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	DCTO-2009-B-0196	x Sealed Bid (IFB) Sealed Proposals (RFP) **Sole Source** Emergency	08/25/09	X Open Set Aside Open Market with Set-Aside SBE Designated Category:

7. Issued By:	8. Address Offer to:
Office of Contracting and Procurement **Information Technology Group** **441 4th Street, NW, Suite 930 South** **Washington, DC 20001**	**Office of Contracting and Procurement** **Bid Room** **441 4th Street, NW, Suite 703 South** **Washington, DC 20001** **Attn: John Holmes II**

NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and offeror" means "bid" and "bidder"

SOLICITATION

9. Sealed offers in original and **1** copies for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in Item 8, or if hand carried to the bid counter located at 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 703S, Bid Room, Washington, DC until **10:00 a.m.** (Hour) local time **August 31, 2009** (Date)

CAUTION: Late Submissions, Modifications and Withdrawals: See 27 DCMR chapters 15 & 16 as applicable. All offers are subject to all terms & conditions contained in this solicitation.

10. For Information Contact	A. Name	B. Telephone (Area Code)	(Number)	(Ext)	C. E-mail Address
	John Holmes II	**202**	**727-0084**		john.holmes@dc.gov

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OFFER

12. In compliance with the above, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within **120** calendar days from the date for receipt of offers specified above, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), within the time specified herein.

13. Discount for Prompt Payment	10 Calendar days %	20 Calendar days %	30 Calendar days %	____ Calendar days %

14. Acknowledgement of Amendments (The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the SOLICITATION):	Amendment Number	Date	Amendment Number	Date

15A. Name and Address of Offeror	16. Name and Title of Person Authorized to Sign Offer/Contract

15B. Telephone (Area Code)	(Number)	(Ext)	15 C. Check if remittance address is different from above - Refer to Section G	17. Signature	18. Offer Date

AWARD (TO BE COMPLETED BY GOVERNMENT)

19. Accepted as to Items Numbered	20. Amount	21. Accounting and Appropriation

22. Name of Contracting Officer (Type or Print)	23. Signature of Contracting Officer (District of Columbia)	24. Award Date
John P. Varghese		

Government of the District of Columbia — Office of Contracting & Procurement

DC OCP-209(11-2004)

SECTION B: SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE

B.1 SUMMARY OF SERVICES OR SUPPLIES

B.1.1 The Government of the District of Columbia, herein referred to as "the District", Office of Contracting and Procurement, on behalf of the District of Columbia's Office of the Chief Technology Officer, is seeking to purchase network equipment.

B.1.2 The District contemplates award of a firm-fixed price contract.

B.1.3 The District will purchase its requirements of the articles or services included herein from the Contractor. The estimated quantities stated herein reflect the best estimates available. The estimate shall not be construed as a representation that the estimated quantity will be required or ordered, or that conditions affecting requirements will be stable. They shall not be construed to limit the quantities which may be ordered from the Contractor by the District or to relieve the Contractor of its obligation to fill all such orders.

a) Delivery or performance shall be made only as authorized in accordance with the Ordering Clause, Section G.4. The District may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations. If the District urgently requires delivery before the earliest date that delivery may be specified under this contract, and if the Contractor shall not accept an order providing for the accelerated delivery, the District may acquire the urgently required goods or services from another source.

b) There is no limit on the number of orders that may be issued. The District may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations.

c) Any order issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that period shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the order. The contract shall govern the Contractor's and District's rights and obligations with respect to that order to the same extent as if the order were completed during the contract's effective period; provided, that the Contractor shall not be required to make any deliveries under this contract after the contracts performance period.

B.2 PRICE SCHEDULE

Table 1. PRICE SCHEDULE

Contract Line Item No. (CLIN)	Model #	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
1	WS-C2960PD-8TT-L	Catalyst 2960 Powered Device 8 10/100 + 1 1000BT LAN Base	327	$_____	$_____
				Total	**$_____**

SECTION C: SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

C.1 SCOPE

C.1.1 The Government of the District of Columbia, herein referred to as "the District", Office of Contracting and Procurement, on behalf of the District of Columbia's Office of the Chief Technology Officer, is seeking to purchase network equipment.

C.1.2 The District contemplates award of a firm-fixed price contract.

