proceed with, or being allowed to start to work, must submit to the **Puerto Rico Department of Housing (*PRDOH)**, the hereafter mentioned insurance policies and/or bonds, thus including all endorsements and agreements required under the special contractual conditions as per the following:

1. (X) State Insurance Fund Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy

In accordance with the Workmen's Compensation Act No. 45, to facilitate its acquisition, the ***PRDOH** shall provide a letter to the successful bidder addressed to the State Insurance Fund.

2. (X) Commercial General Liability (Special Form) including the following insurance coverage

COVERAGE	LIMIT
I. Commercial General Liability:	
• Each Occurrence	\$2,000,000
• General Aggregate	\$3,000,000
• Products & Complete Operations	\$2,000,000
• Personal Injury & Advertising	\$2,000,000

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COVERAGE	LIMIT
• Fire Damage	\$100,000 (Any one Fire)
• Medical Expense	\$10,000 (Any one person)
II. Employer's Liability Stop Gap:	
• Bodily Injury by Accident Each Employee	\$1,000,000
Each Accident	\$1,000,000
• Bodily Injury by Disease Each Employee	\$1,000,000
Each Accident	\$1,000,000

3. (X) Comprehensive Automobile Liability Form including the following insurance coverages

LIMIT
• Auto Liability - \$1,000,000
• Physical Damages - \$1,000,000
• Medical Payments - \$ 10,000
The Commercial Auto cover must be applied to the following symbols:
• Liability Coverage -1
• Physical Damages – 2 and 8
• Hired – Borrowed Auto – 8
• Non-Owned Auto Liability – 9

4. (X) Professional Liability &/or Errors & Omissions Policy

**** The Aggregate Limit is amended to \$5,000,000**

(X) A. Risk, interest, location and limits

(X) A.1 Description of work to be done

(X) A.2 Limit:

(X) each occurrence \$5,000,000
(X) **Aggregate** **\$5,000,000****
(X) Deductible \$ 5,000



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(X) **A.3** Certification that the insurance contract has been given as surplus lines coverage under the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Insurance Code, when applicable.

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5. (X) Contractors Environmental & Pollution Liabilities

Limit - \$3,000,000

6. (X) Cyber Liability

Limit - \$3,000,000

7. (X) Umbrella

Limit - \$10,000,000

8. (X) Builder's Risk – 100% of Finished Value

(X) **a.** Form for all risks including "DIC" and earthquake.

(X) **b.** 100% total finished cash value for all finished construction, materials installed and/or stored on site including construction equipment and/or installation equipment.

(X) **c.** *The PRDOH, HUD and the Government of Puerto Rico* must be included as additional insured.

9. (X) Payment and Performance Bond, Wage Payment Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond

(X) **a.** The successful bidder must provide a Payment and Performance Bond for the total cost of the project under contract.

(X) **b.** The surety must be issued by a surety appearing in the latest US Department of Treasury's Listing of Approved Sureties (Circular Letter 570) and authorized to do business in Puerto Rico.

(X) **c.** You must provide an endorsement on the Performance and Payment Bond to guarantee the payment of wages at the Department of Labor of



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the Government of Puerto Rico as an Obligated Guarantor under Laws of Puerto Rico.

(X) d. Certificate of Authority, Power of Attorney and Power of Attorney License issued by the Commissioner of Insurance.

(X) e. *Performance and payment bonds will be required for 100% of the contract price to cover the construction work and the standard one (1) year warranty/maintenance period after completion of the work.*

10. (X) The policies to be obtained must contain the following endorsements including as additional insured the ***Puerto Rico Department of Housing (*PRDOH), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Government of Puerto Rico.***

- (X) a. Breach of warranty
- (X) b. Waiver and / or Release of Subrogation
- (X) c. Additional Insured Clause
- (X) d. Hold Harmless Agreement
- (X) e. 30 Days Cancellation Clause

11. (X) The insurance carrier or carriers, which will present said certificates of insurance, must have at least a B+ rating according to the Best Rating Guide.

C. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All certified checks or bank drafts must be paid to the Order of the Bidding Agency.
2. All Bid Bonds must be issued by an Insurance Company authorized by the Insurance Commissioner of Puerto Rico and must be accompanied by the following documents:
 - a) Certificate of Authority in the name of the Insurer issued by the Insurance Commissioner.
 - b) Power of attorney, issued by the Insurer, in the name of its attorney-in-fact.



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- c) Power of Attorney License, issued by the Commissioner of Insurance of Puerto Rico pursuant to the power of attorney issued by said Insurer.

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3. If, at the time the bidding documents are opened, any of the documents referred to in paragraphs a, band c above are missing, this shall not constitute grounds for disqualifying the contractor, but the successful bidder shall submit such documents within two (2) working days from the date and time of the auction.

4. It is implicit that, by issuing the Bid Bond, the insurer undertakes to issue a Performance and Payment Bond in accordance with the conditions of the auction.

5. In any bidding or protest, the interested party shall be obliged to write down each risk with its individual cost of premium and shall then reflect the total sum of all insurance premiums as project costs.

D. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO INSURANCE AND SURETY COMPANIES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

All insurance companies and all guarantors who issue policies or bonds under our special contractual conditions are subject to:

1. Be authorized to do business within the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and have the corresponding license issued by the Commissioner of Insurance.
2. To be enjoying a good economic situation and to be classified under the Category of B+ by the "Best Rating Guide".
3. Submit to the ***PRDOH** a written certification as evidence of full payment of premiums by the Contractor. Mention each risk coverage premium separately.
4. Avoid sub-contractual obligations of premium financing or any other kind, which may be detrimental to the public interest.
5. Avoid any request for cancellation by the contractor prior to the expiration date of the policy, without the consent of the Contract Division of the ***PRDOH**: Discuss any refund of unearned premium.



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6. Follow all Federal Bail and Acceptance Insurance Regulations, when applicable.
7. Indicate in the appropriate place of all insurance policies and/or bonds, **the full description of the project**, work or service to be rendered.
8. Not to make any amendments to insurance policies and bonds issued under the special conditions mentioned above, unless approved by the Insurance Section of the ***PRDOH**.
9. To ensure that all insurance policies or bonds are issued to comply with all of our special insurance conditions with respect to the period of coverage, type of risk coverage, as well as all limits, as specified, and also to eliminate those exclusions in accordance with our request.
10. Clarify any questions regarding insurance requirements by any means of communication with the Insurance Section of the ***PRDOH** under the Secretary for Legal Affairs.

E. EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE OF EACH SUBCONTRACTOR TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AS THE PRIME CONTRACTOR:

The successful bidder, as the prime contractor, has the duty to require each of the subcontractors or subcontractors to maintain in force all insurance policies and/or bonds necessary to cover their individual participation in the risk or risks related to the subcontracted work or service to be rendered.

Therefore, prior to commencing work or receiving written notice to proceed with such work, the successful prime contractor has the responsibility to provide the ***PRDOH** with all the **certifications of insurance and/or bonds required** under the special conditions approved by the Insurance Section of the ***PRDOH**.

All insurance policies shall remain in effect for the entire contractual period. In case of any order of change and/or amendment resulting in alteration of the original project completion date or total original cost, the prime contractor shall take the necessary steps to request the insurer to include such changes in all related insurance policies and/or bond and to submit evidence by appropriate



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endorsements with effective dates. Cancellations without consent are not accepted.

The ***PRDOH** reserves the right to stop any work or service under contract until the breach of these requirements has been remedied, so that any delay in the performance of the contract based on any breach of the insurance coverage requirements shall be deemed the sole responsibility of the Main Contractor.

F. CONFLICT OR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE TENDERING, PROCEDURE AND SPECIAL INSURANCE CONDITIONS AND BONDS

In the event of any conflict or difference in the description of coverage or amount or limits, etc., with respect to insurance requirements, the *"Special Conditions of Insurance and Bonds"* as set forth in this Insurance Requirements shall prevail over any other insurance specifications.

***PRDOH** reserves the right to modify any Insurance Requirements at any time, in accordance with the Program's needs.

G. CERTIFICATE OF CONTRACT DIVISION

We hereby certify, to our best knowledge and understanding, that we have prepared the aforementioned *"Insurance and Bonds Special Conditions"* after a proper evaluation of the related risks, based on the information of the nature of the project and description submitted to us, as requested by the Contracting Program through a written application.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES:

Increase Capacity
Construction Management Services

September 19, 2022

Date Review Sep 27, 2022

Sonia Damaris Rodriguez
Insurance Specialist
CDGB-DR



ATTACHMENT E HUD GENERAL PROVISIONS

Given that the Contract involves funds for which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD**) is the oversight agency, the following terms and conditions may apply to this Contract. In addition, Contractor shall comply with the Federal Labor Standards Provisions set forth in Form HUD-4010, available at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2490/hud-form-4010-federal-labor-standards-provisions/>.

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The CONTRACTOR shall include these terms and conditions in all subcontracts or purchase orders directly servicing the Contract.

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These general provisions may be updated from time to time. It is the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR to be aware of any changes hereto, to amend and implement such changes and to ensure subcontracts terms and conditions are modified as necessary, if any.

General Provisions:

1. PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW DEEMED INSERTED

Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this Contract shall be deemed to be inserted herein and the Contract shall be read and enforced as though it were included herein, and if through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not inserted, or is not correctly inserted, then upon the application of either party, the Contract shall forthwith be physically amended to make such insertion or correction.

2. STATUTORY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws and regulations applicable to the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funds appropriated by: the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018, and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements, 2017 (**Pub. L. 115-56**) approved on September 8, 2017, as amended; the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (**Pub. L. 115-123**) approved on February 9, 2018, as amended; the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019, (**Pub. L. 116-20**) approved on June 6, 2019, as amended; as well as including, but not limited to, the applicable Office of Management and Budget Circulars, which may impact the administration of funds and/or set forth certain cost principles, including if certain expenses are allowed.

3. BREACH OF CONTRACT TERMS

The Puerto Rico Department of Housing (**PRDOH**) reserves its right to all administrative, contractual, or legal remedies, including but not limited to suspension or termination of this Contract, in instances where the CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors violate or breach any Contract term. If the CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors violate or breach any Contract term, they shall be subject to such sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate. The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract documents, and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law.

4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit all reports, in such form and according to such schedule, as may be required by PRDOH and/or the Government of Puerto Rico. The CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with all the PRDOH and/or the Government of Puerto Rico efforts to comply with HUD requirements and regulations pertaining to reporting, including but not limited to 24 C.F.R. §§ 85.40-41 (or 84.50-52, if applicable) and § 570.507, when applicable.

5. ACCESS TO RECORDS

The Government of Puerto Rico, the PRDOH, HUD, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have, at any time and from time to time during normal business hours, access to any work product, books, documents, papers, and records of the CONTRACTOR which are related to this Contract, for the purpose of inspection, audits, examinations, and making excerpts, copies and transcriptions.

6. MAINTENANCE/RETENTION OF RECORDS

All records (files, data, work product) connected with this Contract will be turned over to PRDOH following the Agreement termination to be maintained for the remainder of the grant and post grant closeout.

