

Exhibit A
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

Issued by the State of Washington Office of Financial Management

We make the following certifications and assurances as a required element of the Response, to which it is attached, affirming the truthfulness of the facts declared here and acknowledging that the continuing compliance with these statements and all requirements of the solicitation are conditions precedent to the award or continuation of the resulting Contract.

The prices in this Response have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offer or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit an offer, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered. The prices in this Response have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before Contract award unless otherwise required by law. No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition. However, we may freely join with other persons or organizations for the purpose of presenting a single proposal or bid.

The attached Response is a firm offer for a period of 120 days following the Response Due Date specified in the solicitation, and it may be accepted by OFM without further negotiation (except where obviously required by lack of certainty in key terms) at any time within the 120 day period. In the case of protest, our Response will remain valid for 120 days or until the protest is resolved, whichever is later.

In preparing this Response, we have not been assisted by any current or former employee of the state of Washington whose duties relate (or did relate) to the State's solicitation, or prospective Contract, and who was assisting in other than his or her official, public capacity. Neither does such a person nor any member of his or her immediate family have any financial interest in the outcome of this Response. (Any exceptions to these assurances are described in full detail on a separate page and attached to this document.)

We understand that the State will not reimburse us for any costs incurred in the preparation of this Response. All Responses become the property of the State, and we claim no proprietary right to the ideas, writings, items or samples unless so stated in the Response. Submission of the attached Response constitutes an acceptance of the evaluation criteria and an agreement to abide by the procedures, compliance with Mandatory and all other administrative requirements described in the solicitation document.

Contract Disclosures:

1. Contract Disputes

To the best of Bidder's knowledge has the Bidder's firm had a contract, agreement, work order, or other contractual obligation disputed in the last five years?

- a. terminated for default (non-performance) Yes No
- b. terminated for convenience Yes No
- c. litigated Yes No
- d. participated in mediation or arbitration Yes No

If yes to any question above, please provide Bidder's statement:

2. Conflict of Interest Information

To the best of Bidder’s knowledge as of the date of this proposal:

- a. Are you or do you employ or have as a principal officer or member of your governing board, a *current* employee of the State of Washington? Yes No
- b. Are you or do you employ or have as a principal officer or member of your governing board, a person who is a *former* employee of the State of Washington but worked for the state as an employee within the last twenty four (24) months? Yes No
- c. Are you, or do you employ or have as a principal officer or member of your governing board, a person who is a member of an agency board, commission, council, committee, or other similar group formed to advise the activities and management of state government related to the services requested in this solicitation? Yes No
- d. Does the Bidder and any proposed subcontracts(s) have bias which creates a potential conflict of interest with an award of this contract? Yes No

If yes to any question above, please provide Bidder’s statement providing the name of the person, dates of involvement, type of involvement and contact information:

We hereby affirm and acknowledge that our Response meets or exceeds compliance with the requirements stated in their entirety of the solicitation and that meeting or exceeding the requirements are necessary to the award and/or continuation of the resulting Contract.

We understand that any Contract awarded, as a result of this Response will incorporate all the solicitation requirements. Submission of a Response and execution of this Certifications and Assurances document certify our willingness to comply with the Contract terms and conditions appearing in Exhibit C, or substantially similar terms, if selected as a contractor. It is further understood that our standard contract will not be considered as a replacement for the terms and conditions appearing in Exhibit C of this solicitation.

We (circle one) **are / are not** submitting proposed Contract exceptions (see solicitation Section 2.11, *Contract*).

Bidder Signature

Bidder Company Name

Title

Date