C.1.3 Applicable Documents

NOT APPLICABLE

C.1.4 Definitions

NOT APPLICABLE

C.2 BACKGROUND

C.2.1 The District of Columbia Government Office of the Chief Technology Officer, Network Operations, has a requirement to deploy network hardware to the District of Columbia School system including High, Middle and tech schools along with Administrative sites.

C.3 REQUIREMENTS

C.3.1 The Contractor shall deliver the items listed in the price schedule within a week of award.

C.3.2 All bidders must be authorized resellers of all products.

C.3.3 All equipment provided for this solicitation must be new original manufacture parts only, no substitutions allowed.

SECTION D: PACKAGING AND MARKING

NOT APPLICABLE

SECTION E: INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

E.1 INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

E.1.1 The inspection and acceptance requirements for the resultant contract shall be governed by clause number six (6), Inspection of Services, of the Government of the District of Columbia's Standard Contract Provisions for use with Supplies and Services Contracts, dated March 2007.

SECTION F: DELIVERIES OR PEFORMANCE

F.1 TERM OF CONTRACT

NOT APPLICABLE

F.2 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT

NOT APPLICABLE

F.3 DELIVERABLES

F.3.1 The Contractor shall provide the items listed in the price schedule (Section B.2).

SECTION G: CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

G.1 INVOICE PAYMENT

G.1.1 The District will make payments to the Contractor, upon the submission of proper invoices, at the prices stipulated in this contract, for supplies delivered and accepted or services performed and accepted, less any discounts, allowances or adjustments provided for in this contract.

G.1.2 The District will pay the Contractor on or before the 30th day after receiving a proper invoice from the Contractor.

G.2 INVOICE SUBMITTAL

G.2.1 The Contractor shall submit proper invoices on a monthly basis or as otherwise specified in Section G.4. Invoices shall be prepared in duplicate and submitted to the agency Chief Financial Officer (CFO) with concurrent copies to the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) specified in Section G.9 below. The address of the CFO is:

Name:	Office of Finance and Resource Management Attn: Accounts Payable
Address:	441 4th Street, Suite 890N Washington, DC 20001
Telephone:	202-727-0333

G.2.2 To constitute a proper invoice, the Contractor shall submit the following information on the invoice:

G.2.2.1 Contractor's name, federal tax ID and invoice date (Contractors shall date invoices as of the date of mailing or transmittal);

G.2.2.2 Contract number and invoice number;

G.2.2.3 Description, price, quantity and the date(s) that the supplies or services were delivered or performed;

G.2.2.4 Other supporting documentation or information, as required by the Contracting Officer;

G.2.2.5 Name, title, telephone number and complete mailing address of the responsible official to whom payment is to be sent;

G.2.2.6 Name, title, phone number of person preparing the invoice;

G.2.2.7 Name, title, phone number and mailing address of person (if different from the person identified in G.2.2.6 above) to be notified in the event of a defective invoice; and

G.2.2.8 Authorized signature.

G.3 FIRST SOURCE AGREEMENT REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT

NOT APPLICABLE

G.4 PAYMENT

G.4.1 ORDERING CLAUSE

G.4.1.1 Any supplies and services to be furnished under this contract must be ordered by issuance of delivery orders or task orders by the Contracting Officer. Such orders may be issued during the term of this contract.

G.4.1.2 All delivery orders or task orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. In the event of a conflict between a delivery order or task order and this contract, the contract shall control.

G.4.1.3 If mailed, a delivery order or task order is considered "issued" when the District deposits the order in the mail. Orders may be issued by facsimile or by electronic commerce methods.

G.5 ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT PAYMENTS

G.5.1 In accordance with 27 DCMR 3250, the Contractor may assign funds due or to become due as a result of the performance of this contract to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution.

G.5.2 Any assignment shall cover all unpaid amounts payable under this contract, and shall not be made to more than one party.

G.5.3 Notwithstanding an assignment of contract payments, the Contractor, not the assignee, is required to prepare invoices. Where such an assignment has been made, the original copy of the invoice must refer to the assignment and must show that payment of the invoice is to be made directly to the assignee as follows:

Pursuant to the instrument of assignment dated _____,
make payment of this invoice to _____
(name and address of assignee).