7. SMALL AND MINORITY FIRMS, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS

The CONTRACTOR will take necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used in subcontracting when possible. Steps include, but are not limited to:

- (i) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

- (ii) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- (iii) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;
- (iv) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises; and
- (v) Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration, and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

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Additionally, for contracts of **\$10,000 or more**, the CONTRACTOR shall file Form HUD 2516 (Contract and Subcontract Activity) with the PRDOH on a quarterly basis.

8. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT

Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements", and any implementing regulations issued by HUD.

9. TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

The Proposer will comply with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity that receives Federal funds or other Federal financial assistance. Programs that receive Federal funds cannot distinguish among individuals on the basis of race, color or national origin, either directly or indirectly, in the types, quantity, quality or timelines of program services, aids or benefits that they provide or the manner in which they provide them. This prohibition applies to intentional discrimination as well as to procedures, criteria or methods of administration that appear neutral but have a discriminatory effect on individuals because of their race, color, or national origin. Policies and practices that have such an effect must be eliminated unless a recipient can show that they were necessary to achieve a legitimate nondiscriminatory objective.

10. SECTION 109 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. No person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title. Section 109 further provides

that discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 or with respect to an otherwise qualified handicapped individual as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, is prohibited.

11. SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), as amended, and any applicable regulations.

The CONTRACTOR agrees that no qualified individual with handicaps shall, solely on the basis of handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance from HUD.

12. AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), as amended, and any applicable regulations. No person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination under, any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

13. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND INELIGIBILITY

The CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that it and its subcontractors are not debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 2424.

14. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The CONTRACTOR shall notify the PRDOH as soon as possible if this Contract or any aspect related to the anticipated work under this Contract raises an actual or potential conflict of interest (as defined at 2 C.F.R. Part 215 and 24 C.F.R. § 85.36 or 84.42, if applicable). The CONTRACTOR shall explain the actual or potential conflict in writing in sufficient detail so that the PRDOH is able to assess such actual or potential conflict. The CONTRACTOR shall provide the PRDOH any additional information necessary to fully assess and address such actual or potential conflict of interest. The CONTRACTOR shall accept any reasonable conflict mitigation strategy employed by the PRDOH, including but not limited to the use of an independent subcontractor(s) to perform the portion of work that gives rise to the actual or potential conflict.

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15. SUBCONTRACTING

When subcontracting, the CONTRACTOR shall solicit for and contract with such subcontractors in a manner providing for fair competition. Some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include, but are not limited to:

- (i) Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business;
- (ii) Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding;
- (iii) Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated Companies;
- (iv) Noncompetitive awards to consultants that are on retainer contracts,
- (v) Organizational conflicts of interest;
- (vi) Specifying only a brand name product instead of allowing an equal product to be offered and describing the performance of other relevant requirements of the procurement; and
- (vii) Any arbitrary action in the procurement process.

The CONTRACTOR represents to the PRDOH that all work shall be performed by personnel experienced in the appropriate and applicable profession and areas of expertise, taking into account the nature of the work to be performed under this Contract.

The CONTRACTOR will include these HUD General Provisions in every subcontract issued by it, so that such provisions will be binding upon each of its subcontractors as well as the requirement to flow down such terms to all lower-tiered subcontractors.

16. ASSIGNABILITY

The CONTRACTOR shall not assign any interest in this Agreement, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation) without prior written approval of the PRDOH.

17. INDEMNIFICATION

The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Government of Puerto Rico and PRDOH, its agents and employees, from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, charges, and judgments arising from or related to the negligence or willful misconduct of the CONTRACTOR in the performance of the services called for in this Contract.

18. COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK" ACT

(Applicable to all construction or repair contracts)

Salaries of personnel performing work under this Contract shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a month without payroll deduction or rebate on any account except only such payroll deductions as are mandatory by law or permitted by

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the applicable regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the Copeland "Anti-Kickback Act" of June 13, 1934 (48 Stat. 948; 62 Stat. 740; 63 Stat. 108; Title 18 U.S.C. § 874; and Title 40 U.S.C. § 276c). The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable "Anti-Kickback" regulations and shall insert appropriate provisions in all subcontracts covering work under this Agreement to ensure compliance by subcontractors with such regulations, and shall be responsible for the submission of affidavits required of subcontractors thereunder except as the Secretary of Labor may specifically provide for variations of or exemptions from the requirements thereof.

19. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

(Applicable to construction contracts exceeding \$2,000 and contracts exceeding \$2,500 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers)

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5).

All laborers and mechanics employed by CONTRACTORS or subcontractors shall receive overtime compensation in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and the CONTRACTORS and subcontractors shall comply with all regulations issued pursuant to that act and with other applicable Federal laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards.

20. DAVIS-BACON ACT

(Applicable to construction contracts exceeding \$2,000 when required by Federal program legislation)

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Davis Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141, et seq.) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5).

All laborers and mechanics employed by CONTRACTORS or subcontractors, including employees of other governments, on construction work assisted under this Contract, and subject to the provisions of the federal acts and regulations listed in this paragraph, shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act.

On a semi-annual basis, the CONTRACTOR shall submit Form HUD 4710 (Semi-Annual labor Standards Enforcement Report) to PRDOH.

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21. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

(Applicable to contracts exceeding \$10,000)

If, through any cause, the CONTRACTOR shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner his or her obligations under this Contract, or if the CONTRACTOR shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Contract, the PRDOH shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Contract by giving written notice to the CONTRACTOR of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least five (5) days before the effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports prepared by the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall, at the option of the PRDOH, become the PRDOH's property and the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any work satisfactorily completed hereunder. Notwithstanding the above, the CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of liability to the Government of Puerto Rico and PRDOH for damages sustained by the Government of Puerto Rico and/or PRDOH by virtue of any breach of the Agreement by the CONTRACTOR, and the Government of Puerto Rico and/or PRDOH may withhold any payments to the CONTRACTOR for the purpose of set-off until such time as the exact amount of damages due to the Government of Puerto Rico and/or PRDOH from the CONTRACTOR is determined.

22. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

(Applicable to contracts exceeding \$10,000)

The PRDOH may terminate this Contract at any time by giving at least ten (10) days' notice in writing to the CONTRACTOR. If the Contract is terminated by the PRDOH as provided herein, the CONTRACTOR will be paid for the time provided and expenses incurred up to the termination date.

23. SECTION 503 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

(Applicable to contracts exceeding \$10,000)

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 793), as amended, and any applicable regulations.

Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities:

- 1) The CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental disability in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The CONTRACTOR agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified individuals with disabilities without discrimination based on their physical or mental disability in all employment practices, including the following:

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- (i) Recruitment, advertising, and job application procedures;
 - (ii) Hiring, upgrading, promotion, award of tenure, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, right of return from layoff and rehiring;
 - (iii) Rates of pay or any other form of compensation and changes in compensation;
 - (iv) Job assignments, job classifications, organizational structures, position descriptions, lines of progression, and seniority lists;
 - (v) Leaves of absence, sick leave, or any other leave;
 - (vi) Fringe benefits available by virtue of employment, whether or not administered by the CONTRACTOR;
 - (vii) Selection and financial support for training, including apprenticeship, professional meetings, conferences, and other related activities, and selection for leaves of absence to pursue training;
 - (viii) Activities sponsored by the CONTRACTOR including social or recreational programs; and
 - (ix) Any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.

- 2) The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the act.
- 3) In the event of the CONTRACTOR's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the act.
- 4) The CONTRACTOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance Programs, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the rights of applicants and employees as well as the CONTRACTOR'S obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified employees and applicants with disabilities. The CONTRACTOR must ensure that applicants and employees with disabilities are informed of the contents of the notice (e.g., the CONTRACTOR may have the notice read to a visually disabled individual, or may lower the posted notice so that it might be read by a person in a wheelchair).
- 5) The CONTRACTOR will notify each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the CONTRACTOR is bound by the terms of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act

of 1973, as amended, and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals with physical or mental disabilities.

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- 6) The CONTRACTOR will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of \$10,000, unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to Section 503 of the act, as amended, 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 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance Programs may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.

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24. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

(Applicable to construction contracts and subcontracts exceeding \$10,000)

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 C.F.R. chapter 60).

During the performance of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR agrees as follows:

- 1) The CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The CONTRACTOR shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants for employment are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, 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.
- 2) The CONTRACTOR shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause. The CONTRACTOR shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- 3) 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 or national origin.

- 4) The CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he or she has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers representative of the CONTRACTOR's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, 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 the rules, regulations and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to books, records and accounts by the contracting 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 non-compliance with the non-discrimination clause of this Agreement or with any of such rules, regulations or orders, this Agreement may be cancelled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 and such other sanctions as 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) CONTRACTOR shall incorporate the provisions of 1 through 7 above in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations or orders of the Secretary of Labor so that such provisions shall be binding on such subcontractor. The CONTRACTOR will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for non-compliance, provided, however, that in the event the CONTRACTOR becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the contracting agency, the CONTRACTOR may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

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25. CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

(Applicable to construction contracts exceeding \$10,000)

The CONTRACTOR certifies that it does not maintain or provide for its establishments, and that it does not permit employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. It certifies further that it will not maintain or provide for employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and it will not permit employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The CONTRACTOR agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the equal opportunity clause of this Agreement.

As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms, and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are, in fact, segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin because of habit, local custom, or any other reason.

The CONTRACTOR further agrees that (except where it has obtained for specific time periods) it will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the equal opportunity clause; that it will retain such certifications in its files; and that it will forward the preceding notice to such proposed subcontractors (except where proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods).

26. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH CLEAN AIR AND WATER ACTS

(Applicable to contracts exceeding \$100,000)

CLEAN AIR 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 PRDOH and understands and agrees that the PRDOH will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Government of Puerto Rico, HUD, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

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- 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 HUD.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

- 1)--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.*
- 2)--The CONTRACTOR agrees to report each violation to the PRDOH and understands and agrees that the PRDOH will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Government of Puerto Rico, HUD, 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 HUD.

The CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors shall comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*, and the regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect thereto, at 40 C.F.R. Part 15 and 32, as amended, Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1368) and Executive Order 11738.

In addition to the foregoing requirements, all nonexempt contractors and subcontractors shall furnish to the owner, the following:

- 1) A stipulation by the CONTRACTOR or subcontractors, that any facility to be utilized in the performance of any nonexempt contract or subcontract, is not listed on the Excluded Party Listing System pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 32 or on the List of Violating Facilities issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA**) pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 15, as amended.
- 2) Agreement by the CONTRACTOR to comply with all the requirements of Section 114 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 7414) and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C. § 1318) relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports and information, as well as all other requirements specified in said Section 114 and Section 308, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder.

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- 3) A stipulation that as a condition for the award of the Agreement, prompt notice will be given of any notification received from the Director, Office of Federal Activities, EPA, indicating that a facility utilized, or to be utilized for the Agreement, is under consideration to be listed on the Excluded Party Listing System or the EPA List of Violating Facilities.
 - 4) Agreement by the CONTRACTOR that he or she will include, or cause to be included, the criteria and requirements in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section in every nonexempt subcontract and requiring that the CONTRACTOR will take such action as the government may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions.

