

**Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority** 

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

for

# Grant Application Response and Program Design Related to the Solar for All program

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# PART 1 SCOPE OF THIS REQUEST

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ("RFP")

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority seeks to engage a contractor to provide services to draft and respond to the *Solar for All* funding opportunity in addition to assisting the IHCDA in program design and drafting a request for proposal to solicit a firm to serve as program administrator for this opportunity, as detailed in the Scope of Services section of this RFP. *Solar for All* is a program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funded through its Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, and more information can be found at <u>https://www.epa.gov/greenhouse-gas-reduction-fund/solar-all</u> and <u>https://www.epa.gov/greenhouse-gas-reduction-fund</u>.

A firm responding to this solicitation would not be eligible to submit a response to the subsequent RFP to serve as program administrator.

Firms responding to this solicitation must bid on the package as a whole. Firms choosing to utilize subcontractors to complete this scope of work must identify that clearly in their response.

#### 2. ABOUT THE INDIANA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority ("IHCDA") creates housing opportunities, generates and preserves assets, and revitalizes neighborhoods by facilitating the collaboration of multiple stakeholders, investing financial and technical resources in development efforts, and helping build capacity of qualified partners throughout Indiana.

#### VISION

At IHCDA, we believe that growing Indiana's economy starts at home. Everyone can agree that all Hoosiers should have the opportunity to live in safe, affordable, good-quality housing in economically stable communities. That's the heart of IHCDA's mission. Our charge is to help communities build upon their assets to create places with ready access to opportunities, goods, and services. We also promote, finance, and support a broad range of housing solutions, from temporary shelters to homeownership.

IHCDA's work is done in partnership with developers, lenders, investors, and nonprofit organizations that use our financing to serve low and moderate-income Hoosiers. We leverage government and private funds to invest in financially sound, well-designed projects that will benefit communities for many years to come. And our investments bear outstanding returns. The activities that we finance help families become more stable, put down roots, and climb the economic ladder. In turn, communities grow and prosper, broadening their tax base, creating new jobs, and maximizing local resources. IHCDA's work is truly a vehicle for economic growth, and it all starts at home.

#### **OVERVIEW** (for more information visit http://www.in.gov/ihcda/)

IHCDA was created in 1978 by the Indiana General Assembly and is a quasi-public financially self-sufficient statewide government agency. IHCDA's programs are successful in large part because of the growing network of partnerships IHCDA has established with local, state, and federal governments, for-profit businesses and not-for-profit organizations. For-profit partners

include investment banks, mortgage lenders, commercial banks, corporate investment managers and syndicators, apartment developers, investors, homebuilders, and realtors. Not-for-profit partners include community development corporations, community action agencies, and not-forprofit developers.

# **3. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

#### A. Introduction

The *Solar for All* competition was created by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and seeks to expand the number of low-income and disadvantaged communities primed for residential solar investment by awarding up to 60 grants to states, territories, tribes, municipalities and eligible nonprofits to create and expand low-income solar programs. These solar programs can include a combination of financing and technical assistance such as workforce development to allow communities and households to benefit from residential solar. EPA anticipates this program funding long-lasting programs that transform markets not only by providing financial assistance to specific homes to also funding technical assistance such as workforce development, project development services, consumer education and outreach and other services needed to overcome non-financial residential deployment barrier to solar technologies.

EPA anticipates issuing awards of varying amounts defined into 3 program sizes:

Small Program	\$25-\$100M award
Medium Program	\$100-250M award
Large Program	\$250-400M award

The State of Indiana, through IHCDA will apply for a state-wide program in the medium program category.

EPA expects applicants to consider how market structures and regulatory policies in the applicable service area may impact the deployment of solar and storage in low-income and disadvantaged communities. These market structures and policies include net metering, third-party ownership, and renewable portfolio standards, among others. Applicants will be evaluated on their strategies and plans to overcome any relevant structural barriers to maximize the number of households served, including by catalyzing additional solar deployment beyond projects directly funded by Solar for All financial assistance. Strong applicants will have plans to collaborate with relevant market stakeholders such as utilities, public utility commissions, and other jurisdictional entities to address these barriers.