G.6 THE QUICK PAYMENT CLAUSE

G.6.1 Interest Penalties to Contractors

G.6.1.1 The District will pay interest penalties on amounts due to the Contractor under the Quick Payment Act, D.C. Official Code §2-221.01 et seq., for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment of the amount is made. Interest shall be calculated at the rate of 1% per month. No interest penalty shall be paid if payment for the completed delivery of the item of property or service is made on or before:

a) the 3rd day after the required payment date for meat or a meat product;
b) the 5th day after the required payment date for an agricultural commodity; or
c) the 15th day after the required payment date for any other item.

G.6.1.2 Any amount of an interest penalty which remains unpaid at the end of any 30-day period shall be added to the principal amount of the debt and thereafter interest penalties shall accrue on the added amount.

G.6.2 Payments to Subcontractors

G.6.2.1 The Contractor must take one of the following actions within 7 days of receipt of any amount paid to the Contractor by the District for work performed by any subcontractor under a contract:

a) Pay the subcontractor for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the District that is attributable to the subcontractor for work performed under the contract; or
b) Notify the District and the subcontractor, in writing, of the Contractor's intention to withhold all or part of the subcontractor's payment and state the reason for the nonpayment.

G.6.2.2 The Contractor must pay any lower-tier subcontractor or supplier interest penalties on amounts due to the subcontractor or supplier beginning on the day after the payment is due and ending on the date on which the payment is made. Interest shall be calculated at the rate of 1% per month. No interest penalty shall be paid on the following if payment for the completed delivery of the item of property or service is made on or before:

a) the 3rd day after the required payment date for meat or a meat product;
b) the 5th day after the required payment date for an agricultural commodity; or
c) the 15th day after the required payment date for any other item.

G.6.2.3 Any amount of an interest penalty which remains unpaid by the Contractor at the end of any 30-day period shall be added to the principal amount of the debt to the subcontractor and thereafter interest penalties shall accrue on the added amount.

G.6.2.4 A dispute between the Contractor and subcontractor relating to the amounts or entitlement of a subcontractor to a payment or a late payment interest penalty under the Quick Payment Act does not constitute a dispute to which the District of Columbia is a party. The District of Columbia may not be interpleaded in any judicial or administrative proceeding involving such a dispute.

G.7 CONTRACTING OFFICER (CO)

Contracts will be entered into and signed on behalf of the District only by contracting officers. The name, address and telephone number of the Contracting Officer is:

John P. Varghese
Office of Contracting and Procurement
441 4th Street NW, Suite 930S
Washington, DC 20001

(202) 727-5274

G.8 AUTHORIZED CHANGES BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER

G.8.1 The Contracting Officer is the only person authorized to approve changes in any of the requirements of this contract.

G.8.2 The Contractor shall not comply with any order, directive or request that changes or modifies the requirements of this contract, unless issued in writing and signed by the Contracting Officer.

G.8.3 In the event the Contractor effects any change at the instruction or request of any person other than the Contracting Officer, the change will be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment will be made in the contract price to cover any cost increase incurred as a result thereof.

G.9 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE (COTR)

G.9.1 The COTR is responsible for general administration of the contract and advising the Contracting Officer as to the Contractor's compliance or noncompliance with the contract. In addition, the COTR is responsible for the day-to-day monitoring and supervision of the contract, of ensuring that the work conforms to the requirements of this contract and such other responsibilities and authorities as may be specified in the contract. The COTR for this contract is:

Tegene Baharu
DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 930S
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 727-2277

G.9.2 The COTR shall not have authority to make any changes in the specifications or scope of work or terms and conditions of the contract.

G.9.3 The Contractor may be held fully responsible for any changes not authorized in advance, in writing, by the Contracting Officer; may be denied compensation or other relief for any additional work performed that is not so authorized; and may also be required, at no additional cost to the District, to take all corrective action necessitated by reason of the unauthorized changes.

SECTION H: SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

NOT APPLICABLE

SECTION I: CONTRACT CLAUSES

NOT APPLICABLE

SECTION J: LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

J.1 ATTACHMENTS

J.1.1 Tax Certification Affidavit

J.1.2 EEO Policy Statement

J.1.3 Standard Contract Provisions

SECTION K: REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF BIDDERS

K.1 TAX CERTIFICATION

Each bidder must submit with its offer, a sworn Tax Certification Affidavit, incorporated herein.

SECTION L: INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO BIDDERS

L.1 CONTRACT AWARD

L.1.1 The District reserves the right to accept/reject any/all bids resulting from this solicitation. The Contracting Officer may reject all bids or waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received whenever it is determined that such action is in the best interest of the District.