27. ANTI-LOBBYING (Applicable to contracts exceeding \$100,000)

By the execution of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- 1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an 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 any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 2) 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 contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities", in accordance with its instructions.
- 3) The CONTRACTOR shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients 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.

28. BONDING REQUIREMENTS

(Applicable to construction and facility improvement contracts exceeding \$100,000)

The CONTRACTOR shall comply with Puerto Rico bonding requirements, unless they have not been approved by HUD, in which case the CONTRACTOR shall comply with the following minimum bonding requirements:

- 1) A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent (5%) of the bid price. The "bid guarantee" shall consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of his or her bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.
- 2) A performance bond on the part of the CONTRACTOR for one hundred percent (100%) of the Agreement price. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the CONTRACTOR's obligations under such contract.
- 3) A payment bond on the part of the CONTRACTOR for one hundred percent (100%) of the Agreement price. A "payment bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

29. SECTION 3 OF THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1968 (As required by applicable thresholds)

- 1) The work to be performed under this Agreement is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1701u (**Section 3**). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
- 2) The parties to this Agreement agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 C.F.R. Part 75 which implement Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this Agreement,

the parties to this Agreement certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the Part 75 regulations.

- 3) The CONTRACTOR agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the CONTRACTOR has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the CONTRACTOR's commitments under this Section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.
- 4) The CONTRACTOR agrees to include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 C.F.R. Part 75, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this Section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 C.F.R. Part 75. The CONTRACTOR will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the CONTRACTOR has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 C.F.R. Part 75.
- 5) The CONTRACTOR will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled: (1) after the CONTRACTOR is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 C.F.R. Part 75 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the CONTRACTOR's obligations under 24 C.F.R. Part 75.
- 6) Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 C.F.R. Part 75 may result in sanctions, termination of this Agreement for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.
- 7) With respect to work performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (46 U.S.C. § 5307) also applies to the work to be performed under this Agreement. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible: (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this Agreement that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 and Section 7(b) agree to comply with

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Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with Section 7(b).

- 8) For contracts exceeding \$100,000, the CONTRACTOR shall submit Form HUD 60002 (Section 3 Summary Report) to PRDOH on a quarterly basis, notwithstanding the annual reporting requirement set forth in that form's instructions.

30. FAIR HOUSING ACT

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, as amended. The act prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing, the financing of housing or the provision of brokerage services against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or familial status. The Equal Opportunity in Housing Act prohibits discrimination against individuals on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in the sale, rental, leasing or other disposition of residential property, or in the use or occupancy of housing assisted with Federal funds.

31. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT

CONTRACTOR shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency as contained in the Government of Puerto Rico's energy conservation plan, issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201 et seq).

32. HATCH ACT

CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to Hatch Act, Public Law 76-252, as amended.

The Hatch Act applies to political activities of certain state and local employees. As a Puerto Rico Department of Housing CONTRACTOR, you may do any of the following activities: be a candidate in nonpartisan elections; attend political meetings and conventions; contribute money; campaign in partisan elections; and hold office in political parties.

The CONTRACTOR may not do the following activities: be a candidate in partisan elections; use official influence to interfere in elections; coerce political contributions from subordinates in support of political parties or candidates. The office of special counsel operates a website that provides guidance concerning hatch act issues.

33. HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS

All parties participating in this project agree to comply with Sections 107 and 103 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. Section 107 of the Act is applicable to construction work and provides that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in

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surroundings or under working conditions, which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his or her health and safety as determined under construction, safety, and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor. These requirements do not apply to the purchase of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation.

34. PERSONNEL

The CONTRACTOR represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be employees of, or have any contractual relationship with, the contracting party. All the services required hereunder will be performed by the CONTRACTOR or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under State and local law to perform such services. No person who is serving sentence in a penal or correctional institution shall be employed on work under this Contract.

35. WITHHOLDING OF WAGES

If in the performance of this Agreement, there is any underpayment of wages by the CONTRACTOR or by any subcontractor thereunder, the PRDOH may withhold from the CONTRACTOR out of payment due to him or her an amount sufficient to pay to employees underpaid the difference between the wages required thereby to be paid and the wages actually paid such employees for the total number of hours worked. The amounts withheld may be disbursed by the PRDOH for and on account of the CONTRACTOR or subcontractor to the respective employees to whom they are due.

36. CLAIMS AND DISPUTES PERTAINING TO WAGE RATES

Claims and disputes pertaining to wage rates or to classifications of professional staff or technicians performing work under this Contract shall be promptly reported in writing by the CONTRACTOR to the PRDOH for the latter's decision, which shall be final with respect thereto.

37. DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF CERTAIN LABOR MATTERS

No person employed on the services covered by this Agreement shall be discharged or in any way discriminated against because he or she has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding or has testified or is about to testify in any proceeding under or relating to the labor standards applicable hereunder to his or her employer.

38. INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY AND OTHERS

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The CONTRACTOR agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie. The CONTRACTOR will be aware of and avoid any violation of the laws of this State which prohibit municipal officers and employees from having or owning any interest or share, individually or as agent or employee of any person or corporation, either directly or indirectly, in any contract made or let by the governing authorities of such municipality for the construction or doing of any public work, or for the sale or purchase of any materials, supplies or property of any description, or for any other purpose whatsoever, or in any subcontract arising therefrom or connected therewith, or to receive, either directly or indirectly, any portion or share of any money or other thing paid for the construction or doing of any public work, or for the sale or purchase of any property, or upon any other contract made by the governing authorities of the municipality, or subcontract arising therefore or connected therewith.

The CONTRACTOR will also be aware of and avoid any violation of the laws of this State which prescribe a criminal penalty for any public officer who has an interest in any contract passed by the board of which he or she is a member during the time he or she was a member and for one year thereafter.

39. INTEREST OF CERTAIN FEDERAL OFFICERS

No member of, or delegate to, the Congress of the United States and no Resident Commissioner shall be admitted any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit to arise therefrom.

40. INTEREST OF CONTRACTOR

The CONTRACTOR agrees that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in the above described project or any parcels therein or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the Work hereunder. The CONTRACTOR further agrees that no person having any such interest shall be employed in the performance of this Agreement.

41. POLITICAL ACTIVITY

The CONTRACTOR will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. § 1501 et seq.), which limits the political activity of employees.

42. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY

The CONTRACTOR agrees to abstain from using any funds related to this Agreement for inherently religious activities prohibited by 24 C.F.R. § 570.200(j), such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization.

43. FLOOD DISASTER PROTECTION ACT OF 1973

The CONTRACTOR will ensure that procedures and mechanisms are put into place to monitor compliance with all flood insurance requirements as found in the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 24 C.F.R. § 570.605.

44. LEAD BASED PAINT

The CONTRACTOR must comply with the regulations regarding lead-based paint found at 24 C.F.R. Part 35 on LEAD-BASED PAINT POISONING PREVENTION IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES with regards to all housing units assisted using CDBG-DR funds.

45. VALUE ENGINEERING

(Applicable to construction contracts exceeding \$2,000 when required by Federal program legislation)

The CONTRACTOR must comply with the regulations regarding systematic and organized approach to analyze functions of systems, equipment, facilities, services, and materials to ensure they achieve their essential functions at the lowest cost consistent to life cycle in execution, reliability, quality, and safety, in accordance with 24 C.F.R. § 200.318(g).

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Appendix C

**CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO
CONTRACTS REVIEW POLICY**

XPRT'S, LLC

The following is hereby certified to the Oversight Board regarding the request for authorization for the **Increase Capacity-Homeowner Repair, Reconstruction or Relocation Program-Construction Managers Services** contract by and between the **Puerto Rico Department of Housing** and **Xpert's, LLC**:

1. The expected contractor's subcontractor(s) in connection with the contract¹ is (are) the following:

Business Name	Services to be Provided	Contract Terms	Principals
Imperial Const. Inc.	General Construction Services	To Be Determined Based on Task Orders Received	Michael Hernández 787-590-9032 info@imperialconstructionsinc.com
RTN Const. Corp.	General Construction Services	To Be Determined Based on Task Orders Received	Rogelio Toledo Nieves rtnconst@yahoo.com 787-379-9066
Gray Fox Corp.	General Construction Services	To Be Determined Based on Task Orders Received	Jose De Jesús jose.dejesus@grayfoxcorporation.com Verónica De Jesús info@grayfoxcorporation.com
US Contractors LLC.	General Construction Services	To Be Determined Based on Task Orders Received	James Ugobono Joey Scalley 787-810-9235 uscontractorspr@gmail.com
RV Builders Inc.	General Construction Services	To Be Determined Based on Task Orders Received	Samuel Rivera Ruiz 787-214-2760 Alberto Velázquez 787-210-1653 rvbuilderspr@gmail.com
DMATH Group LLC	General Construction Services	To Be Determined Based on Task Orders Received	Heidy M. Velázquez 787-638-6673 Norman J. Colón 787-565-1741 dmathgroup@gmail.com
KC & More LLC.	Kitchen Cabinets Supplier	To Be Determined Based on Task Orders Received	Keylitz Mendez Torres 787-567-6750 cocinaskc@gmail.com

¹ As used herein, the term "contract" is inclusive of any amendments, modifications or extensions.

Rivera & Alejandro Architects & Engineers	Leas Design Manager	To Be Determined Based on Task Orders Received	José R. Alejandro 787-783-5074 jralejandro@ra-pr.com
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2. Neither the contractor nor any of its owners², partners, directors, officials or employees, has agreed to share or give a percentage of the contractor's compensation under the contract to, or otherwise compensate, any third party, whether directly or indirectly, in connection with the procurement, negotiation, execution, or performance of the contract, except as follows:

Alberto Gonzalez Chacón – Sole Member of Xpert's LLC

Alberto J Gonzalez De Jesus – President

Eduardo Gonzalez Chacón – Treasurer

Fernando Gonzalez Rosado – Secretary

3. To the best knowledge of the signatory (after due investigation), no person has unduly intervened in the procurement, negotiation, or execution of the contract, for its own benefit or that of a third person, in contravention of applicable law.
4. To the best knowledge of the signatory (after due investigation), no person has: (i) offered, paid, or promised to pay money to; (ii) offered, given, or promised to give anything of value to; or (iii) otherwise influenced any public official or employee with the purpose of securing any advantages, privileges, or favors for the benefit of such person in connection with the contract (such as the execution of a subcontract with contractor, beneficial treatment under the contract, or the written or unwritten promise of a gift, favor, or other monetary or non-monetary benefit.
5. Neither the contractor, nor any of its owners, partners, directors, officials or employees or, to the best of its knowledge (after due investigation), its representatives or sub-contractors, has required, directly or indirectly, from third persons to take any action with the purpose of influencing any public official or employee in connection with the procurement, negotiation, or execution of the contract.
6. Any incorrect, incomplete or false statement made by the contractor's representative as part of this certification shall cause the nullity of the proposed contract and the contractor must reimburse immediately to the Commonwealth any amounts, payments or benefits received from the Commonwealth under the proposed contract.



