



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) #2026-01-APRIL-2026-DCS
DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES**

DATE ISSUED: Thursday, April 30, 2026

DESCRIPTION: The Housing Authority of the City of Newport, RI (HACN) acting for itself, and any instrumentalities and/or affiliates is requesting proposals from qualified professionals for a time and materials and/or indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (“IDIQ”) of various Development Consulting Services. Proposals from respondents may contemplate providing these services to HACN as individuals, firms, or teams. The awarded contracts will be for a base period of two (2) years with an option to extend for up to an additional three (3)-years. The services may be contracted as individual task orders issued against the main contract and will include specific scopes of work. Individual task orders may be awarded within the IDIQ contract term. If the duration of a task order extends beyond the term of the IDIQ contract, the terms and conditions of the IDIQ contract will continue in effect through completion of the task order.

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DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS: Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. E.S.T. to dbonnenfant@nphousing.org.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, May 15, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. E.S.T.

SUBMISSION VIA EMAIL: dbonnenfant@nphousing.org. In the subject line, please state **RFP for Development Consulting Services**

Proposals will be accepted at the email above until the date and time noted. The responsibility for submitting a response to this RFP on or before the stated time and date will be solely and strictly the responsibility of the respondent. The Housing Authority is not liable for any costs incurred by the offeror prior to issuance of a contract. The offeror shall absorb all costs incurred in the preparation and presentation of the proposal.

Minority Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and Section 3 business concerns are encouraged to respond to this RFP.

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PART I – GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Administrative Background

HACN is a quasi-public government entity established under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 and state enabling legislation in RI to provide low-income housing in Newport, RI. A seven-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Mayor of the City of Newport governs it. HACN provides approximately 1200 quality affordable housing opportunities and various economic self-sufficiency services to our residents and the community. HACN and/or its affiliates currently own, manage, and/or administer subsidies for about 600 federally assisted rental housing properties that include a mix of public housing; tax credit; and/or Section 8 Project based rental units, with blended subsidies, and lease-to-purchase units under the Section 32 Home Ownership Program. We also administer up to 600 vouchers through the federal Housing Choice Voucher program. In addition, the Housing Authority has over 500 units of Faircloth Authority available for repositioning activities under HUD’s Restore Rebuild Program. Our properties are located within the city of Newport. The major source of HACN's revenue is received through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

1.2 Method of Solicitation

HACN is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified professionals with a documented track record of providing Development Consulting Services, preferably for public housing authorities, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. HACN is requesting proposals for what we expect to result in either an indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (“IDIQ”) of various Development Consulting Services or a time and materials contract, and possibly a hybrid of the two. Proposals from respondents may contemplate providing these services to HACN as individuals, firms, or teams. The awarded contract(s) will be for a base period of up to three (3) years with an option to extend for one or more remaining terms up to a cumulative five (5) year maximum period. The services may be contracted as individual task orders issued against the main contract and will include specific scopes of work.

1.3 Obtaining Copies of this Solicitation

The RFP may be obtained, at no cost, from the HACN website at www.newporthousing.org.

1.4 Anticipated Schedule

The anticipated schedule for the RFQ and contract approval is as follows:

Event	Date
RFQ issued	Thursday, April 30, 2026
Deadline for receipt of emailed questions	Thursday, May 7, 2026
Response to written questions	Friday, May 8, 2026
Proposal Submission Deadline	Friday, May 15, 2026
Estimated Contract Award Date(s)	June 2026

PART II – SCOPE OF SERVICES

2.1 Scope of Services

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is seeking qualified professionals to provide an indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (“IDIQ”) contract for various Development Consulting Services. Proposals from respondents may contemplate providing these services as individuals, firms, or teams. The Development Consultant(s) will serve in a full-service capacity for the purposes of advising HACN, its instrumentalities, and/or affiliates, as-needed, on all development matters and programs of work involving public and/or affordable housing assets that will be preserved or produced as part of its

Agency Plan and Capital Fund Action Plan, and/or other Strategic Plan. Development Consultant(s) selected will report to and be a direct advisor to the Executive Director and/or their designee.