L.1.2 The District intends, but is not obligated, to award a single contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsive and responsible bidder who has the lowest bid.

L.2 PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS

L.2.1 Bidders shall submit a signed original and two (2) copies (see L.2.2). The District will not accept a facsimile copy of a bid as an original bid. All items accepted by the District, all pages of the Invitation for Bids (IFB), all attachments and all documents containing the bidder's offer shall constitute the formal contract. **Each bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope conspicuously marked: "Bid in Response to Solicitation No. *(as specified in Section A.3).”***

L.2.2 Bidders shall complete and submit this entire IFB (all pages) and the following:

a) Price Schedule (Section B.2).
b) Attachments J.1.1 – J.1.2

L.2.3 The original bid shall govern if there is a variance between the original bid and the copy submitted by the bidder. Each bidder shall return the complete solicitation as its bid.

L.2.4 The District may reject as non-responsive any bid that fails to conform in any material respect to the Invitation for Bids.

L.2.5 The District may also reject as non-responsive any bids submitted on forms not included in or required by the solicitation. Bidders shall make no changes to the requirements set forth in the solicitation.

L.3 FAMILIARIZATION WITH CONDITIONS (SERVICES)

L.3.1 Bidders shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with the terms and conditions of this solicitation, acquainting themselves with all available information regarding difficulties which may be encountered and the conditions under which the work is be accomplished. Bidders will not be relieved from assuming all responsibility for properly estimating the difficulties and the cost of performing the services required herein due to their failure to investigate the conditions or to become acquainted with all information, schedules and liability concerning the services to be performed.

L.4 BID SUBMISSION DATE AND TIME

Bids must be submitted no later than the date and time specified in Section A.9.

L.5 WITHDRAWAL OR MODIFICATION OF BIDS

L.5.1.1 A bidder may modify or withdraw its bid upon written, telegraphic notice, or facsimile transmission if received at the location designated in the solicitation for submission of bids, but not later than the exact time set for opening of bids.

L.6 LATE SUBMISSIONS

L.6.1 Bids, modifications to bids, or requests for withdrawals that are received in the designated District office after the exact local time specified above, are "late" and shall be considered only if they are received before the award is made and one (1) or more of the following circumstances apply:

a) The bid or modification was sent by registered or certified mail no later than the fifth (5th) day before the date specified for receipt of bids; or

b) The bid or modification was sent by mail and it is determined by the Contracting Officer that the late receipt at the location specified in the solicitation was caused by mishandling by the District after receipt.

L.6.2 Postmarks

The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of a late bid, late modification or late withdrawal sent either by registered or certified mail shall be a U.S. or Canadian Postal Service postmark on the wrapper or on the original receipt from the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service. If neither postmark shows a legible date, the bid, modification or withdrawal shall be deemed to have been mailed late. When the postmark shows the date but not the hour, the time is presumed to be the last minute of the date shown. If no date is shown on the postmark, the bid shall be considered late unless the bidder can furnish evidence from the postal authorities of timely mailing.

L.6.3 Late Submissions

A late bid, late request for modification or late request for withdrawal shall not be considered, except as provided in this section.

L.6.4 Late Modifications

A late modification of a successful bid which makes its terms more favorable to the District will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

L.6.5 Late Bids

A late bid, late modification or late withdrawal of a bid that is not considered shall be held unopened, unless opened for identification, until after award and then retained with unsuccessful bids resulting from this solicitation.

L.7 HAND DELIVERY OR MAILING OF BIDS

Bidders must deliver or mail their bids to the address in Section A.8 of the cover page.

L.8 ERRORS IN BIDS

Bidders are expected to read and understand fully all information and requirements contained in the solicitation; failure to do so will be at the bidder's risk. In event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price, the unit price shall govern.

L.9 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION

If a prospective bidder has any questions relative to this solicitation, the prospective bidder shall submit the questions in writing to the Contracting Officer. The prospective bidder shall submit questions no later than three (3) days prior to the closing date and time indicated for this solicitation. The District will not consider any questions received less than three (3) days before the date set for submission of bids. The District will furnish responses promptly to all other prospective bidders. An amendment to the solicitation will be issued, if that information is necessary in submitting bids, or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective bidders. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract will not be binding.

