



State of West Virginia  
 Department of Administration  
 Purchasing Division  
 2019 Washington Street East  
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 Charleston, WV 25305-0130

# Request for Quotation

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PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING & FINANCIAL MGMT. SERVICES  REQUEST FOR QUOTATION FOR AN OPEN END CONTRACT  TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO MILDRED MITCHELL-BATEMAN HOSPITAL, WILLIAM R. SHARPE, JR. HOSPITAL, AND WELCH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WITHIN THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES, BUREAU FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HEALTH FACILITIES. SEE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS.  EXHIBIT 3  LIFE OF CONTRACT: THIS CONTRACT BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 1, 2011, AND EXTENDS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR OR UNTIL SUCH "REASONABLE TIME" THEREAFTER AS IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A NEW CONTRACT OR RENEW THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT. THE "REASONABLE TIME" PERIOD SHALL NOT EXCEED TWELVE (12) MONTHS. DURING THIS "REASONABLE TIME" THE VENDOR MAY TERMINATE THIS CONTRACT FOR ANY REASON UPON GIVING THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE.  UNLESS SPECIFIC PROVISIONS ARE STIPULATED ELSEWHERE IN THIS CONTRACT DOCUMENT, THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PRICING SET HEREIN ARE FIRM FOR THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT.						

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## GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

1. Awards will be made in the best interest of the State of West Virginia.
  2. The State may accept or reject in part, or in whole, any bid.
  3. Prior to any award, the apparent successful vendor must be properly registered with the Purchasing Division and have paid the required \$125 fee.
  4. All services performed or goods delivered under State Purchase Order/Contracts are to be continued for the term of the Purchase Order/Contracts, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise available for these services or goods this Purchase Order/Contract becomes void and of no effect after June 30.
  5. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services.
  6. Interest may be paid for late payment in accordance with the *West Virginia Code*.
  7. Vendor preference will be granted upon written request in accordance with the *West Virginia Code*.
  8. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.
  9. The Director of Purchasing may cancel any Purchase Order/Contract upon 30 days written notice to the seller.
  10. The laws of the State of West Virginia and the *Legislative Rules* of the Purchasing Division shall govern the purchasing process.
  11. Any reference to automatic renewal is hereby deleted. The Contract may be renewed only upon mutual written agreement of the parties.
  12. **BANKRUPTCY:** In the event the vendor/contractor files for bankruptcy protection, the State may deem this contract null and void, and terminate such contract without further order.
  13. **HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM:** The West Virginia State Government HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (BAA), approved by the Attorney General, is available online at [www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.htm](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.htm) and is hereby made part of the agreement. Provided that the Agency meets the definition of a Cover Entity (45 CFR §160.103) and will be disclosing Protected Health Information (45 CFR §160.103) to the vendor.
  14. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** The vendor agrees that he or she will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the agency's policies, procedures, and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy/noticeConfidentiality.pdf>.
  15. **LICENSING:** Vendors must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, and the West Virginia Insurance Commission. The vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the director or spending unit to verify that the vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.
  16. **ANTITRUST:** In submitting a bid to any agency for the State of West Virginia, the bidder offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted the bidder will convey, sell, assign or transfer to the State of West Virginia all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the State of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to the bidder.
- I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, or person or entity submitting a bid for the same material, supplies, equipment or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or Fraud. I further certify that I am authorized to sign the certification on behalf of the bidder or this bid.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Use the quotation forms provided by the Purchasing Division. Complete all sections of the quotation form.
2. Items offered must be in compliance with the specifications. Any deviation from the specifications must be clearly indicated by the bidder. Alternates offered by the bidder as **EQUAL** to the specifications must be clearly defined. A bidder offering an alternate should attach complete specifications and literature to the bid. The Purchasing Division may waive minor deviations to specifications.
3. Unit prices shall prevail in case of discrepancy. All quotations are considered F.O.B. destination unless alternate shipping terms are clearly identified in the quotation.
4. All quotations must be delivered by the bidder to the office listed below prior to the date and time of the bid opening. Failure of the bidder to deliver the quotations on time will result in bid disqualifications: Department of Administration, Purchasing Division, 2019 Washington Street East, P.O. Box 50130, Charleston, WV 25305-0130
5. Communication during the solicitation, bid, evaluation or award periods, except through the Purchasing Division, is strictly prohibited (W.Va. C.S.R. §148-1-6.6).