The selected Development Consultant(s) will be responsible for providing certain financial, development, and repositioning advisory services with respect to the acquisition, financing, construction, rehabilitation, or repositioning of selected HACN properties. The Consultants will coordinate the preparation any needed master plan(s) for the redevelopment, recapitalization, and/or modernization of HACN owned sites and surrounding neighborhoods in consultation with and subject to the approval of HACN, community residents, and other key stakeholders. The services may be contracted as individual or multiple task orders issued against the main contract.

Our development consultant will work with us to achieve the essential elements of our vision for:

- Preserving and producing various forms of affordable housing opportunities
- Smart, sustainable growth
- Thriving, walkable, mixed use urban neighborhoods
- Alternative transit options
- Environmental sustainability
- High quality design
- Inclusion of health and wellness, arts, culture, recreation, and
- Inclusion of opportunities for greater economic self-sufficiency and community and supportive services (services for youth, adults, families, people with different abilities and elderly aging in place services)

Task Order #1: Implementing the remaining phases of the Park Holm Master Plan & the next phase(s) of the Homeownership Program

The initial statement of work will involve the completion of the existing Park Holm Master Plan. Park Holm has a phased mixed-finance redevelopment plan whereby Phases I through IV are complete and Phase V, which closed in March of 2026 is currently under construction. The Development Consultant will assist with earlier phases, as needed, including, but not limited to seeing us through construction completion and permanent loan conversion on Park Holm V, but the immediate task will focus on reviewing and advising on Phase VI, known as Park View Terrace, and the Homeownership Program, submitting funding and other applications necessary to secure its financial closing and the subsequent construction, lease up, and loan conversion or sale.

Additional Task Orders:

HACN shall work with a development consultant on a strategic evaluation of development opportunities portfolio-wide. As mentioned earlier, HACN currently owns and/or manages approximately 600 apartments between our Public Housing and Tax Credit programs ranging from efficiencies to six-bedroom apartments, a small Lease-to-Purchase Homeownership Program, and has an allocation of approximately 600 Housing Choice Vouchers. In addition, we have two site management offices, a Corporate Office, a Senior Center, a Community Learning Center, a Health & Wellness Center within a residential tower and vacant land. We are committed to preserving the affordability of our housing portfolio, producing additional housing opportunities, and providing access to community and supportive services that enhance the quality of the life for the residents we serve.

As such, one or more additional task orders may be issued (jointly or separately), in no specific order, including, but not limited to:

1. Reviewing HACN's portfolio of assets (including Dwelling and Non-dwelling buildings and land, the Public Housing portfolio, and Voucher programs) and our Agency Plans and Capital Fund Action Plans to determine which types of initiatives are recommended for implementation as part of a comprehensive development, repositioning, or sustainability strategy to enhance, preserve and/or produce quality affordable housing opportunities that create equitable, vibrant, thriving, communities.
2. Performing a Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program feasibility analysis and any agreed upon conversion implementation tasks.
3. Performing a Restore Rebuild Program feasibility analysis and any agreed upon conversion implementation tasks.
4. Assessing homeownership and accessory dwelling unit (ADU) development opportunities and any agreed upon transaction implementation tasks.

5. Identifying aging-in-place opportunities such as designated housing communities, specialized services, assisted living-type partnerships or conversions, health and wellness partnerships in non-dwelling and dwelling space, and other similar opportunities, and any agreed upon transaction implementation tasks.
6. Exploring special needs housing and/or supportive housing opportunities to reduce homelessness, including for youth aging out of foster care, and others and any agreed upon transaction implementation tasks.
7. Examining Choice Neighborhood or similar development opportunities to include housing, education, workforce development and any agreed upon transaction implementation tasks.
8. Developing Sustainability Plans for Non-Dwelling space, including, (for example, the Florence Gray Community Learning Center), including but not limited to reviewing existing rent structures and commissioning market/commercial rent comparability studies, developing operating proformas to include capital reserves, and identifying and applying for funding opportunities to secure the long-term viability of essential community and supportive space and any agreed upon transaction implementation tasks.
9. Serve as HACN's development consultant for the overall preservation and production of housing opportunities, including partnerships HACN may enter into with other PHAs or developers where HACN supports housing preservation and production through the provision of Project Based Voucher or Rental Assistance, RAD, Restore Rebuild and similar resources.