L.10 FAILURE TO SUBMIT BIDS

Recipients of this solicitation not responding with a bid should not return this solicitation. Instead, they should advise the Contracting Officer by letter or postcard whether they want to receive future solicitations for similar requirements. It is also requested that such recipients advise the Contracting Officer of the reason for not submitting a bid in response to this solicitation. If a recipient does not submit a bid and does not notify the Contracting Officer that future solicitations are desired, the recipient's name may be removed from the applicable mailing list.

L.11 BID PROTESTS

Any actual or prospective bidder or contractor, who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract, must file with the D.C. Contract Appeals Board (Board) a protest no later than 10 business days after the basis of protest is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier. A protest based on alleged improprieties in a solicitation which are apparent prior to bid opening or the time set for receipt of initial bids shall be filed with the Board prior to bid opening or the time set for receipt of initial bids. In procurements in which bids are requested, alleged improprieties which do not exist in the initial solicitation, but which are subsequently incorporated into this solicitation, must be protested no later than the next closing time for receipt of bids following the incorporation. The protest shall be filed in writing, with the Contract Appeals Board, 717 14th Street, N.W., Suite 430, Washington, D.C. 20004. The aggrieved person shall also mail a copy of the protest to the Contracting Officer.

L.12 SIGNING OF BIDS

L.12.1 The Contractor shall sign the bid and print or type its name on the Solicitation, Offer and Award form of this solicitation. Each bid must show a full business address and telephone number of the bidder and be signed by the person or persons legally authorized to sign contracts. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the bid. Bids signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the Contracting Officer.

L.12.2 All correspondence concerning the bid or resulting contract will be mailed to the address shown on the bid in the absence of written instructions from the bidder or contractor to the contrary. Any bid submitted by a partnership must be signed with the partnership name by a general partner with authority to bind the partnership. Any bid submitted by a corporation must be signed with the name of the corporation followed by the signature and title of the person having authority to sign for the corporation. Bidders shall complete and sign all Representations, Certifications and Acknowledgments as appropriate. Failure to do so may result in a bid rejection.

L.13 CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

Not Applicable

L.14 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

The bidder shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (a) by signing and returning the amendment; (b) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose in Section A.14 of the solicitation; or (c) by letter or telegram, including mailgrams. The District must receive the acknowledgment by the date and time specified for receipt of bids. Bidder's failure to acknowledge an amendment may result in rejection of the bid.

L.15 BIDS WITH OPTION YEARS

Not Applicable

L.16 LEGAL STATUS OF BIDDER

Each bid must provide the following information:

L.16.1 Name, address, telephone number and federal tax identification number of bidder;

L.16.2 A copy of each District of Columbia license, registration or certification that the bidder is required by law to obtain. This mandate also requires the bidder to provide a copy of the executed "Clean Hands Certification" that is referenced in D.C. Official Code §47-2862 (2001), if the bidder is required by law to make such certification. If the bidder is a corporation or partnership and does not provide a copy of its license, registration or certification to transact business in the District of Columbia, the offer shall certify its

intent to obtain the necessary license, registration or certification prior to contract award or its exemption from such requirements; and

L.16.3 If the bidder is a partnership or joint venture, the names and addresses of the general partners or individual members of the joint venture, and copies of any joint venture or teaming agreements.

L.17 FAMILIARIZATION WITH CONDITIONS

Bidders shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with the terms and conditions of this solicitation, acquainting themselves with all available information regarding difficulties which may be encountered, and the conditions under which the work is to be accomplished. Contractors will not be relieved from assuming all responsibility for properly estimating the difficulties and the cost of performing the services required herein due to their failure to investigate the conditions or to become acquainted with all information, schedules and liability concerning the services to be performed.

L.18 STANDARDS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The prospective contractor must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the District the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements; therefore, the prospective contractor must submit the documentation listed below, within five (5) days of the request by the District.

L.18.1 Evidence of adequate financial resources, credit or the ability to obtain such resources as required during the performance of the contract.

L.18.2 Evidence of the ability to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments.

L.18.3 Evidence of the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational control, technical skills or the ability to obtain them.

L.18.4 Evidence of compliance with the applicable District licensing and tax laws and regulations.

L.18.5 Evidence of a satisfactory performance record, record of integrity and business ethics.

L.18.6 Evidence of the necessary production, construction and technical equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them.