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<p>RENEWAL: THIS CONTRACT MAY BE RENEWED UPON THE MUTUAL WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE SPENDING UNIT AND VENDOR, SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE. SUCH RENEWAL SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AND SHALL BE LIMITED TO TWO (2) ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS.</p> <p>CANCELLATION: THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY UPON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE VENDOR IF THE COMMODITIES AND/OR SERVICE SUPPLIED ARE OF AN INFERIOR QUALITY OR DO NOT CONFORM TO THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE BID AND CONTRACT HEREIN.</p> <p>OPEN MARKET CLAUSE: THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING MAY AUTHORIZE A SPENDING UNIT TO PURCHASE ON THE OPEN MARKET, WITHOUT THE FILING OF A REQUISITION OR COST ESTIMATE, ITEMS SPECIFIED ON THIS CONTRACT FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY IN EMERGENCIES DUE TO UNFORESEEN CAUSES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DELAYS IN TRANSPORTATION OR AN UNANTICIPATED INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF WORK.)</p> <p>QUANTITIES: QUANTITIES LISTED IN THE REQUISITION ARE APPROXIMATIONS ONLY, BASED ON ESTIMATES SUPPLIED BY THE STATE SPENDING UNIT. IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE CONTRACT SHALL COVER THE QUANTITIES ACTUALLY ORDERED FOR DELIVERY DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT, WHETHER MORE OR LESS THAN THE QUANTITIES SHOWN.</p> <p>ORDERING PROCEDURE: SPENDING UNIT(S) SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN STATE CONTRACT ORDER (FORM NUMBER WV-39) TO THE VENDOR FOR COMMODITIES COVERED BY THIS CONTRACT. THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THE WV-39 SHALL BE MAILED TO THE VENDOR AS AUTHORIZATION FOR SHIPMENT, A SECOND COPY</p>						

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<p>MAILED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION, AND A THIRD COPY RETAINED BY THE SPENDING UNIT.</p> <p>BANKRUPTCY: IN THE EVENT THE VENDOR/CONTRACTOR FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION, THIS CONTRACT IS AUTOMATICALLY NULL AND VOID, AND IS TERMINATED WITHOUT FURTHER ORDER.</p> <p>INQUIRIES:            WRITTEN QUESTIONS SHALL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 8/16/2011. QUESTIONS MAY BE SENT VIA USPS, FAX, COURIER OR E-MAIL. IN ORDER TO ASSURE NO VENDOR RECEIVES AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE, NO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED ORALLY. IF POSSIBLE, E-MAIL QUESTIONS ARE PREFERRED. ADDRESS INQUIRIES TO:</p> <p>ROBERTA WAGNER            DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION            PURCHASING DIVISION            2019 WASHINGTON STREET, EAST            CHARLESTON, WV 25311</p> <p>FAX: 304-558-4115            E-MAIL: ROBERTA.A.WAGNER@WV.GOV</p> <p>EXHIBIT 4</p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES: UNLESS THE VENDOR INDICATES IN THE BID HIS REFUSAL TO EXTEND THE PRICES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF THE BID TO COUNTY, SCHOOL, MUNICIPAL</p>						

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<p>AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES, THE BID SHALL EXTEND TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA. IF THE VENDOR DOES NOT WISH TO EXTEND THE PRICES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF THE BID TO ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE, THE VENDOR MUST CLEARLY INDICATE SUCH REFUSAL IN HIS BID. SUCH REFUSAL SHALL NOT PREJUDICE THE AWARD OF THIS CONTRACT IN ANY MANNER.</p> <p>REV. 3/88</p> <p>PURCHASING CARD ACCEPTANCE: THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA CURRENTLY UTILIZES A VISA PURCHASING CARD PROGRAM WHICH IS ISSUED THROUGH A BANK. THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR MUST ACCEPT THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA VISA PURCHASING CARD FOR PAYMENT OF ALL ORDERS PLACED BY ANY STATE AGENCY AS A CONDITION OF AWARD.</p> <p>REV 07/16/2007</p> <p>VENDOR PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE</p> <p>THIS TEAM EXHIBIT HAS BEEN REPLACED BY THE ONLINE VERSION WHICH IS AVAILABLE HERE:  <a href="http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/venpref.pdf">HTTP://WWW.STATE.WV.US/ADMIN/PURCHASE/VRC/VENPREF.PDF</a></p> <p>NOTICE</p> <p>A SIGNED BID MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION        PURCHASING DIVISION        BUILDING 15        2019 WASHINGTON STREET, EAST        CHARLESTON, WV 25305-0130</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: A CONVENIENCE COPY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.</p>						