Alberto J Gonzalez - President

² For purposes of this certification, a contractor's "owner" shall mean any person or entity with more than a ten percent (10%) ownership interest in the contractor.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is complete, true and correct on this 4th day of August of 2022.


Signature

8/4/2022

Date

Alberto J Gonzalez
Printed Name

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GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

ATTACHMENT G

GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO LABOR PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING (PRDOH) AND XPERT'S LLC

ARTICLE 1. —LEGAL BASIS

This Labor Project Agreement (hereinafter, "**Agreement**") is hereby adopted in accordance and in compliance with Section 3 of Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2018-033, titled "Executive Order of the Governor of Puerto Rico, Hon. Ricardo A. Rosselló Nevares, to increase minimum wage for construction workers, implement laws that require the use of cement produced in Puerto Rico, and require the use of labor agreements in construction projects paid using public funds", enacted on July 30, 2018 (hereinafter, "**OE-2018-033**").¹

ARTICLE 2. —PURPOSE

The Government of Puerto Rico wishes to contribute to the economic welfare of construction workers, increase peace in the workplace and employee safety, and promote efficient and punctual performance of the Construction Project, as defined in Article 4 of this Agreement, in such a way that complies with the public policy set forth in OE-2018-033. In accordance with Section 4 of OE-2018-033, this Agreement shall promote these objectives and it exclusively: binds all contractors and subcontractors who participate in the Construction Project; contains tools to avoid interruptions based on labor disputes; promotes harmony in the workplace; provides uniform mechanisms to solve labor conflicts, and increases cooperation between contractors and workers in matters related to productivity and occupational safety.

ARTICLE 3. —PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

This document is a Labor Project Agreement entered into by Puerto Rico Department of Housing (**PRDOH**), as agency of the Executive Branch of the Government of Puerto Rico (hereinafter, "**Agency**"), and **XPERT'S LLC**, as a contractor who employs construction workers for the Construction Project (hereinafter, "**Contractor**").

ARTICLE 4. —CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Construction Project (hereinafter, "**Construction Project**") is described in the Agreement between PRDOH and the Contractor, to which this Project Labor Agreement is an attachment of.

ARTICLE 5. —RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

¹ The OE 2022-014 implements a pilot program for the incorporation of the Labor Agreements. The Secretary of Labor has to issue a new Labor Agreement in compliance with OE-2022-014. Until such Agreement has been issued, the Labor Agreement under Executive Order No. OE-2018-033 remains in effect.

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This Agreement shall be binding on the Agency and on all Contractors at all levels who are part of the Construction Project, as defined in OE-2018-033 and Circular Letter No. 2018-01 of the Department of Labor and Human Resources (hereinafter, "DTRH" for its Spanish acronym). Contractors shall include a clause in any subcontract entered into during the term of this Agreement to the effect that their subcontractors, on all levels, shall be parties that are governed by this Agreement as to any work subcontracted within the scope of the Construction Project. Furthermore, all Contractors and subcontractors who are a part of the Construction Project, as defined in OE-2018-033 and DTRH Circular Letter No. 2018-01, shall include a clause in the contract in which they agree to comply with the provisions of this Agreement. The Agency shall not be responsible for any violation of this Agreement. The Agency and any Contractor shall not be liable for violations to this Agreement committed by other Contractors. Liability of any Contractor under this Agreement shall be individual and shall not be joint liability ("mancomunada", in Spanish). The Agency and any Contractor shall not be liable for violations to this Agreement committed by another Contractor. It is further provided that the Contractor shall be responsible for compensating workers hired by subcontractors who did not comply with the minimum wage requirement.

Nothing in this Article shall limit the exclusive discretion of the Agency to determine what Contractor to award contracts to for the Construction Project. The Agency retains the authority to totally or partially cancel, delay, or suspend the Construction Project.

In addition to the provisions of this Agreement, in the event that there is a collective bargaining agreement between the Contractor and an exclusive union representative of its employees, or a certification of a relevant forum establishing a labor union as the exclusive union representative of the workers or group of workers for the Contractor, the liability of the latter shall be governed as expressly agreed in the appropriate collective bargaining agreement and/or relevant case law of the National Labor Relations Board.

ARTICLE 6. —WAGES

All workers covered by this Agreement shall be paid a wage of no less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour, in accordance with OE-2018-033, DTRH Circular Letter No. 2018-01 and Article 9 of this Agreement. In the event that the worker is entitled to earn a wage greater than what is contemplated under OE-2018-033, due to some federal or state law, the contractor and subcontractors shall be required to pay the higher wage. The Contractor shall put up the poster made by the DTRH as to minimum wage established under OE-2018-033 in a visible location in the Construction Project. It is further provided that the classification of a person as independent contractor shall not, in and of itself, be grounds to avoid the minimum wage provided under OE-2018-033.

As provided by Section 3 of Law No. 17 enacted on April 17, 1931, as amended, known as "Wage Payment Law", workers shall receive compensation either in cash,

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by check, direct deposit, transfer, or credit to a payroll card, in intervals that shall not exceed fifteen (15) days. When a worker is terminated or resigns from his or her job during any day of the week, the Contractor shall pay the amount for the number of days worked, no later than the next official pay day in the manner agreed upon. If the provisions of Law No. 379 enacted on May 15, 1948, as amended, known as the "Law to Establish Work Hours in Puerto Rico", is applicable because there is no collective bargaining agreement in effect negotiated by a labor organization, the Contractor shall provide each worker with a pay stub containing the following information: name and address of the Contractor, name of the employee, position, dates and period of work covered by the payment, total regular hours and overtime, salary earned for regular hours and overtime; additions and deductions, indicating the reasons therefor; and the net amount received by the worker. The employer shall provide, within five (5) calendar days subsequent to payment, a check stub through a method that guarantees delivery in accordance with Article XV of DTRH Regulation No. 9017 enacted on April 4, 2018, "Regulations to Administer Law No. 379 enacted on May 15, 1948, as amended, known as the 'Law to Establish Work Hours in Puerto Rico'".

The Parties reaffirm their policy of non-discrimination in the workplace based on any of the reasons prohibited by law, as well as public policy, intended to promote equal pay for equal work in accordance with Law 16-2017, "Puerto Rico Equal Salary Act," and Law 61-2017. Furthermore, the Contractor acknowledges that he or she has consulted the "Uniform Guidelines for Self-Study as to Equal Salary in the Workplace" of August 10, 2017, in order to make any internal assessment to corroborate that it does not engage in salary discrimination of its employees based on sex. Every other aspect of the legislation and federal and state regulations regarding how minimum wage is paid and what is considered to be work hours or time shall be applicable.

ARTICLE 7. —PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Any worker covered by this Agreement, by the provisions of OE-2018-033 and by DTRH Circular Letter No. 2018-01, who alleges a violation of the wage provisions may contact the DTRH's Work Regulations Bureau to report the violation. The DTRH shall initiate an expedited process to hear these claims for prompt decision in accordance with the Secretary's Memorandum No. 2018-05.

The Contractor shall cooperate with the Investigators of the Work Regulations Bureau and with any other employee or officer granted authority by the Secretary of the DTRH to investigate these claims. Furthermore, the Contractor shall be required to deliver payroll documents, a copy of the contracts or any other documents requested by said employees and/or officers with delegated authority.

In accordance with Law 115-1991, as amended, the Contractor shall not be able to terminate, threaten, or discriminate against any worker in relation to the terms, conditions, compensation, location, benefits, or privileges of employment based on the worker offering or attempting to offer any verbal or written testimony, statement

or information, related to the rights given by the OE-2018-033, before the DTRH or any other judicial, administrative, or legislative forum, if said statements are not defamatory or constitute a disclosure of privileged information established by law.

Nothing provided in this Article prevents workers from turning to the courts to enforce their rights, request any other legal remedies that are necessary to enforce the terms of the OE-2018-033, and compel compliance with the rules, orders, and determinations issued by the Secretary of the DTRH in the exercise of the powers given to the same under it.

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ARTICLE 8. —DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Contractor, as well as any other subcontractor, must take affirmative steps to solve labor controversies in order to avoid, but not prohibit, cessation of work, strikes, stoppages, or closures, which could put at risk the timely conclusion of the Construction Project. If, after attempting to solve the controversy internally, any of these conflicts materializes, both the Agency and the Contractor agree to notify the DTRH within a period of forty-eight (48) hours from conclusion of the internal resolution attempts. The DTRH shall send a DTRH mediator or arbitrator, within a period of two (2) business days from notice to the same, who shall attempt to solve the situation. The alternative conflict resolution process before the DTRH shall have priority and must be concluded within thirty (30) days from designation of the mediator or arbitrator.

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Nothing provided in this Article prevents the parties from turning to any other judicial, administrative, or legislative forum to enforce their rights.

ARTICLE 9. —SAFETY AND PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

At the Construction Project site, each Contractor must comply with and maintain the current safety requirements in accordance with the applicable state and federal rules and regulations, including the ones promulgated by the Puerto Rico Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("**PR OSHA**"), an entity under the DTRH.

Within sixty (60) days of signing the agreement, the Contractor must contact PR OSHA to request training regarding the occupational safety and health standards which must be implemented during the course of the Construction Project.

Furthermore, each Contractor must make sure that non-skillful workers ("obrerros no-diestros" in Spanish) participate in training programs regarding subjects that are relevant to the construction industry, related to construction codes, safety, permits, among others, in accordance with the procedures and guidelines issued by the Office of Management and Permits of the Government of Puerto Rico ("OGPe," for its acronym in Spanish) in this regard. Compliance with said training programs shall be an indispensable requirement for non-skillful workers to be able to continue earning the minimum salary of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour provided in the OE-

2018-033 and interpreted in DTRH Circular Letter No. 2018-01. It shall be the responsibility of each Contractor to comply with the duties and guidelines issued by the OGPe in this regard.

ARTICLE 10. —UNIONS

The implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall not be considered as the recognition by the Contractor or the Agency of a labor union as the exclusive union representative of any group of employees at the shop, in accordance with Section 9 of the OE-2018-033.

In the event that there is a collective bargaining agreement between the Contractor and an exclusive union representative of its employees, or a certification from a relevant forum establishing a labor union as the exclusive union representative of the workers or group of workers of the Contractor, it shall be the responsibility of the latter to negotiate work conditions and the controversy resolution process with the union representative. Therefore, the relationship between the Contractor and the workers shall be governed by the specific agreements in the corresponding collective bargaining agreement and/or relevant case law of the National Labor Relations Board, in all parts and sections that are not incompatible with the Agreement.

ARTICLE 11. —APPLICABILITY TO EMPLOYEES

The provisions of this agreement apply to all (skillful or non-skillful ("diestro o no diestro", in Spanish) construction workers who perform manual or physical duties in the Construction Project, as defined in the OE-2018-033 and the DTRH Circular Letter No. 2018-01. The following persons are not subject to the provisions of this Agreement, even if they perform Construction Project duties:

a. "Professionals", "executives", and "administrators", as defined by the Regulations of the DTRH No. 7082 dated January 18, 2006, known as "Regulation Number 13 — Fifth Revision (2005)."

b. Employees who do not directly perform manual or physical duties in the Construction Project, only performing duties in connection to public work, such as: security/surveillance area monitors, timekeepers, mailpersons, office works, secretaries, messengers, guards, accounting duties (payroll, bookkeeping), technicians, receptionists, switchboard operators, electronic data processing, record keepers, and other analogous duties, and all other employees who only perform administrative duties.

c. Employees of the Agency, or of any other state entity, even if they work at the Construction Project site while it is in progress.