The selected Development Consultant(s) services shall include these and other services of a similar nature as part of the tasks they fulfill:

- Providing financial and development consulting services in relation to the acquisition, financing, construction and/or rehabilitation of HACN property.
- Completing all necessary pre-development planning and producing an acceptable and financially feasible master development plan for the construction of affordable, mixed-income and/or mixed-use neighborhoods
- Implementing the development plan(s) in a timely and cost-effective manner, including coordinating related partnerships agreeable to all parties; maintaining effective communication among the development team, other applicable partners and community stakeholders.
- Collaborating with an architect on a plan that includes, at minimum, one-for-one replacement units, and any non-dwelling space, common area facilities, and other components based on the Master Plan.
- Collaborating with HACN to develop detailed development and operating budgets. The selected Development Consultant will be required to expand and update the budgets throughout the development process.
- Collaborating with HACN to develop construction/modernization strategies and development implementation schedules.
- Collaborating with architects, engineers, owner's rep, environmental consultants and other team members.
- Overseeing and assisting with asset management functions through lease up and conversion to permanent financing as well as ongoing compliance.
- Assisting HACN with maintaining and enhancing a working partnership with the residents and other stakeholders to develop and promote the community vision and comprehensive master plan for the agency's portfolio.
- Assisting HACN with providing genuine training and employment opportunities to Section 3 individuals and assisting with the development of a plan for participation by Minority and Women's Business Enterprises.

- Assisting HACN with developing a concept plan that provides and outlines a strategy to exercise its right of first refusal for its former HOPE VI mixed-finance, low-income housing tax credit projects that were sold to and are managed by private developers or entities.
- Assisting with the preparation of a Comprehensive Preservation and Development Strategy or Master Plan that shall include:
 - a time table with milestones for completion
 - collaborating with HACN to develop a construction strategy and development implementation schedule.
 - a list of all known available funding sources for each proposed action including traditional and alternative financing options and preparation of all funding applications, detailed development budgets and operating budgets, including updates
 - preparation and/or coordination of materials such as HUD demolition and disposition applications, term sheets, subsidy layering reviews, cooperation agreements, management plans, relocation plans, market studies, and other documents as needed to complete the development transaction
 - coordinating studies, submissions and certifications as may be required to obtain city, state, federal, or HUD approvals necessary to initiate any proposed projects
 - a review of local housing inventory to determine and make recommendations for any potential acquisitions of existing single family or multi-family housing within the respective development areas

The selected Development Consultant(s) are expected to prepare financing applications for HACN and to work closely with RI Housing, HUD, investors, other lenders, the City of Newport, the Newport Residents Council, the Park Holm Senior Center Club and other key stakeholders.

Task orders issued via this RFP shall be specific to any property owned and controlled by HACN, its affiliates, instrumentalities or partnerships, including those we have a ground lease arrangement with, or those we seek to acquire. It may also include any new endeavor or partnership, including, but not limited to those with the City of Newport, our social service partners, or another entity or agency.

It is also the intent of HACN that the Property Manager of any future and present redeveloped property will be self-performed by the Housing Authority of Newport from the beginning of the process.

PART III – SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Submittals should be provided in the following format:

3.1 Letter of Transmittal:

Include a letter of transmittal on the Offeror's stationery bearing the signature of an authorized representative of the offeror and the name(s) of the individual(s) authorized to negotiate services and costs with HACN. The letter should state the Offeror's understanding of the work to be done, the commitment to perform the work expeditiously, a brief statement indicating why the Offeror believes itself to be best qualified to perform the engagement, and a statement that the response is firm and irrevocable for no less than ninety (90) days.

3.2 Company Information

Please furnish a brief history of your company, including how long you have been in business, major offices located in or near Rhode Island and/or major offices located in the United States.

3.3 Staff Experience and Qualifications:

Provide a detailed description of the organization structure and staffing and an organization chart if available. Provide a staffing plan for this project that specifies staff's roles, availability, and previous development and other similar experience. Indicate whether any of the staff will be locally based. Identify the individual that will serve as the project manager and who will direct and coordinate the project to completion. Provide resumes of all key personnel that will be assigned to

work with HACN. Indicate the estimated percentage of time to be devoted to this project for each identified individual and their role in the respondent's organization.