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<p>THE BID SHOULD CONTAIN THIS INFORMATION ON THE FACE OF THE ENVELOPE OR THE BID MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED:</p> <p>SEALED BID</p> <p>BUYER: -----RW/FILE 22-----</p> <p>RFQ. NO.: -----BHS12026-----</p> <p>BID OPENING DATE: -----09/01/2011-----</p> <p>BID OPENING TIME: -----1:30 PM-----</p> <p>PLEASE PROVIDE A FAX NUMBER IN CASE IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTACT YOU REGARDING YOUR BID:</p> <p>-----</p> <p>CONTACT PERSON (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):</p> <p>-----</p> <p>***** THIS IS THE END OF RFQ BHS12026 ***** TOTAL: _____</p>						

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**1.1 PURPOSE:**

To obtain the services of an experienced Certified Public Accounting firm to provide professional accounting and financial management services for Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital, Welch Community Hospital, and William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital.

**1.2 LOCATION OF HOSPITALS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

MILDRED MITCHELL-BATEMAN HOSPITAL is located at 1530 Norway Avenue, in Huntington, WV 25709-0448. Facility is a 110-bed, state-supported acute psychiatric hospital with acute, forensic and long-term patients. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission (JOINT) and certified by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The Fiscal Services Department oversees the financial operations.

WELCH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL is located at 454 McDowell Street, in Welch, WV 24801. Facility has 124 licensed beds with 108 staffed (59 of which are long term care beds and 49 acute care, including 7 intensive care beds; 2 pediatric beds; 7 obstetrical beds and 33 medical/surgical beds. The Hospital serves the counties of McDowell, Wyoming, and Mingo with a total market population of about 80,000. Welch Community Hospital has one (1) off-campus site which is connected to the Hospital's information system. This site houses Human Resources, Accounts Payable, Purchasing and Patient Accounts Department. The Fiscal Services Department oversees the financial operations.

WILLIAM R. SHARPE JR. HOSPITAL is located at Route 33 West, in Weston, West Virginia 26452. Facility is a 150-bed, state supported acute psychiatric hospital with acute, forensic and long-term patients. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission (JOINT) and certified by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The Fiscal Services Department oversees the financial operations.

**2.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

A certified public accounting firm is to provide professional accounting and financial management services performed by a staff of qualified and experience personnel. Staff assignments must be acceptable to facility CFO/CEO.

**2.1 VENDOR EXPERIENCE: MANDATORY**

Vendor must provide documentation to demonstrate the following requirements are met:

- |   | Yes/No |
|---|--------|
| • be an established Certified Public Accounting Firm with ten (10) years experience and registered with the State of West Virginia. | _____  |
| • have at least five (5) years healthcare consulting experience.  | _____  |
| • have at least three (3) years experience in 339 reporting.  | _____  |
| • have at least five (5) years experience Health Care Authority (HCA) reporting, including quarterly CBM-9 reports.                 | _____  |
| • have at least five (5) years experience in reimbursement regulation research.   | _____  |
| • have at least five (5) years experience related to rate regulation.   | _____  |

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**2.2 SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED: MANDATORY**

The vendor will be responsible for providing professional accounting and financial management services to include, but not be limited to the following services:

- A. Vendor will provide ongoing consultation to the Hospitals related to their accounting functions involving monthly, quarterly and yearly analysis of financial statements, general ledger and supporting subsidiary ledgers as requested by the Bureau and/or Facilities Chief Financial Officer (CFO). This includes a review of their Keane General Ledger System.
- B. Vendor will assist the hospital's business office and accounting personnel to develop the data necessary for the vendor to complete Federal and State regulatory reports.
- C. Vendor must provide technical support in the billing and collection process as requested by the CFO; recommend improvements as applicable.
- D. Vendor must provide a financial records review to the CFO as requested, which will be at least on a quarterly basis.
- E. Vendor will provide reimbursement regulation research and respond to the CFO as requested.
- F. Vendor must prepare all Medicare (HCFA 2552) Cost Reports, Provider Cost Report Reimbursement Questionnaires (HCFA 339) and supporting documentation, which are due during the contract period. These reports are to be submitted prior to the deadline established by HCFA.
- G. Vendor must prepare all Health Care Authority (HCA) Reports which are due during the contract period. All reports are to be submitted prior to the deadline established by HCA.
- H. Vendor shall review and update fee schedules throughout the contract period as requested by the CFO, which will be at least quarterly.
- I. Vendor will prepare all disproportionate share calculations as requested by the CFO, which shall be at least once a year. Vendor will assist with the filing of DSH audit information as to the cost times, financial and trial balances.
- J. Vendor will recommend improvements in cost reimbursement to gain consistency among facilities; the vendor will review revenue opportunities with more focus on revenue cycle process.
- K. Vendor must provide technical support in the billing and collection process (and training) as necessary if requested by the CFO and make; recommended improvements as applicable.
- L. Vendor will review and recommend a method for recovering Medicare deductibles and coinsurance amounts annually through the cost report.
- M. Vendor must prepare an observation and recommendation letter to the management of each facility for the purpose of improving reimbursement, collections and agency funding. A letter must be completed only upon the request of the individual hospital or with bureau approval.