ARTICLE 12. —APPLICABILITY TO ENTITIES

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This Agreement shall be available and shall be fully applied to any winning bidder for the Construction Project who becomes the signer of the same, regardless of whether or not it performs work in other projects. This Agreement shall not apply to the work of any Contractor performed in other projects. Furthermore, it shall not apply to the headquarters, subsidiaries, or affiliates of any Contractor, which does not participate in the Construction Project directly.

Work conditions under this Agreement shall not apply to the Agency, nor to any other public entity, and nothing contained in this document shall be interpreted to prohibit its employees from working in or outside of the Construction Project location.

ARTICLE 13. —SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Agreement is nullified, found to violate the law, or to potentially result in the loss of all or part of the Construction Project financing, it shall be considered temporarily or permanently null and void. However, the rest of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the extent allowed by law. It is the express and unequivocal will of the Parties that the corresponding forums enforce the provisions and the application of this Agreement to the greatest extent possible, even if any part of it, or its application to any person or circumstance, is revoked, nullified, invalidated, affected, or declared unconstitutional.

ARTICLE 14. —EXCLUSIVITY OF AGREEMENTS

This document contains the only agreements of all signers in relation to the labor conditions governing the Construction Project and replace any other agreement between the parties regarding labor conditions which would otherwise completely or partially apply to the Construction Project. It shall not be required for any Contractor to execute another agreement regarding labor conditions as a requirement to carry out Construction Project.

ARTICLE 15. —EFFECTIVE PERIOD

This Agreement shall come into effect immediately upon being approved and signed by (1) the Agency appointing authority and (2) the Contractor. It is understood that this Agreement, along with all of its provisions, shall remain in effect for the entire Construction Project until it is concluded, even if it is not completed before the agreement expiration date.

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A. APPLICABILITY

The Project or Program to which the construction work covered by this Contract pertains is being assisted by the United States of America, and the following Federal Labor Standards Provisions are included in this Contract pursuant to the provisions applicable to such Federal assistance.

(1) MINIMUM WAGES

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- (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 regulations issued 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 equivalents 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 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv); 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 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 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(ii) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH1321)) 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 be easily seen by the workers.

(ii) Additional Classifications.

- (A) Any class of laborers or mechanics 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. HUD shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefor 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, the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and HUD or its designee agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by HUD or its designee to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division ("Administrator"), Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise HUD or its designee or will notify HUD or its designee within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") under OMB control number 1235-0023.)
- (C) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, or HUD or its designee do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), HUD or its designee shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of HUD or its designee, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise HUD or its designee or will notify HUD or its designee within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Number 1235-0023.)

(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. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Number 1235-0023.)

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(2) **Withholding.** HUD or its designee shall, upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the U.S. 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 the work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, HUD or its designee 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. HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the contractor, disburse such amounts withheld for and on account of the contractor or subcontractor to the respective employees to whom they are due. The U.S. Department of Labor shall make such disbursements in the case of direct Davis-Bacon Act contracts.

(3) Payrolls and basic records.

(i) **Maintaining Payroll Records.** 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(s), 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 Section 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 which 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 records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost 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. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Numbers 1235-0023 and 1215-0018)

(ii) Certified Payroll Reports.

(A) The contractor shall submit weekly, for each week in which any contract work is performed, a copy of all payrolls to HUD or its designee 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 HUD or its designee. 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 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 <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/forms> 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 HUD or its designee 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 HUD or its designee, the contractor, or the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this subparagraph 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 HUD or its designee. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Number 1235-0008.)

- (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) That 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) That each laborer or 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 29 CFR Part 3;
 - (3) That 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; and
- (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 subparagraph (a)(3)(ii)(b).
- (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 3729 of Title 31 of the United States Code.

- (iii) The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under subparagraph (a)(3)(i) available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of HUD or its designee or the U.S. 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, HUD or its designee 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, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, 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 Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, 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 work force 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, fringe benefits shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, 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.

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- (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 which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who 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 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 29 CFR Part 5 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 will insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in subparagraphs (1) through (11) in this paragraph (a) and such other clauses as HUD or its designee may, by appropriate instructions, require, and a copy of the applicable prevailing wage decision, 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 this paragraph.
- (7) **Contract termination; debarment.** A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 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 U.S. 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 (or any of its subcontractors) and HUD or its designee, 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) or to be awarded HUD contracts or participate in HUD programs pursuant to 24 CFR Part 24.

(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) or to be awarded HUD contracts or participate in HUD programs pursuant to 24 CFR Part 24.

(iii) Anyone who knowingly makes, presents, or submits a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement, representation or certification is subject to criminal, civil and/or administrative sanctions, including fines, penalties, and imprisonment (e.g., 18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729, 3802).

(11) Complaints, Proceedings, or Testimony by Employees. No laborer or mechanic, to whom the wage, salary, or other labor standards provisions of this Contract are applicable, shall be discharged or in any other manner discriminated against by the contractor or any subcontractor because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding or has testified or is about to testify in any proceeding under or relating to the labor standards applicable under this Contract to his employer.

B. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

The provisions of this paragraph (b) are applicable where the amount of the prime contract exceeds \$100,000. As used in this paragraph, the terms "laborers" and "mechanics" include watchmen and guards.

(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 the individual is employed on such work to work in excess of 40 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 40 hours in such workweek.

(2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in subparagraph B(1) of this paragraph, 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 subparagraph B(1) of this paragraph, **in the sum set by the U.S. Department of Labor at 29 CFR 5.5(b)(2)** for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of 40 hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in subparagraph B(1) of this paragraph. In accordance with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (28 U.S.C. § 2461 Note), the DOL adjusts this civil monetary penalty for inflation no later than January 15 each year.

(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. HUD or its designee shall, upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the U.S. 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 contract, 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 subparagraph B(2) of this paragraph.

(4) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in subparagraph B(1) through (4) of this paragraph 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 subparagraphs B(1) through (4) of this paragraph.

C. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The provisions of this paragraph (c) are applicable where the amount of the prime contract exceeds \$100,000.

(1) No laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his or her health and safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor by regulation.

(2) The contractor shall comply with all regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to 29 CFR Part 1926 and failure to comply may result in imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, (Public Law 91-54, 83 Stat 96), 40 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq.

(3) The contractor shall include the provisions of this paragraph in every subcontract, so that such provisions will be binding on each subcontractor. The contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontractor as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Labor shall direct as a means of enforcing such provisions.

A. APLICABILIDAD

El Proyecto o Programa al que se refiere el trabajo de construcción cubierto por este Contrato está siendo asistido por los Estados Unidos de América, y las siguientes Disposiciones de Normas Laborales Federales están incluidas en este Contrato de conformidad con las disposiciones aplicables a dicha asistencia federal.

(1) SALARIOS MÍNIMOS

- (i) Todos los trabajadores y mecánicos empleados o que trabajen en el sitio del trabajo serán pagados incondicionalmente y con una frecuencia no inferior a una vez por semana, y sin deducciones o descuentos subsiguientes en ninguna cuenta (excepto las deducciones de nómina permitidas por los reglamentos emitidos por el Secretario de Trabajo en virtud de la Ley Copeland (29 CFR Parte 3)), el monto total de los salarios y los beneficios complementarios de buena fe (o sus equivalentes en efectivo) adeudados al momento del pago, calculados a tasas no inferiores a las contenidas en la determinación del salario del Secretario del Trabajo (que se adjunta al presente y forma parte del mismo), independientemente de cualquier relación contractual que pueda alegarse que existe entre el contratista y dichos trabajadores y mecánicos. Las contribuciones hechas o los costos razonablemente anticipados por beneficios complementarios de buena fe bajo la Sección 1(b)(2) de la Ley Davis-Bacon en nombre de trabajadores o mecánicos se consideran salarios pagados a dichos trabajadores o mecánicos, sujeto a las disposiciones de 29 CFR 5.5 (a)(1)(iv); también, las contribuciones periódicas realizadas o los costos incurridos durante más de un período semanal (pero con una frecuencia no inferior a la trimestral) en virtud de planes, fondos o programas que cubran el período semanal en particular, se considerarán realizados o incurridos de manera constructiva durante dicho período semanal.

Dichos trabajadores y mecánicos recibirán el salario correspondiente y los beneficios complementarios según la determinación del salario para la clasificación del trabajo realmente realizado, sin tener en cuenta la habilidad, excepto según lo dispuesto en 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4).

Los trabajadores o mecánicos que realicen trabajos en más de una clasificación podrán ser compensados a la tarifa especificada para cada clasificación por el tiempo realmente trabajado en la misma: Siempre que los registros de nómina del empleador establezcan con precisión el tiempo empleado en cada clasificación en la que se realiza el trabajo. El contratista y sus subcontratistas deberán publicar en todo momento la determinación del salario (incluida cualquier clasificación adicional y tarifas salariales conforme a 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(ii) y el cartel de Davis-Bacon (WH1321)) en el sitio de la obra en un lugar visible y accesible, donde los trabajadores puedan verla fácilmente.

(ii) Clasificaciones Adicionales.

- (A) Cualquier clase de trabajadores o mecánicos que no figuren en la determinación del salario y que deban emplearse en virtud del contrato se clasificarán de conformidad con la determinación del salario. HUD aprobará una clasificación adicional y una tasa de salario y beneficios complementarios solo cuando se cumplan los siguientes criterios:

- (1) El trabajo para realizar por la clasificación solicitada no es realizado por una clasificación en la determinación del salario;
- (2) La clasificación es utilizada en el área por la industria de la construcción; y
- (3) La tasa salarial propuesta, incluidos los beneficios complementarios de buena fe, tiene una relación razonable con las tasas salariales contenidas en la determinación del salario.

- (B) Si el contratista, los trabajadores y los mecánicos que se emplearán en la clasificación (si se conocen), o sus representantes, y HUD o su designado acuerdan la clasificación propuesta y la tarifa salarial (incluida la cantidad designada para beneficios complementarios, cuando corresponda)., HUD o su designado enviará un informe de la acción tomada al Administrador de la División de Horas y Salarios ("Administrador"), Administración de Normas Laborales, Departamento de Trabajo de EE. UU., Washington, D.C. 20210. El Administrador, o un representante autorizado, aprobará, modificará o desaprobará cada acción de clasificación adicional dentro de los 30 días posteriores a la recepción y así informará a HUD o su designado o notificará a HUD o su designado dentro del período de 30 días que se requiere de tiempo adicional. (Aprobado por la Oficina de Gerencia y Presupuesto ("OMB") bajo el número de control OMB 1235-0023).