- B. Services included in this RFP
  - i. IHCDA seeks services to effectively respond to the *Solar for All* Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The NOFO is due by 5 p.m. on September 26, 2023. This will include assisting in preparing budgets, narratives, obtaining letters of support or other relevant and/or required materials. Research into the solar marketplace and current landscape in Indiana will be key.
  - ii. IHCDA seeks services to design an effective residential solar program based within the guidelines established by the NOFO. Program design would include assisting IHCDA in

creating a second RFP for administrative services to be released in early-mid 2024. The contractor would work with IHCDA to identify which program components IHCDA will keep in house and which ones will be outsourced via the second RFP.

#### 4. **RFP TIMELINE**

July 31, 2023	RFP released to the general public.
August 4, 2023	All questions/clarifications must be received by 5:00 p.m.
August 8, 2023	Answers to questions/clarifications received will be posted
August 14, 2023	Respondent must submit proposal by 5:00 p.m.
August 18, 2023	Any clarifying questions, Best and Final Offer requests issued
August 21, 2023	Successful respondent will receive notification of selection

# PART 2 RFP PROCESS

# 1. SELECTION PROCESS

Evaluation of all qualifications will be completed by IHCDA. Respondent must also be responsive and responsible as described in Sections 2 and 4 of Part 2 of this RFP. Selection of a Respondent is at the sole discretion of IHCDA.

#### 2. RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

Respondents must meet the following minimum requirements to be deemed responsive to this RFP. Responses should address each area of the proposed scope of work and provide a framework for how the 2 main tasks will be accomplished. The response should be broken out into the following sections:

#### A. Technical Proposal

Task 1: Application Submission

- Provide draft timeline with milestones to meet stated deadlines.
- Indicate research strategy to ensure application is complete and relevant to the solicitation.
- Propose level of involvement for IHCDA staff and indicate which staff you would need access to and approximate time commitment.

# Task 2: Program Design and RFP drafting

- Provide draft timeline with milestones to meet stated deadlines.
- Detail approach to program design, including research strategy, stakeholder engagement plan, etc.
- Detail approach to drafting RFP for program administration including creating a short list of firms to solicit.
- Propose level of involvement for IHCDA staff and indicate which staff you would need access to and approximate time commitment.

# **B.** Experience and Expertise

Respondent should provide examples of experience related to these key tasks and provide any additional information respondent deems important for IHCDA to be aware of related to their experience or expertise:

- Success submitting competitive grant applications to federal programs.
- Staff or firm experience administering federal programs.
- Familiarity with federal procurement processes and rules.
- Experience with state or federal program design or creation.
- Examples of stakeholder engagement from prior projects.
- Examples of RFP creation including scoring rubrics and mechanisms.
- Highlights of knowledge of the solar landscape.
- Proposed research methodology or strategy to obtain needed data and information related to Indiana's solar environment and marketplace.

#### C. Key Staff

Respondent should identify staff who would be involved with the project and provide their resumes or CVs. Respondent must clearly identify any proposed sub-contractors and detail the same for their key staff.

#### **D.** References

Please provide 2-3 references with contact information that can attest to your firm's work on similar projects.

#### E. Review of Contract Boilerplate

Respondent should review the IHCDA Contract Boilerplate agreement provided at the end of this RFP. Any proposed edits or changes to this language must be included in your proposal or it will not be considered later. Time is of the essence in issuing contract documents to the selected respondent due to the constrained time frame for the submission of the *Solar for All* application.