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**3.0 SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS****3.1 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

The vendor, as an independent contractor, is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. Proof of insurance shall be provided by the vendor at the time the contract is awarded. The vendor shall maintain and furnish proof of coverage of liability insurance for loss, damage, or injury (including death) of third parties arising from acts and omissions on the part of the vendor, its agents and employees in the following amounts:

- For bodily injury (including death): Minimum of \$500,000.00 per person, and \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.
- For property damage and professional liability: Minimum of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.

**3.2 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS:**

The successful Vendor must present evidence of certification or licensure With the West Virginia Workers Compensation and Unemployment Funds, a copy of its WV Business Certificate and any other licenses it may be required to hold by the nature of its operation.

**3.3 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR FAILURE TO MEET PERFORMANCE:**

According to West Virginia State Code §5A-3-4(8), the Vendor agrees that liquidated damages shall be imposed at the rate identified in this section. The additional remedies described in this part shall be cumulative and shall be assessed upon each separate period of accountability. This clause shall in no way be considered exclusive and shall not limit the State or Agency's right to pursue any other additional remedy to which the State or Agency may have legal cause for action including further damages against the Vendor.

Oral or written notification to the successful Vendor of the failure to meet performance by its due date as set forth in the then-current mutually agreed upon Engagement document may be given by the Bureau/Facility CFO and/or CEO to the Vendor. The Vendor shall immediately cure the failure set forth in the notification. If the failure is not resolved, liquidated damages may be imposed at the State's option and shall be imposed retroactively to the date of failure to perform.

Amounts so determined shall constitute deductions from the amount of the Vendor's request for payment. The Vendor is responsible for the preparation and submittal of an accurate payment request. Failure to reflect such deductions from the amount of the Vendor's request for payment shall constitute grounds for the Department to end or deny that request for payment. Any additional costs incurred by the State solely as a result of the failure by the Vendor to perform or provide services as outlined in the Engagement, including, by not limited to, additional costs for obtaining services to meet established reporting requirements by the Bureau, shall also be the responsibility of the Vendor.

Daily penalty for failure to meet deadlines as agreed upon in Engagement: \$500 per calendar day. Vendor performance complaints will also be filed indicating non-compliance.

**4.0 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS****4.1 INVOICES AND PROGRESS PAYMENTS:**

The Vendor shall submit invoices, in arrears, to the Facility at the address on the face of the purchase order labeled "Invoice To" pursuant to the terms of the contract. Invoices may not be submitted more than once monthly and State law forbids payment of invoices prior to receipt of services.

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**BASIS OF AWARD:**

The Vendor, who meets all of the mandatory requirements for experience, and submits the lowest hourly rate, will be awarded the contract.

For bid evaluation purposes only, here are the estimated hours per facility to consider, but it is in no way to be construed as the total hours to be performed or committed to by the vendor or Bureau. Each facility will determine what their needs are with each engagement.

Bateman, estimated yearly usage:	900 hours
Sharpe, estimated yearly usage:	950 hours
Welch, estimated yearly usage:	1500 hours
<b>Estimated Total:</b>	<b>3350 hours</b>

All travel and administrative fees/costs are to be included in your hourly rate as no separate reimbursement of expenses will occur.

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BID COST SHEET

All INCLUSIVE HOURLY RATE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ X 3350 (estimated number of hours for all facilities requiring services listed herein).