- (C) En caso de que el contratista, los trabajadores o mecánicos que se emplearán en la clasificación o sus

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representantes, o HUD o su designado no estén de acuerdo con la clasificación propuesta y la tarifa salarial (incluida la cantidad designada para beneficios complementarios, cuando corresponda), HUD o su designado remitirá las preguntas, incluidas las opiniones de todas las partes interesadas y la recomendación de HUD o su designado, al Administrador para su determinación. El Administrador, o un representante autorizado, emitirá una determinación dentro de los 30 días posteriores a la recepción y así informará a HUD o su designado o notificará a HUD o su designado dentro del período de 30 días que se necesita tiempo adicional. (Aprobado por la Oficina de Gerencia y Presupuesto bajo el Número de Control OMB 1235-0023).

(D) El salario (incluidos los beneficios complementarios, cuando corresponda) determinado de conformidad con los subpárrafos (1)(ii)(B) o (C) de este párrafo, se pagará a todos los trabajadores que realicen trabajos en la clasificación conforme a este Contrato desde el primer día en que se realiza el trabajo en la clasificación.

(iii) Siempre que la tasa de salario mínimo prescrita en el contrato para una clase de trabajadores o mecánicos incluya un beneficio adicional que no se exprese como una tarifa por hora, el contratista deberá pagar el beneficio según se establece en la determinación del salario o deberá pagar otro bono beneficio marginal de buena fe o un equivalente en efectivo por hora del mismo.

(iv) Si el contratista no realiza pagos a un fideicomisario u otra tercera persona, el contratista puede considerar como parte de los salarios de cualquier trabajador o mecánico el monto de cualquier costo razonable anticipado al proporcionar beneficios complementarios de buena fe bajo un plan o programa, siempre que la Secretaría del Trabajo haya determinado, previa solicitud por escrito del contratista, que se han cumplido las normas aplicables de la Ley Davis-Bacon. La Secretaría del Trabajo podrá requerir al contratista que aparte en una cuenta separada activos para el cumplimiento de las obligaciones bajo el plan o programa. (Aprobado por la Oficina de Gerencia y Presupuesto bajo el Número de Control OMB 1235-0023).

(2) **Retenciones.** HUD o su designado deberá, por su propia acción o por solicitud por escrito de un representante autorizado del Departamento de Trabajo de EE. UU., retener o hacer que se retenga del contratista en virtud de este contrato o cualquier otro contrato federal con el mismo contratista principal, o cualquier otro contrato con asistencia federal sujeto a los requisitos de salario prevaleciente de Davis-Bacon que esté en manos del mismo contratista principal, tanto de los pagos o anticipos devengados según se considere necesario para pagar a los trabajadores y mecánicos, incluidos los aprendices, personas en entrenamiento y ayudantes, empleados por el contratista o cualquier subcontratista, el monto total de los salarios requeridos por el contrato. En caso de que no se pague a cualquier trabajador o mecánico, incluido cualquier aprendiz, persona en entrenamiento o ayudante, empleados o que trabaje en el sitio de trabajo, la totalidad o parte de los salarios requeridos por el contrato, HUD o su designado puede, después de un aviso por escrito al contratista, patrocinador, solicitante o propietario, tomar las medidas que sean necesarias para provocar la suspensión de cualquier otro pago, adelanto o garantía de fondos hasta que tales violaciones hayan cesado. HUD o su designado puede, después de una notificación por escrito al contratista, desembolsar dichos montos retenidos por y a cuenta del contratista o subcontratista a los respectivos empleados a quienes se les adeuda. El Departamento de Trabajo de los Estados Unidos hará tales desembolsos en el caso de contratos directos de la Ley Davis-Bacon.

(3) Nóminas y registros básicos.

(i) **Mantenimiento de registros de nómina.** Las nóminas y los registros básicos relacionados con las mismas deberán ser mantenidos por el contratista durante el curso del trabajo y conservados por un período de tres años a partir de entonces para todos los trabajadores y mecánicos que laboren en el sitio del trabajo. Dichos registros deberán contener el nombre, la dirección y el número de seguro social de cada trabajador, su(s) clasificación(es) correcta(s), las tarifas por hora de los salarios pagados (incluidas las tasas de contribuciones o los costos previstos para los beneficios complementarios de buena fe o los equivalentes en efectivo de los mismos de los tipos descritos en la Sección 1(b)(2)(B) de la Ley Davis-Bacon), el número de horas diarias y semanales trabajadas, las deducciones realizadas y los salarios reales pagados.

Siempre que la Secretaría del Trabajo haya determinado, conforme a 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv), que los salarios de cualquier trabajador o mecánico incluyen el monto de cualquier costo anticipado razonablemente al brindar beneficios bajo un plan o programa descrito en la Sección 1(b)(2)(B) de la Ley Davis-Bacon, el contratista deberá mantener registros que demuestren que el compromiso de proporcionar dichos beneficios es exigible, que el plan o programa es financieramente responsable y que el plan o programa ha sido comunicados por escrito a los trabajadores o mecánicos afectados, y registros que muestren los costos previstos o el costo real incurrido en la prestación de dichos beneficios.

Los contratistas que empleen aprendices o personas en entrenamiento bajo programas aprobados deberán mantener evidencia escrita del registro de los programas de aprendices y la certificación de los programas de aprendizaje, el

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registro de los aprendices y personas en entrenamiento, y las proporciones y tarifas salariales prescritas en los programas aplicables. (Aprobado por la Oficina de Gerencia y Presupuesto bajo los Números de Control OMB 1235-0023 y 1215-0018)

(ii) Informes Certificados de Nómina.

(A) El contratista deberá presentar semanalmente, por cada semana en la que se realice cualquier trabajo por contrato, una copia de todas las nóminas a HUD o su designado si la agencia es una parte del contrato, pero si la agencia no es tal parte, el contratista enviará las nóminas al patrocinador solicitante o propietario, según sea el caso, para su transmisión a HUD o a su designado. Las nóminas enviadas deberán establecer de manera precisa y completa toda la información que se requiere mantener según 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), exceptuando los números de seguro social completos y las direcciones de las casas que no se incluirán en las transmisiones semanales. En cambio, las nóminas solo deben incluir un número de identificación individual para cada empleado (por ejemplo, los últimos cuatro dígitos del número de seguro social del empleado). La información de nómina semanal requerida se puede enviar en cualquier forma deseada. El formulario opcional WH-347 está disponible para este propósito en el sitio web de la División de Horas y Salarios en <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/forms> o en su sitio sucesor. El contratista primario es responsable de la presentación de copias de las nóminas por parte de todos los subcontratistas.

Los contratistas y subcontratistas deberán mantener el número de seguro social completo y la dirección actual de cada trabajador cubierto, y deberán proporcionarlos a pedido del HUD o su designado si la agencia es una parte del contrato, pero si la agencia no es tal parte, el contratista enviará las nóminas al patrocinador solicitante o al propietario, según sea el caso, para que las transmita al HUD o su designado, al contratista o a la División de Horas y Salarios del Departamento de Trabajo de los EE. UU. para fines de una investigación o auditoría de cumplimiento de los requisitos salariales vigentes. No es una violación de este subpárrafo que un contratista principal requiera que un subcontratista proporcione direcciones y números de seguro social al contratista principal para sus propios registros, sin la presentación semanal al HUD o su designado. (Aprobado por la Oficina de Gerencia y Presupuesto bajo el Número de Control OMB 1235-0008).

(B) Cada nómina presentada deberá estar acompañada de una "Declaración de Cumplimiento", firmada por el contratista o subcontratista o su agente que paga o supervisa el pago de las personas empleadas bajo el contrato y deberá certificar lo siguiente:

- (1)** Que la nómina para el período de nómina contiene la información que debe proporcionarse según 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(ii), la información adecuada se mantiene según 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), y que dicha información es correcta y completa;
- (2)** Que a cada trabajador o mecánico (incluido cada ayudante, aprendiz y persona en entrenamiento) empleado bajo contrato durante el período de nómina se le haya pagado el salario semanal completo que haya ganado, sin descuento, ya sea directa o indirectamente, y que no se hayan hecho deducciones ya sea directa o indirectamente de los salarios completos ganados, que no sean las deducciones permitidas según lo establecido en 29 CFR Parte 3;
- (3)** Que a cada trabajador o mecánico se le haya pagado no menos de las tasas salariales aplicables y beneficios marginales o equivalentes en efectivo para la clasificación del trabajo realizado, como se especifica en la determinación salarial aplicable incorporada en el contrato; y

(C) La presentación semanal de una certificación debidamente ejecutada establecida en el reverso del formulario opcional WH-347 que cumpla con el requisito de presentación de la "Declaración de cumplimiento" requerida por el subpárrafo (a)(3)(ii)(b).

(D) La falsificación de cualquiera de las certificaciones anteriores puede someter al contratista o subcontratista a un proceso civil o penal conforme a la Sección 1001 del Título 18 y la Sección 3729 del Título 31 del Código de los Estados Unidos.

(iii) El contratista o subcontratista deberá hacer que los registros requeridos bajo el subpárrafo (a)(3)(i) estén disponibles para inspección, copia o transcripción por parte de representantes autorizados de HUD o su designado o del Departamento del Trabajo de los EE. UU., y permitirá a tales representantes entrevistar a los empleados durante las horas de trabajo estando en el trabajo. Si el contratista o subcontratista no presenta los registros requeridos o no los pone a disposición, HUD o su designado puede, después de notificar por escrito al contratista, patrocinador, solicitante o propietario, tomar las medidas que sean necesarias para provocar la suspensión de cualquier pago adicional, anticipo o garantía de fondos. Además, la falta de presentación de los registros requeridos a petición o de no poner dichos registros a disposición puede ser motivo de acción de inhabilitación de conformidad con 29 CFR 5.12.

(4) Aprendices y Personas en entrenamiento.

- (i) **Aprendices.** A los aprendices se les permitirá trabajar a una tarifa inferior a la predeterminada por el trabajo que realizaron cuando estén empleados de conformidad con un programa de aprendizaje de buena fe registrado individualmente en el Departamento del Trabajo de los EE. UU., Administración de Empleo y Capacitación, Oficina de Capacitación de Aprendices, Servicios Laborales y de Empleadores, o con una Agencia Estatal de Aprendizaje reconocida por la Oficina, o si una persona está empleada en sus primeros 90 días de empleo a prueba como aprendiz en dicho programa de aprendizaje, que no está registrado individualmente en el programa, pero que ha sido certificado por la Oficina de Capacitación de Aprendices, Servicios Laborales y de Empleadores, o una Agencia Estatal de Aprendices (cuando corresponda), para ser elegible para un empleo de prueba como aprendiz.

La proporción permitida de aprendices a jornaleros en el sitio de trabajo en cualquier clasificación de oficio no será mayor que la proporción permitida al contratista en cuanto a la fuerza de trabajo total bajo el programa registrado. Cualquier trabajador que figure en una nómina con una tasa de salario de aprendiz, que no esté registrado o empleado de otra manera como se indicó anteriormente, recibirá un pago no inferior a la tasa de salario aplicable en la determinación del salario para la clasificación del trabajo realmente realizado. Además, cualquier aprendiz que realice un trabajo en el sitio de trabajo que exceda la proporción permitida por el programa registrado deberá recibir un pago no inferior al salario aplicable en la determinación del salario por el trabajo realmente realizado. Cuando un contratista esté realizando la construcción de un proyecto en una localidad distinta a la que tiene registrado su programa, se observarán las proporciones y tarifas salariales (expresadas en porcentajes de la tarifa por hora del jornalero) especificadas en el programa registrado del contratista o subcontratista.