L.18.7 Evidence of other qualifications and eligibility criteria necessary to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations

L.18.8 If the prospective contractor fails to supply the information requested, the Contracting Officer shall make the determination of responsibility or nonresponsibility based upon available information. If the available information is insufficient to make a determination of responsibility, the Contracting Officer shall determine the prospective contractor to be not responsible.

SECTION M: EVALUATION FACTORS

M.1 GENERAL CATEGORIES OF LOCAL BUSINESSES, DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES, RESIDENT BUSINESS OWNERSHIPS OR BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE

M.1.1 Preference for Local Businesses, Disadvantaged Businesses, Resident Business Ownerships or Businesses Operation in an Enterprise Zone

a. General Preferences

Under the provisions of D.C. Law 13-169, "Equal Opportunity for Local, Small, or Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Amendment Act of 2000" (the "Act", as used in this section), the District shall apply preferences in evaluating offers from businesses that are local, disadvantaged, resident business ownership or located in an enterprise zone of the District of Columbia.

For evaluation purposes, the allowable preferences under the Act for this procurement are as follows:

1) Four percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of four points on a 100-point scale for a local business enterprise (LBE) certified by the Local Business Opportunity Commission (LBOC);

2) Three percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of three points on a 100-point scale for a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) certified by the LBOC;

3) Three percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of three points on a 100-point scale for a resident business ownership (RBO), as defined in Section 2 (a)(8A) of the Act, and certified by the LBOC; and

4) Two percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale for a business located in an enterprise zone, as defined in Section 2(5) of D.C. Law 12-268 and in 27 DCMR 899, 39 DCR 9087-9088 (December 4, 1992).

Any prime contractor that is a LBE certified by the LBOC will receive a four percent (4%) reduction in bid price for a bid submitted by the LBE in response to an Invitation for Bids (IFB) or the addition of four points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for bids submitted by the LBE in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP).

Any prime contractor that is a DBE certified by the LBOC will receive a three percent (3%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the DBE in

response to an IFB or the addition of three points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the DBE in response to a RFP.

Any prime contractor that is a RBO certified by the LBOC will receive a three percent (3%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the RBO in response to an IFB or the addition of three points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the RBO in response to a RFP.

Any prime contractor that is a business enterprise located in an enterprise zone will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in bid price for a bid submitted by such business enterprise in response to an IFB or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by such business in response to a RFP.

b. Preferences for Subcontracting in Open Market Solicitations with No LBE, DBE, RBO Subcontracting Set Aside

The preferences for subcontracting in open market solicitations where there is no LBE, DBE or RBO subcontracting set aside are as follows:

1) If the prime contractor is not a certified LBE, certified DBE, certified RBO or a business located in the enterprise in an enterprise zone, the District will award the above-stated preferences by reducing the bid price or by increasing the points proportionally based on the total dollar value of the bid or proposal that is designated by the prime contractor for subcontracting with a certified LBE, DBE, RBO or business located in an enterprise zone.

2) If the prime contractor is a joint venture that is not a certified LBE, certified DBE or certified RBO joint venture, or if the prime contractor is a joint venture that includes a business in an enterprise zone but such business located in an enterprise zone does not own and control at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the joint venture, the District will award the above-stated preferences by reducing the bid price or by increasing the points proportionally in the proposal based on the total dollar value of the bid or proposal that is designated by the prime contractor for a certified LBE, DBE, RBO or business located in an enterprise zone, for participation in the joint venture.

For Example:

If a non-certified prime contractor subcontracts with a certified local business enterprise for a percentage of the work to be performed on an RFP, the calculation of the percentage points to be added during evaluation would be according to the following formula:

$$\frac{\textbf{Amount of Subcontract}}{\textbf{Amount of Contract}} \times 4^{*} = \textbf{Points Awarded for Evaluating LSDBE Subcontracting}$$

***Note: Equivalent of four (4) points on a 100 point scale**

The maximum total preference under the act of this procurement is twelve percent (12%) for bids submitted in response to an IFB or the equivalent of twelve (12) points on a 100-point scale for proposals submitted in response to a RFP. Any prime contractor receiving the full bid price reduction or point addition to its overall score for a particular preference will not receive any additional bid price reduction or points for further participation on a subcontracting level for that particular preference.