3.4 Capacity:

The Offeror shall certify that if selected as the Development Consultant that it and all its team members are available to start immediately (within 30 days of award). Please provide a proposed timeline identifying when significant project benchmarks could be attained for Task Order 1. The Offeror should describe any existing time constraints of the proposed team members or their proposed staff which would impair the Offeror's ability to proceed expeditiously.

3.5 Mixed-Finance and Other Development Experience:

Demonstrate the Offeror's experience in development consulting and providing staff augmentation and/or consulting services related to development/revitalization of neighborhood projects, similar in scope and complexity as described in the Scope of Services of this RFP, within the last five years, by providing information on residential development projects in which the Offeror has participated. Focus on recent projects, particularly affordable housing partnerships with public housing authorities, including, but not limited to any within the State of Rhode Island. The information should list the: project name; location; project size; project completion date or current status; funding sources/financing structure and amounts; ownership type; public programs utilized; income level served (very low, low, moderate, market rate and/or mixed); type of development (high, mid or low-rise, walk-ups, townhouses, etc.); extent of community and/or resident participation; whether the project was managed by the housing authority /developer or privately owned and managed post-construction, and total development cost. Include a contact name at each housing authority or other owner/entity and the contact's phone number and e-mail address.

3.6 Other Affordable Housing Development Experience:

Please demonstrate experience in areas listed under additional task orders: RAD feasibility analysis and any corresponding RAD transactions; mixed-use development (housing paired with commercial use space); incorporating non-dwelling space into the housing development strategy (i.e. community/opportunity centers); incorporating aging-in-place services or assisted-living type partnerships into a housing development strategy; affordable homeownership development; aging-in-place opportunities such as designated housing communities, specialized services, assisted living-type partnerships or conversions (including health and wellness partnerships in non-dwelling and dwelling space); special needs housing and/or transitional housing opportunities to reduce homelessness, including for youth aging out of foster care and others; leveraging opportunity zone status to create, preserve, or enhance housing, mixed-use development, Section 3 opportunities, commercial and other opportunities; and Choice Neighborhood or similar development opportunities to include housing, education, and workforce development.

3.7 Financing Experience:

Describe existing, new, and/or innovative financing techniques for raising capital that the Offeror has employed on previous projects during the last five years—especially in the state of Rhode Island—from sources such as Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and other public or private funding opportunities to develop properties, community centers, and other similar projects outlined in the RFP. Demonstrate that the Offeror possesses an understanding of state and local requirements and procedures that will enable necessary equity/funds to be raised and the effort to be efficiently completed. Describe the timeframe from application submission to financial closings and how each project was kept within budget and on schedule. Describe any impediments that occurred and how they were handled.

3.8 Approach and Response:

Discuss the Offeror's experience with developing and maintaining linkages with the residents, the surrounding neighborhoods, and other stakeholders to develop and promote the community vision and develop a comprehensive master plan. Discuss the Offeror's methodology used to develop: a master plan; detailed development and operating budgets; construction and development implementation schedules; the procurement of a construction contractor; a market study for each phase of the development. Discuss the Offeror's methodology to assist in developing a marketing and lease-up plan and to assist with asset management functions through lease-up and conversion to permanent financing. Describe the Offeror's expertise in regulatory compliance issues and other aspects when dealing with municipal, state, and federal government and agencies.

3.9 Cost Proposal/Fee Schedule:

Please provide a detailed cost proposal/fee schedule which includes information on: hourly rates, travel costs, per diem, fees, and other miscellaneous cost factors. Please indicate and describe any fixed fee structures. Please also break out costs for Task #1 and differentiate between fee structures for the additional tasks, as applicable. (Note: All pricing and proposed services are subject to later negotiation.)

3.10 References:

For projects within the last five years, provide the name, email address, and telephone number of: two (2) housing authority or other developer references, up to two (2) tax credit investor references, and at least one (1) housing finance agency reference. References must verify Development Consultant's representations. Note HACN reserves the right to check other reference sources as well.