A cada aprendiz se le debe pagar a un nivel no menor a la tarifa especificada en el programa registrado para el nivel de progreso del aprendiz, expresada como un porcentaje de la tarifa por hora del jornalero especificada en la determinación salarial aplicable.

Los aprendices recibirán beneficios complementarios de acuerdo con las disposiciones del programa de aprendizaje.

Si el programa de aprendizaje no especifica los beneficios complementarios, los aprendices deben recibir el monto total de los beneficios complementarios que figuran en la determinación del salario para la clasificación aplicable. Si el Administrador determina que prevalece una práctica diferente para la clasificación de aprendiz aplicable, los beneficios complementarios se pagarán de acuerdo con esa determinación. En caso de que la Oficina de Capacitación de Aprendices, Servicios Laborales y de Empleadores, o una Agencia Estatal de Aprendices reconocida por la Oficina, retire la aprobación de un programa de aprendices, el contratista ya no podrá utilizar aprendices a una tarifa inferior a la predeterminada aplicable para el trabajo realizado hasta que se apruebe un programa aceptable.

- (ii) **Personas en entrenamiento.** Salvo lo dispuesto en 29 CFR 5.16, no se permitirá que las personas en entrenamiento trabajen a una tarifa inferior a la predeterminada por el trabajo realizado, a menos que estén empleados de conformidad con un programa que haya recibido aprobación previa, evidenciado por una certificación formal del Departamento de Trabajo, Administración de Empleo y Capacitación de EE. UU. La proporción de personas en entrenamiento a jornaleros en el lugar de trabajo no será mayor que lo permitido según el plan aprobado por la Administración de Empleo y Capacitación. A cada persona en entrenamiento se le debe pagar a no menos de la tarifa especificada en el programa aprobado para el nivel de progreso de la persona en entrenamiento, expresada como un porcentaje de la tarifa por hora especificada del jornalero en la determinación salarial aplicable. Las personas en entrenamiento recibirán beneficios complementarios de acuerdo con las disposiciones del programa de aprendices. Si el programa de entrenamiento no menciona los beneficios complementarios, a las personas en entrenamiento se les pagará el monto total de los beneficios complementarios enumerados en la determinación del salario, a menos que el Administrador de la División de Horas y Salarios determine que existe un programa de aprendizaje asociado con la tasa salarial del oficial correspondiente en la determinación del salario que prevé menos de los beneficios complementarios completos para los aprendices. Cualquier empleado que figure en la nómina con una tarifa de persona en entrenamiento que no esté registrado y que no participe en un plan de capacitación aprobado por la Administración de Empleo y Capacitación recibirá un pago no inferior al salario aplicable en la determinación del salario por el trabajo realmente realizado.

Además, a cualquier persona en entrenamiento que realice labores en el sitio de trabajo que exceda la proporción permitida por el programa registrado se le pagará no menos que la tarifa salarial aplicable en la determinación del salario por el trabajo realmente realizado. En caso de que la Administración de Empleo y Capacitación retire la aprobación de un programa de capacitación, el contratista ya no podrá utilizar personas en entrenamiento a una tarifa inferior a la predeterminada aplicable para el trabajo realizado hasta que se apruebe un programa aceptable.

- (iii) **Igualdad de oportunidades de empleo.** La utilización de aprendices, personas en entrenamiento y jornaleros bajo 29 CFR Parte 5 deberá estar en conformidad con los requisitos de igualdad de oportunidades de empleo de la Orden

Ejecutiva 11246, enmendada, y 29 CFR Parte 30.

- (5) **Cumplimiento de los requisitos de la Ley Copeland.** El contratista deberá cumplir con los requisitos de 29 CFR Parte 3, que se incorporan por referencia en este Contrato.
- (6) **Subcontratos.** El contratista o subcontratista insertará en cualquier subcontrato las cláusulas contenidas de los subpárrafos (1) al (11) en este párrafo (a) y cualquier otra cláusula que HUD o su designado pueda requerir, mediante las instrucciones apropiadas, y una copia de la correspondiente decisión sobre el salario prevaleciente, y también una cláusula que requiere que los subcontratistas incluyan estas cláusulas en cualquier subcontrato de nivel inferior. El contratista principal será responsable del cumplimiento por parte de cualquier subcontratista o subcontratista de nivel inferior de todas las cláusulas del contrato en este párrafo.
- (7) **Terminación del contrato; exclusión.** El incumplimiento de las cláusulas del contrato en 29 CFR 5.5 puede ser motivo de rescisión del contrato y de inhabilitación como contratista y subcontratista según lo dispuesto en 29 CFR 5.12.
- (8) **Cumplimiento con los Requisitos de la Ley Davis-Bacon y Leyes Relacionadas.** Todos los fallos e interpretaciones de Davis-Bacon y Actos Relacionados contenidos en 29 CFR Partes 1, 3 y 5 se incorporan aquí por referencia en este Contrato.
- (9) **Controversias relativas a las normas laborales.** Las disputas que surjan de las disposiciones sobre normas laborales de este Contrato no estarán sujetas a la cláusula general de disputas de este Contrato. Dichas disputas se resolverán de acuerdo con los procedimientos del Departamento de Trabajo de los EE. UU. establecidos en 29 CFR Partes 5, 6 y 7. Las disputas dentro del significado de esta cláusula incluyen disputas entre el contratista (o cualquiera de sus subcontratistas) y HUD o su designado, el Departamento de Trabajo de los Estados Unidos, o los empleados o sus representantes.
- (10) **Certificación de la elegibilidad.**
- (i) Al celebrar este Contrato, el contratista certifica que ni él (ni él o ella) ni ninguna persona o firma que tenga un interés en la firma del contratista es una persona o firma inelegible para adjudicarse contratos del Gobierno en virtud de la Sección 3 (a) de la Ley Davis-Bacon o 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1) o para recibir contratos de HUD o participar en programas de HUD de conformidad con 24 CFR Parte 24.
 - (ii) Ninguna parte de este Contrato se subcontratará a ninguna persona o firma que no sea elegible para la adjudicación de un contrato del Gobierno en virtud de la Sección 3(a) de la Ley Davis-Bacon o 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1) o para ser adjudicado contratos de HUD o participar en programas de HUD de conformidad con 24 CFR Parte 24.
 - (iii) Cualquier persona que a sabiendas haga, presente o envíe una declaración, representación o certificación falsa, ficticia o fraudulenta está sujeta a sanciones penales, civiles y/o administrativas, incluidas multas, sanciones y encarcelamiento (p. ej., 18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 31 USC §§ 3729, 3802).
- (11) **Quejas, Procedimientos o Testimonio de los Empleados.** Ningún trabajador o mecánico, a quien se apliquen las disposiciones sobre sueldos, salarios u otras normas laborales de este Contrato, será despedido o discriminado de ninguna otra manera por parte del contratista o cualquier subcontratista porque dicho empleado haya presentado una queja o instituido o causado a haber iniciado cualquier procedimiento o ha declarado o está a punto de declarar en cualquier procedimiento bajo o relacionado con las normas laborales aplicables en virtud de este Contrato a su empleador.

B. LEY DE NORMAS DE SEGURIDAD Y HORAS DE TRABAJO POR CONTRATO

Las disposiciones de este párrafo (b) se aplican cuando el monto del contrato principal excede los \$100,000. Tal como se usa en este párrafo, los términos "obreros" y "mecánicos" incluyen vigilantes y guardias.

- (1) **Requisitos de horas extras.** Ningún contratista o subcontratista que contrate para cualquier parte del trabajo del contrato, que pueda requerir o involucrar el empleo de trabajadores o mecánicos, requerirá o permitirá que dicho trabajador o mecánico en cualquier semana laboral en la que el individuo esté empleado en dicho trabajo trabaje en exceso de 40 horas en dicha semana laboral, a menos que dicho trabajador o mecánico reciba una compensación a una tasa no inferior a una vez y media la tasa básica de pago por todas las horas trabajadas en exceso de 40 horas en dicha semana laboral.
- (2) **Violación; responsabilidad por salarios no pagados; daños y perjuicios.** En caso de cualquier violación de la cláusula establecida en el inciso B (1) de este párrafo, el contratista, y cualquier subcontratista responsable por ello, será responsable por los salarios no pagados. Además, dicho contratista y subcontratista serán responsables ante los Estados Unidos (en el caso de trabajos realizados bajo contrato para el Distrito de Columbia o un territorio, ante dicho Distrito o territorio) por daños y perjuicios. Dichos daños y perjuicios se calcularán con respecto a cada trabajador o mecánico individual, incluidos los vigilantes y guardias, empleados en violación de la cláusula establecida en el subpárrafo B(1) de este párrafo, en la suma establecida por el Departamento de Trabajo de los EE. UU. en 29 CFR 5.5(b)(2) por cada día calendario en el que se requirió o permitió que dicha persona trabajara más de la semana laboral estándar de 40 horas sin

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el pago de los salarios por horas extras requeridos por la cláusula establecida en el subpárrafo B(1) de este párrafo. De acuerdo con la Ley Federal de Ajuste de Sanciones Civiles por Inflación de 1990 (28 U.S.C. § 2461 Note), el DOL ajusta esta sanción monetaria civil por inflación a más tardar el 15 de enero de cada año.

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- (3) **Retención por salarios no pagados y daños y perjuicios.** HUD o su designado deberá, por su propia acción o previa solicitud por escrito de un representante autorizado del Departamento de Trabajo de los EE. UU., retener o hacer que se retenga cualquier dinero pagadero a cuenta del trabajo realizado por el contratista o subcontratista en virtud de dicho contrato, o cualquier otro contrato federal con el mismo contrato principal, o cualquier otro contrato con asistencia federal sujeto a la Ley de estándares de seguridad y horas de trabajo por contrato que esté en manos del mismo contratista principal, las sumas que se determinen como necesarias para satisfacer cualquier responsabilidad de dicho contratista o subcontratista por salarios no pagados y daños y perjuicios, según lo dispuesto en la cláusula establecida en el subpárrafo B(2) de este párrafo.
- (4) **Subcontratos.** El contratista o subcontratista insertará en cualquier subcontrato las cláusulas establecidas en el subpárrafo B (1) a (4) de este párrafo y también una cláusula que requiera que los subcontratistas incluyan estas cláusulas en cualquier subcontrato de nivel inferior. El contratista principal será responsable del cumplimiento por parte de cualquier subcontratista o subcontratista de nivel inferior de las cláusulas establecidas en los subpárrafos B (1) a (4) de este párrafo.

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C. **SALUD Y SEGURIDAD**

Las disposiciones de este párrafo (c) se aplican cuando el monto del contrato principal excede los \$100,000.