However, the prime contractor shall receive a further proportional bid price reduction or point addition on a different preference for participation on a subcontracting level for that different preference. For example, if a LBE prime contractor receives the four percent bid price reduction or the equivalent of four points on a 100-point scale, the LBE prime contractor does not receive a further price reduction or additional points if such contractor proposes subcontracting with an LBE. However, if this same LBE prime contractor proposes subcontracting with a DBE, the LBE prime contractor receives a further proportional bid price reduction or point addition for the DBE participation on the subcontracting level.

M.1.1.1 Preferences for Open Market Solicitation with LBE, DBE or RBO Subcontracting Set Aside

If the solicitation is an open market solicitation with LBE, DBE or RBO subcontracting set-aside, the prime contractor will receive the LBE, DBE or RBO preferences only if it is a certified LBE, DBE or RBO. There shall be no preference awarded for subcontracting by the prime contractor with a LBE, DBE or RBO, even if the prime contractor proposes LBE, DBE, or RBO subcontracting above the subcontracting levels required by the solicitation. However, the prime contractor shall be entitled to the full preference for business located in an enterprise zone if it is a business located in an enterprise zone or a proportional preference if the prime contractor subcontracts with a business located in an enterprise zone.

The maximum total preference under the Act for this procurement is twelve percent (12%) for bids submitted in response to an IFB or the equivalent of twelve (12) points on a 100-point scale for proposals submitted in response to a RFP.

M.1.1.2 Preferences for Certified Joint Ventures Including Local or Disadvantaged Businesses or Resident Business Ownerships

When an LBOC-certified joint venture includes a local business enterprise (LBE), disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) or a resident business ownership (RBO), and the LBE, DBE or RBO owns and controls at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the venture, the joint venture will receive the preference as if it were a certified LBE, DBE or RBO.

M.1.1.3 Preference for Joint Ventures Including Businesses located in an Enterprise Zone

When a joint venture includes a business located in an enterprise zone, and such business located in an enterprise zone owns and controls at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the venture, the joint venture will receive the preferences as if it were a business located in an enterprise zone.

M.1.1.4 Vendor Submission for Preferences

Any vendor seeking to receive preferences on this solicitation must submit at the time of, and as part of its bid or proposal the following documentation, as applicable to the preference being sought:

a. Evidence of the vendor's, subcontractor's, or joint venture partner's certification or self-certification as a LBE, DBE, or RBO, to include either:

1) A copy of all relevant letters of certification from the Local Business Opportunity Commission (LBOC); or

2) A copy of the sworn notarized Self-Certification Form prescribed by the LBOC, along with an acknowledgement letter issued by the Director of the LBOC. Businesses with principal offices located outside of the District of Columbia must first be certified as LBEs before qualifying for self-certification.

b. Evidence that the vendor or any subcontractor is located in an enterprise zone.

In order for a bidder to receive allowable preferences under this solicitation, the bidder must include the relevant information as described in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this clause, as part of its bid.

Refer to J.2.1 for the Self-Certification Package.

In order to receive any preferences under this solicitation, any vendor seeking self-certification must complete and submit the forms to:

Office of Local Business Development
ATTN: LSDBE Certification Program
441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 970N
Washington, DC 20001

All vendors are encouraged to contact the Local, Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Certification Program at (202) 727-3900 if additional information is required on certification procedures and requirements.

M.1.1.5 Penalties for Misrepresentation

Any material misrepresentation on the sworn notarized self-certification form could result in termination of the contract, the contractor's liability for civil and criminal action in accordance with the Act, D.C. Law 12-268, and other District laws, including debarment.

M.1.1.6 Local, Small, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Subcontracting

When a prime contractor is certified by the Office of Local Business Development as a local, small or disadvantaged business or a resident business ownership, the prime contractor shall perform at least fifty percent (50%) of the contracting effort, excluding the cost of materials, good, and supplies with its own organization resources, and if it subcontracts, fifty percent (50%) of the subcontracting effort, excluding the cost of materials, goods, and supplies shall be with certified local, small or disadvantaged business enterprises and resident business ownerships, unless a waiver is granted by the contracting officer, with prior approval and consent of the Director of the LBOC under the provisions of 27 DCMR 805, 39 DCR 5578-5580 (July 24, 1992).

By submitting a signed bid, the prime contractor certifies that it will comply with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

M.2 EVALUATION OF OPTION YEARS

NOT APPLICABLE