PART IV – EVALUATION CRITERIA

4.1 Summary of Evaluation Criteria

Organizational Capacity - 20 Points

Relevant Experience and Past Performance - 35 Points

Respondent's Approach/Response to Scope of Services - 30 Points

Cost Proposal - 15 Points

Subtotal: 100 Points

Preference Points:

Section 3 Business Concern and Section 3 Participation Plan 5 Points

Total Possible Points: 105

4.2 Evaluation Criteria

A. Organizational Capacity: 20 Points

1. Respondent's organizational capacity will be evaluated through an assessment of the respondent's staff, specialists, and consultants experience and qualifications. In addition, the respondent's ability to perform the work in a timely manner will be evaluated through a review of previous performance on similar projects and/or current and projected capacity and workload.

2. Maximum consideration will be given to those respondents having staff with relevant experience in performing work as required herein, and who can demonstrate sufficient capacity to perform the work timely given current and projected workload.

B. Relevant Experience and Past Performance: 35 Points

1. Relevant experience and past performance will be evaluated through an assessment of previous, similarly related projects completed to date.

2. Maximum consideration will be given to those respondents who demonstrate through their submittal a documented track record of successfully completing projects of the same type(s) required by this RFP.

3. Maximum consideration will also be given to those respondents who exhibit a successful track record of performing similar services for public housing authorities.

C. Respondent's Approach and Response to Scope of Service: 30 Points

1. The respondent's approach and response to the Scope of Services will be evaluated through an assessment of the proposed approach for the work identified in the Scope of Services.

2. Maximum consideration will be given to those respondents who demonstrate through their submittal a clear and prudent plan for performing the required work within reasonable timeframes.

D. Cost Proposal/Fee Schedule: 15 Points

1. The cost proposal/fee schedule will be evaluated through a careful analysis of cost compared to the other respondent's proposals.

2. Maximum consideration will be given to those respondents who demonstrate through their submittals the ability to perform the required work at minimum cost to HACN.

E. Section 3 Preference: 5 Points

1. Section 3 will be evaluated through the Offeror's ability to successfully meet the requirements of 24 CFR 135 pertaining to Economic Opportunities for Section 3 Residents and Section 3 Business Concerns, including the status of the Offeror as a Section 3 Business Concern and evidence of the action plan submitted.

In accordance with 24CFR Part 135 "Economic Opportunities for Low and Very Low-income Persons, one of the evaluation factors shall address both the preference for section 3 business concerns and the acceptability of the strategy for meeting the greatest extent feasible requirement (section 3 strategy), as disclosed in proposals submitted by all business concerns (section 3 and non-section 3 business concerns).

Section 3 business concern means a business concern

(1) That is 51 percent or more owned by section 3 residents; or

(2) Whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30 percent of whom are currently section 3 residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business concern were section 3 residents; or

(3) That provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to business concerns that meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (1) or (2) in this definition of "section 3 business concern."

If applicable, please complete the attached "Certification for Business Concerns Seeking Section 3 Preference in Contracting and Demonstration of Capability".

4.3 Evaluation Criteria Chart

The Proposal will be evaluated by the Authority using the following maximum point system:

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Organizational Capacity	20
Relevant Experience and Past Performance	35
Respondent's Approach/Response to Scope of Services	30
Cost Proposal/Fee Schedule	15
Subtotal:	<i>100 (subtotal)</i>
Preference: Section 3 Business Concern and Section 3 Participation Plan 15 Points	5
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	105

EXHIBIT A -SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

A.1 Submission of Proposals

Offerors should email their proposal to dbonnenfant@nphousing.org and include in the subject line, RFP for Development Consultant by Friday, May 15, 2026 at 4:00pm (E.S.T). Proposals will not be publicly opened. All proposals must be submitted in accordance with the conditions and instructions provided. HACN in its sole discretion may waive any conditions it deems immaterial or in the best interest of the Authority. Submittals that do not include all required information requested above may be deemed unresponsive and may be disqualified.

A.2 Interpretations/Questions

During the period between issuance of this RFP and the proposal due date, no oral interpretation of the RFP's requirements will be given to any prospective respondent. **Requests for interpretation must be made via email to dbonnenfant@nphousing.org by Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. (E.S.T).**

A.3 Addendum and Update Procedures for the RFP

During the period of advertisement for this RFP, HACN may wish to amend, add to, or delete from, the contents of this RFP. In such situations, HACN will issue an addendum to the RFP setting forth the nature of the modification(s). HACN will email any addenda to known prospective respondents of this Solicitation. Interested parties may also view addenda on HACN's website www.newporthousing.org. It shall be the responsibility of each respondent to ensure they have any and all additional addenda relative to this RFP.