# 3. QUALIFICATIONS EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following will be IHCDA's primary consideration in the selection process:

- 1. Compliance with requirements of this RFP
- 2. An assessment of the Respondent's ability to deliver the indicated service in accordance with the specifications set out in the RFP
- 3. Experience of the Respondent
- 4. Strength of client references
- 5. Demonstrated understanding of competitive federal grants and administration.
- 6. Competitive fee

# 4. RESPONSIBLE RESPONDENT REQUIREMENTS

IHCDA shall not award any contract until the selected Respondent, has been determined to be responsible. A responsible Respondent must:

- 1. Have adequate financial resources to perform the project, or the ability to obtain them;
- **2.** Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all the Respondent's existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
- **3.** Have a satisfactory performance record with IHCDA;
- 4. Have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- **5.** Have the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills, or the ability to obtain them;
- **6.** Have the necessary production, construction, and technical equipment and facilities, or the ability to obtain them;
- 7. Have supplied all requested information;
- 8. Be legally qualified to contract in the State of Indiana and if it is an entity described in IC Title 23, it must be properly registered with the Indiana Secretary of State (There is a fee to register with the Secretary of State), and owe no outstanding reports to the Indiana Secretary of State; and
- **9.** Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations, including not be suspended or debarred. If a prospective contractor is found to be non-responsible, a written determination of non-responsibility shall be prepared and included in the official file for this RFP, and the Respondent shall be advised of the reasons for the determination.

#### 5. RFP SUBMISSION ITEMS

Respondent must submit documentation in response to the requirements listed in each category heading summarized below. All of these requirements are described more fully in <u>Section 2 of</u> <u>Part 2</u> of this RFP, entitled "<u>Minimum Requirements/Responsive Respondent</u>". Therefore, Respondent must review <u>Section 2 of Part 2</u> of this RFP very carefully before submitting its responses. The Respondent must also submit the Qualifications Coversheet and the Certification of Company located at the end of this RFP.

# 6. FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION, MAILING INSTRUCTIONS, AND DUE DATE

Respondent's proposal must be submitted via email. All documents must be submitted in PDF only.

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#### The deadline for submission is August 14, 2023 at 5:00 PM ET.

Applications that miss the submission deadline and/or do not contain all of the required forms/documents as listed in this RFP may be determined ineligible for further consideration.

# PART 3 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

# 1. STATE POLICIES

- 1. <u>ETHICAL COMPLIANCE</u>: By submitting a proposal, the Respondent certifies that it shall abide by all ethical requirements that apply to persons who have a business relationship with the State, as set forth in Indiana Code § 4-2-6 et seq., Ind. Code § 4-2-7, et seq., the regulations promulgated thereunder, and Executive Order 04-08, dated April 27, 2004. Respondent will be required to attend online ethics training conducted by the State of Indiana.
- 2. <u>PAYMENTS</u>: Any payments for services under any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP shall be paid by IHCDA in arrears in conformance with State fiscal policies and procedures and, as required by IC §4-13-2-14.8, the direct deposit by electronic funds transfer to the financial institution designated by the successful Respondent in writing unless a specific waiver has been obtained from the IHCDA Controller. No payments will be made in advance of receipt of the goods or services that are the subject of any contract except as permitted by IC §4-13-2-20.
- 3. <u>EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION</u>. The Respondent cannot knowingly employ an unauthorized alien. The Respondent shall require its contractors who perform work for the Respondent pursuant to the project must certify to the Respondent that the contractor does not knowingly employ or contract with an unauthorized alien.
- 4. <u>CONFIDENTIALITY OF STATE INFORMATION</u>. The Respondent understands and agrees that data, materials, and information disclosed to the Respondent may contain confidential and protected information. The Respondent covenants that data, material, and information gathered, based upon or disclosed to the Respondent for the purpose of this project will not be disclosed to or discussed with third parties without the prior written consent of the IHCDA. In addition to the covenant made above in this section and pursuant to 10 IAC 5-3-1(4), the Respondent and IHCDA agree to comply with the provisions of IC §4-1-10 and IC §4-1-11. If any Social Security number(s) is/are disclosed by Respondent, Respondent agrees to pay the cost of the notice of disclosure of a breach of the security of the system in addition to any other claims and expenses for which it is liable under the terms of this contract.
- 5. <u>ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS</u>: Respondents are advised that materials contained in proposals are subject to the Access to Public Records Act ("APRA"), IC 5-14-3 et. seq., and the entire response may be viewed and copied by any member of the public. Respondents claiming a statutory exemption to disclosure under APRA must place all confidential documents (including the requisite number of copies) in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential". Respondents should be aware that if a public records request is made under APRA, IHCDA will make an independent determination of confidentiality, and may seek the opinion of the Indiana Public Access Counselor. Prices are not considered confidential information. The following information shall be subject to public inspection after the contract award:
  - A. The RFP.
  - **B.** A list of all vendors who received the RFP.
  - C. The name and address of each Respondent.
  - **D.** The amount of each offer.
  - **E.** A record showing the following:
    - a. The name of the successful Respondent.