GRAND TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (based on estimated hours for evaluation purposes)

\_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

RFQ No. BHS 12026STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
Purchasing Division**PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT**

**West Virginia Code §5A-3-10a states:** No contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate.

**DEFINITIONS:**

"Debt" means any assessment, premium, penalty, fine, tax or other amount of money owed to the state or any of its political subdivisions because of a judgment, fine, permit violation, license assessment, defaulted workers' compensation premium, penalty or other assessment presently delinquent or due and required to be paid to the state or any of its political subdivisions, including any interest or additional penalties accrued thereon.

"Debtor" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association owing a debt to the state or any of its political subdivisions. "Political subdivision" means any county commission; municipality; county board of education; any instrumentality established by a county or municipality; any separate corporation or instrumentality established by one or more counties or municipalities, as permitted by law; or any public body charged by law with the performance of a government function or whose jurisdiction is coextensive with one or more counties or municipalities. "Related party" means a party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association or other entity whatsoever, related to any vendor by blood, marriage, ownership or contract through which the party has a relationship of ownership or other interest with the vendor so that the party will actually or by effect receive or control a portion of the benefit, profit or other consideration from performance of a vendor contract with the party receiving an amount that meets or exceeds five percent of the total contract amount.

**EXCEPTION:** The prohibition of this section does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of this code, workers' compensation premium, permit fee or environmental fee or assessment and the matter has not become final or where the vendor has entered into a payment plan or agreement and the vendor is not in default of any of the provisions of such plan or agreement.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (*West Virginia Code* §61-5-3), it is hereby certified that the vendor affirms and acknowledges the information in this affidavit and is in compliance with the requirements as stated.

**WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE**

Vendor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_, to-wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

AFFIX SEAL HERE

NOTARY PUBLIC \_\_\_\_\_

# State of West Virginia **VENDOR PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE**

Certification and application\* is hereby made for Preference in accordance with *West Virginia Code*, §5A-3-37. (Does not apply to construction contracts). *West Virginia Code*, §5A-3-37, provides an opportunity for qualifying vendors to request (at the time of bid) preference for their residency status. Such preference is an evaluation method only and will be applied only to the cost bid in accordance with the *West Virginia Code*. This certificate for application is to be used to request such preference. The Purchasing Division will make the determination of the Resident Vendor Preference, if applicable.

1. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder is an individual resident vendor and has resided continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; or,  
 Bidder is a partnership, association or corporation resident vendor and has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; or 80% of the ownership interest of Bidder is held by another individual, partnership, association or corporation resident vendor who has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; or,  
 Bidder is a nonresident vendor which has an affiliate or subsidiary which employs a minimum of one hundred state residents and which has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia continuously for the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; or,
2. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder is a resident vendor who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees working on the project being bid are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; or,
3. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder is a nonresident vendor employing a minimum of one hundred state residents or is a nonresident vendor with an affiliate or subsidiary which maintains its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia employing a minimum of one hundred state residents who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees or Bidder's affiliate's or subsidiary's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; or,
4. **Application is made for 5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder meets either the requirement of both subdivisions (1) and (2) or subdivision (1) and (3) as stated above; or,
5. **Application is made for 3.5% resident vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder is an individual resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard and has resided in West Virginia continuously for the four years immediately preceding the date on which the bid is submitted; or,
6. **Application is made for 3.5% resident vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder is a resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard, if, for purposes of producing or distributing the commodities or completing the project which is the subject of the vendor's bid and continuously over the entire term of the project, on average at least seventy-five percent of the vendor's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two immediately preceding years.

Bidder understands if the Secretary of Revenue determines that a Bidder receiving preference has failed to continue to meet the requirements for such preference, the Secretary may order the Director of Purchasing to: (a) reject the bid; or (b) assess a penalty against such Bidder in an amount not to exceed 5% of the bid amount and that such penalty will be paid to the contracting agency or deducted from any unpaid balance on the contract or purchase order.

By submission of this certificate, Bidder agrees to disclose any reasonably requested information to the Purchasing Division and authorizes the Department of Revenue to disclose to the Director of Purchasing appropriate information verifying that Bidder has paid the required business taxes, provided that such information does not contain the amounts of taxes paid nor any other information deemed by the Tax Commissioner to be confidential.

**Under penalty of law for false swearing (West Virginia Code, §61-5-3), Bidder hereby certifies that this certificate is true and accurate in all respects; and that if a contract is issued to Bidder and if anything contained within this certificate changes during the term of the contract, Bidder will notify the Purchasing Division in writing immediately.**

Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Check any combination of preference consideration(s) indicated above, which you are entitled to receive.