A.4 Acceptance of Proposals

Proposals must be received in completed form at the HACN email provided, no later than the proposal closing date and time, **Friday, May 15, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. (E.S.T).** HACN reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to take exception to these RFP specifications or to waive any formalities if in HACN's sole discretion it is in the best interest of the Authority. Respondents may be excluded from further considerations for failure to comply with the specifications of this RFP. HACN also reserves the right to reject the proposal of respondents who have previously failed to perform properly or to complete on time, a contract of similar nature; or alternatively, who habitually without just cause neglected the payment of bills or disregarded its obligations to subcontractors, providers of materials, or employees.

A.5 Award of Contract.

A contract(s) shall be awarded to the respondent(s) submitting a proposal according to the evaluation criteria contained herein, provided the proposal is in the best interest of HACN. The respondent(s) to whom the award(s) is/are made will be notified at the earliest practical date.

A.6 HUD Debarment and Suspension List

The respondents and all subcontractors' names or businesses must not appear on the HUD's Debarment and Suspension list.

A.7 Cost Borne by Respondent

All costs related to the preparation of this RFP and any related activities are the responsibility of the respondent. HACN assumes no liability for any costs incurred by the respondent throughout the entire selection process.

A.8 Best Available Data

All information contained in this RFP is the best data available to HACN at the time the RFP was prepared. The information given in the RFP is not intended as representation having binding legal effect. This information is furnished for the convenience of respondents and HACN assumes no liability for any errors or omissions.

A.9 Contact with HACN Staff, Board Members, and Residents

Beyond the above referenced written communications, respondents and their representatives may not make any improper contact with HACN Staff, Board Members, or Residents. Any improper contact by or on behalf of Respondents may be grounds for disqualification.

A.10 Respondent Responsibilities

Each respondent is presumed by HACN to have thoroughly studied this RFP and become familiar with the contents. Any failure to understand completely any aspect of this RFP is the responsibility of the respondent.

A.11 No Claim Against HACN

The respondent shall not obtain, by submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, any claim against HACN or HACN's property for reason of all or any part of the following: the selection process; the rejection of any or all offers; the acceptance of any offer; entering into any agreements or the decision not to enter any agreements; any statement, representations, acts or omissions of HACN or any person or entity acting on its behalf; the exercise of any discretion set forth in or concerning any of the foregoing; and any other matters arising out of this RFP.

A.12 Clarification of Response

HACN reserves the right to obtain clarification of any point in an offeror's submittal or to obtain additional information necessary to properly evaluate a particular submittal. Failure of an offeror to respond to such a request for additional information or clarification could result in rejection of that offeror's response.

A.13 Negotiations and Award

Negotiations may be conducted with respondents determined to have a reasonable chance of being selected for award(s), based on evaluation of qualifications, and other factors considered to be most advantageous to HACN. Such respondents shall be afforded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for negotiations and revisions of submittals to assure full understanding of and conformance to the services requested by the HACN. No respondent shall be assisted in bringing its submittal up to the level of another in order to be considered for award. HACN reserves the right to request additional information concerning any/all submittals submitted. A common deadline shall be established for the receipt of submittal revisions based on negotiations.

A.14 Disputes

In case of any doubt or differences of opinions as to the items or service to be furnished hereunder or the interpretation of the provisions of the RFP, the decision of the HACN shall be final and binding upon all parties.

A.15 Assignment

Neither the resultant contract(s) nor any of the requirements, rights, or privileges demanded by it may be sold, assigned, contracted, or transferred by the successful offeror(s) without the express written consent of HACN.

A.16 HACN Right to not Award

HACN reserves the right to make no award, or decline to enter negotiations should it decide that to be in the best interest of HACN.

A.17 Mandatory Contract Provisions and Clauses

At a minimum, each contract awarded under this RFP will require compliance with the following HUD forms: 5369-B and 5370-C (Attached).