- b. The dollar amount of the offer.
- c. The basis on which the award was made.
- **F.** The entire contents of the contract file except for proprietary information that may have been included with an offer, such as:
  - a. trade secrets;
  - b. manufacturing processes;
  - c. financial information not otherwise publicly available; or
  - d. other data that does not bear on the competitive goals of public procurement that was not required by the terms of the RFP itself to be made available for public inspection.
- 6. <u>TAXES, FEES AND PENALTIES</u>: By submitting a proposal Respondent certifies that neither it nor its principal(s) is presently in arrears in payment of its taxes, permit fees or other statutory, regulatory or judicially required payments to the State of Indiana or the United States Treasury. Respondent further warrants that it has no current, pending or outstanding criminal, civil, or enforcement actions initiated by either the State or Federal Government pending against it, and agrees that it will immediately notify IHCDA of any such actions.
- 7. <u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>: Respondent must disclose any existing or potential conflict of interest relative to the performance of the services resulting from this RFP, including any relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict. By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, Respondent affirms that it has not given, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant or any employee or representative of same, in connection with this procurement. Any attempt to intentionally or unintentionally conceal or obfuscate a conflict of interest will automatically result in the disqualification of the Respondent's proposal or immediate termination of an awardee's contract. An award will not be made where an actual conflict of interest exists. IHCDA will determine whether a conflict of interest exists and whether an apparent conflict of interest may reflect negatively on IHCDA, should IHCDA select Respondent. Further, IHCDA reserves the right to disqualify any Respondent on the grounds of actual or apparent conflict of interest.
- 8. <u>APPEALS/PROTEST</u>: Respondent may appeal/protest the award of this contract based on alleged violations of the selection process that resulted in discrimination or unfair consideration. The appeal/protest must include the stated reasons for the Respondent's objection to the funding decision, which reasons must be based solely upon evidence supporting one (1) of the following circumstances:
  - a. Clear and substantial error or misstated facts which were relied on in making the decision being challenged;
  - b. Unfair competition or conflict of interest in the decision-making process;
  - c. An illegal, unethical or improper act; or
  - d. Other legal basis that may substantially alter the decision.

The appeal/protest must be received within ten (10) business days after the Respondent receives notice of the contract award, or the appeal/protest will not be considered. All protests shall be in writing, submitted to the Compliance Attorney, who shall issue a written decision on the matter. The Compliance Attorney may, at his/her discretion, suspend the procurement pending resolution of the protest if the facts presented so warrant. The Respondent will receive written acknowledgement of receipt of the appeal/protest within five (5) business days of its receipt, noting the day the appeal/protest was received. Any appeal/protest regarding the funding decision made by IHCDA will

be examined and acted upon by the Compliance Attorney within thirty (30) days of its receipt. The decision of the Compliance Attorney is final.

# 2. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Respondent agrees to comply with the following federal regulations:

- a. Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.
- b. All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.
- c. Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."
- d. Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.
- e. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every

mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

- f. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 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 the awarding agency.
- g. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- h. Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.
- i. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

#### 3. RFP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This request is issued subject to the following terms and conditions:

- A. This RFP is a request for the submission of qualifications, but is not itself an offer and shall under no circumstances be construed as an offer.
- B. IHCDA expressly reserves the right to modify or withdraw this request at any time, whether before or after any qualifications have been submitted or received.
- C. IHCDA reserves the right to reject and not consider any or all Respondents that do not meet

the requirements of this RFP, including but not limited to: incomplete qualifications and/or qualifications offering alternate or non-requested services.