- (1) No se le exigirá a ningún trabajador o mecánico que trabaje en un entorno o en condiciones de trabajo insalubres, riesgosos o peligrosos para su salud y seguridad, según lo determinen las normas de seguridad y salud en la construcción promulgadas por la Secretaría del Trabajo mediante reglamentos.
- (2) El contratista deberá cumplir con todos los reglamentos emitidos por el la Secretaría del Trabajo de conformidad con 29 CFR Parte 1926 y el incumplimiento puede resultar en la imposición de sanciones de conformidad con la Ley de Normas de Seguridad y Horas de Trabajo por Contrato, (Ley Pública 91-54, 83 Stat 96), 40 U.S.C. § 3701 y siguientes.
- (3) El contratista deberá incluir las disposiciones de este párrafo en cada subcontrato, de modo que dichas disposiciones sean vinculantes para cada subcontratista. El contratista tomará las medidas con respecto a cualquier subcontratista que la Secretaría de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano o la Secretaría del Trabajo indiquen como un medio para hacer cumplir dichas disposiciones.

Attachment I

"General Decision Number: PR20220003 02/25/2022

Superseded General Decision Number: PR20210003

State: Puerto Rico

Construction Type: Residential

Counties: Puerto Rico Statewide.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (consisting of single family homes and apartments up to and including 4 stories)

Note: Contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act are generally required to pay at least the applicable minimum wage rate required under Executive Order 14026. Please note that this Executive Order applies to covered contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but does not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 1.1(a)(2)-(60).

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If the contract is entered into on or after January 30, 2022, or the contract is renewed or extended (e.g., an option is exercised) on or after January 30, 2022:	- Executive Order 14026 generally applies to the contract. - The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$15.00 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in 2022.
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The applicable Executive Order minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. If this contract is covered by one of the Executive Orders and a classification considered necessary for performance of work on the contract does not appear on this wage determination, the contractor must still submit a conformance request.

Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the Executive Orders is available at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts>.

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0	01/07/2022
1	02/25/2022

* SUPR1993-002 10/29/1993

	Rates	Fringes
CARPENTER.....	\$ 7.25 **	.65
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER...	\$ 7.25 **	
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 7.25 **	.64
IRONWORKER.....	\$ 7.25 **	.63

Laborer, Unskilled.....	\$ 7.25 **	.36
PAINTER.....	\$ 7.25 **	
PLUMBER.....	\$ 7.25 **	.56
Power equipment operators:		
Cranes.....	\$ 7.25 **	1.14
Diggers.....	\$ 7.25 **	
TRUCK DRIVER.....	\$ 7.25 **	

WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

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** Workers in this classification may be entitled to a higher minimum wage under Executive Order 14026 (\$15.00). Please see the Note at the top of the wage determination for more information.

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Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

The body of each wage determination lists the classification and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of "identifiers" that indicate whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate for local), a survey rate (weighted average rate) or a union average rate (weighted union average rate).

Union Rate Identifiers

A four letter classification abbreviation identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than "SU" or "UAVG" denotes that the union classification and rate were prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2014. PLUM is an abbreviation identifier of the union which prevailed in the survey for this classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198 indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. 07/01/2014 is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate, which in this example is July 1, 2014.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all rate changes in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing this classification and rate.

Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the "SU" identifier indicate that

no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As this weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

Survey wage rates are not updated and remain in effect until a new survey is conducted.

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Union Average Rate Identifiers

Classification(s) listed under the UAVG identifier indicate that no single majority rate prevailed for those classifications; however, 100% of the data reported for the classifications was union data. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010 08/29/2014. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the state. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 08/29/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January of each year, to reflect a weighted average of the current negotiated/CBA rate of the union locals from which the rate is based.

----- WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

1.) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:

- * an existing published wage determination
- * a survey underlying a wage determination
- * a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
- * a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour National Office because National Office has responsibility for the Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this initial contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.) and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal process described here, initial contact should be with the Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations
Wage and Hour Division
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an interested party (those affected by the action) can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

Wage and Hour Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

176 3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

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Administrative Review Board
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

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ATTACHMENT J

Performance Requirements

Home Repair, Reconstruction, or Relocation Program Construction Managers Request for Proposals No. CDBG-DR-RFP-2022-01

Scope of Work

Contractor is responsible for compliance with all aspects of the Scope of Work included as **Attachment B** of the Contract.

Practice of Licensed Professions

Contractor and its subcontractors, agents, and employees, shall comply with all applicable federal and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to those that relate to the practice of licensed professions and those that could affect the Contractor's ability to carry out the Scope of Work under the Contract. Contractor certifies that it possesses all necessary permits, endorsements, and approvals necessary to perform the Work, which are to be valid and updated for the duration of the Contract. Contractor and each of its employees, agents, subcontractors, and subconsultants must have all licenses, permits, authorizations, consents, and approvals necessary for the performance of the Scope of Work under the contract, and such licenses, permit, authorizations, consents, and approvals are to be up to date and in full force and effect from the date of Contract execution and for the duration of the Contract. Contractor must always ensure that professional, architectural, or engineering work is performed by qualified professionals with the proper education, know-how, training, knowledge, expertise, experience, and license to perform such works, according to applicable federal and local rules and regulations.

Planning and Design Deliverables for Repair Works¹

Repair works performed under the R3 Program will require a Construction Documents Phase.

Construction Documents Phase²

Contractor is responsible of developing and submitting construction documents for all the repair and construction works. The final construction documents will include all revisions required by PRDOH or its representative, as well as final permits approval for construction.

- Contractor will assess specific properties to complete the design; develop drawings with that illustrate floor plans, elevations, sections, schedules, detail views etc.; and provide technical specifications using standard commercial software in the forms and formats prescribed in the Scope of Work.
- Construction Manager must complete the Final Construction Drawing Activities and must produce the products or services of this section within **twenty (20) days** from the assignment of homes through the R3 Program.

Repair or Replacement Home Assignment Performance Timeframes³

Contractor is responsible for completing all work applicable to homes assigned (including design, permitting, abatement work, demolition work, repair work, and new construction work, as may be applicable) within the following timeframes:

¹ Section 4.1 of Scope of Work CDBG-DR Homeowner Repair Reconstruction, or Relocation Program Construction Managers CDBG-DR-RFP-2022-01.

² Refer to Section 4.1.1 of the Scope of Work.

³ Section 4.2 of the Scope of Work.

- **Design and Permitting⁴:** Construction Managers, upon assignment of any home, will begin the required design and permitting work for the construction activities to be performed. **There is no specific timeframe of performance for the design and permitting work.** Nonetheless, Construction Managers must complete this work within the least amount of time possible, as the "Average Build Time" metric specified in Section 5 of this document will be measured from the date assignments are issued to the Construction Manager.
- **Repair Works:** All work under a repair award must be completed by Construction Managers within **sixty (60) days**. This period will begin counting upon acquisition of the Construction Permit Notice ("Notificación de Permiso de Construcción") by the Construction Manager. The date at which the Construction Permit Notice was issued to the Construction Manager will be considered the Notice to Proceed⁵ for Repair Works. This period will be considered as completed upon acquisition of the Occupancy Permit ("Permiso de Uso") by the Construction Manager. The date of the Occupancy Permit will be considered the date at which work is substantially completed by the Construction Manager.

Liquidated Damages & Penalties⁶

Contractor performance is subject to the following liquidated damages and penalties:

- **Liquidated Damages:** The PRDOH and the Proposer will agree on the timetable for the deliverable of each task. The Proposer shall pay to PRDOH, as liquidated damages, \$100.00 for each calendar day that a deliverable required is late until deemed in compliance subject to a maximum of \$1,000.00 for each calendar day that the completion of works is late until deemed in compliance. Said sums, in view of the difficulty of accurately ascertaining the loss which PRDOH and/or homeowner will suffer by reason of delay in the completion of works requested, are hereby fixed and agreed as the liquidated damages that PRDOH and/or the homeowner will suffer by reason of such delay. Liquidated damages received are not intended to be nor shall they be treated as either a partial or full waiver or discharge of the PRDOH's right to indemnification, or the Contractor's obligation to indemnify the PRDOH, or to any other remedy provided for as a provision of the contract or law. Liquidated damages may be assessed at the sole discretion of PRDOH. For the purpose of applying and calculating such liquidated damages, a grace period of ten (10) days shall be observed, and the schedule may be extended by any additional time or delays outside the control of the Contractor caused by act of omission of the PRDOH, HUD, or any of their representatives. The PRDOH may deduct and retain out of the monies, which may become due to the Contractor, the amount of any such liquidated damages; and in case the amount, which may become due is less than the amount of liquidated damages due to the PRDOH, the Contractor shall be liable to pay the difference.
- **Penalty for Failed Milestone Inspections:** If the Contractor requests a milestone inspection for work performed, such inspection is completed by PRDOH's consultants, and the inspection has a "failed" result; the Contractor shall pay to the PRDOH, as penalty, the amount of \$500 for each "failed" inspection. Said sum will cover the cost of

⁴ Pursuant to Planning Board Resolution No. JPE-2019-071, Program repair works, under certain conditions, are exempt from the Construction Permit requirement in the *Reglamento Conjunto para la Evaluación de Permisos Relacionados al Desarrollo, Uso de Terrenos, y Operación de Negocios*. The Program, however, must comply with the proper notification of the project to OGPe or the Autonomous Municipality prior to beginning construction.

⁵ Notice to Proceed refers to the assignment of a home to the Contractor. Not to the Notice to Proceed for Repair or Replacement Home Construction Work referenced in the timeframes of performance.

⁶ For the purpose of clarity, liquidated damages only apply to Repair Work and Replacement Home Construction Work timeframes of performance as established in Section 4.2 of the Scope of Work.

re-inspections to confirm the PRDOH, at its sole discretion, may determine, implement, and monitor additional performance indicators for Contractor through the life of the Contract and the Program.

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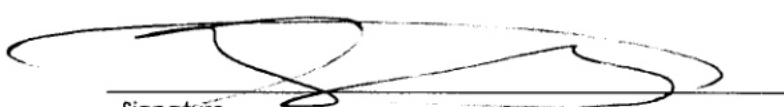
ATTACHMENT K NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

XPERT'S, LLC

The CONTRACTOR certifies that:

1. No public servant of this executive agency has a pecuniary interest in this contract, subrecipient agreement, purchase, or commercial transaction.
2. No public servant of this executive agency has requested me or accepted from me, directly or indirectly, for him (her), for any member of his family unit or for any person, gifts, bonuses, favors, services, donations, loans or anything else of monetary value.
3. No public servant (s) requested or accepted any good of economic value, linked to this transaction, from any person of my entity as payment for performing the duties and responsibilities of their employment.
4. No public servant has requested from me, directly or indirectly, for him (her), for any member of his or her family unit, or for any other person, business, or entity, something of economic value, including gifts, loans, promises, favors or services in exchange for the performance of said public servant is influenced in my favor or of my entity.
5. I have no kinship relationship, within the fourth degree of consanguinity and second by affinity, with any public servant who has the power to influence and participate in the institutional decisions of this executive agency.

"I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is complete, true, and correct."


Signature

Alberto J. González De Jesús
Printed Name

October 21, 2022
Date

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