- D. IHCDA reserves the right to reject any or all companies, to waive any informality in the RFP process, or to terminate the RFP process at any time, if deemed to be in its best interest.
- E. In the event the party selected does not enter into the required agreement to carry out the purposes described in this request, IHCDA may, in addition to any other rights or remedies available at law or in equity, commence negotiations with another person or entity.
- F. In no event shall any obligations of any kind be enforceable against IHCDA unless and until a written agreement is entered into.
- G. The Respondent agrees to bear all costs and expenses of its response and there shall be no reimbursement for any costs and expenses relating to the preparation of responses of qualifications submitted hereunder or for any costs or expenses incurred during negotiations.
- H. By submitting a response to this request, the Respondent waives all rights to protest or seek any remedies whatsoever regarding any aspect of this request, the selection of another Respondent or Respondents with whom to negotiate, the rejection of any or all offers to negotiate, or a decision to terminate negotiations.
- I. IHCDA reserves the right not to award a contract pursuant to the RFP.
- J. All items become the property of IHCDA upon submission and will not be returned to the Respondent.
- K. IHCDA reserves the right to split the award between multiple applicants and make the award on a category by category basis and/or remove categories from the award.
- L. The Respondent certifies that neither it nor its principals, contractors, or agents are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from utilizing federal funds by any federal or state department or agency.
- M. The Respondent understands that IHCDA will enter into contract preparation activities with the Respondent whose RFP appears to be the most advantageous to IHCDA. If at any time the contract preparation activities are judged to be ineffective, the state may do the following:
  - i. Cease all activities with that Respondent.
  - ii. Begin contract preparation activities with the next highest ranked Respondent.
- N. A copy of IHCDA's most recent Contract Boilerplate is attached as an Exhibit to this RFP. By submitting a response to this RFP, Respondent acknowledges the acceptance of IHCDA's Contract Boilerplate and the understanding that such Boilerplate is non-negotiable.
- O. Additionally, IHCDA will not agree to any of the following terms or conditions:
  - a. Any provision requiring IHCDA to provide insurance
  - b. Any provision requiring IHCDA to provide indemnity
  - c. Any provision providing that this Contract be construed in accordance with laws other than those of the State of Indiana
  - d. Any provision providing that suit be brought in any state other than Indiana
  - e. Any provision providing for resolution of contract disputes
  - f. Any provision requiring IHCDA to pay any taxes
  - g. Any provision requiring IHCDA to pay penalties, liquidated damages, interest or attorney's fees
  - h. Any provision modifying the applicable Indiana statute of limitations
  - i. Any provision relating to the time within which a claim must be made
  - j. Any provision requiring payment of consideration in advance unless authorized by an exception listed in IC 4-13-2-20
  - k. Any provision limiting disclosure of this Agreement in violation of the Access to Public Records Act, IC 5-14-3
  - 1. Any provision providing for automatic renewal

m. Any provision requiring IHCDA to agree to limit the liability of the Respondent

## Solar for All Application Submission and Program Design

# 4. QUALIFICATIONS COVER SHEET

Name of Individual, Firm or Business:

Address:

Phone Number: Fax Number: Web Site Address:

QUALIFICATIONS Contact Person:

Title: Email Address: Phone:

Contract Signatory Authority:

Title:

# INDIANA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

# 5. CERTIFICATION OF RESPONDENT

I hereby certify that the information contained in these qualifications and any attachments is true and correct and may be viewed as an accurate representation of proposed services to be provided by this organization. I acknowledge that I have read and understood the requirements and provisions of the RFP and agree to abide by the terms and conditions contained herein.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_ am the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of

the (type name of signatory authority) corporation, partnership, association, or other entity named as company and the Respondent herein, and I am legally authorized to sign this and submit it to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority on behalf of said organization.

18 U.S.C. § 1001, "Fraud and False Statements," provides among other things, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, anyone who knowingly and willfully: (1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact; (2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or (3) makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or fraudulent statement or entry; shall be fined under this title, and/or imprisoned for not longer than five (5) years.

Respondent:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm name:	
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