**USE OF SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

**IN CONTRACT PERFORMANCE**

Article 17-B of the Executive Law enacted in 2014 acknowledges that Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs) strongly contribute to the economies of the State and the nation. As defenders of our nation and in recognition of their economic activity in doing business in New York State, bidders/proposers for this contract for commodities, services or technology are strongly encouraged and expected to consider SDVOBs in the fulfillment of the requirements of the contract. Such partnering may be as subcontractors, suppliers, protégés or other supporting roles. SDVOBs can be readily identified on the directory of certified businesses at <http://ogs.ny.gov/Core/docs/CertifiedNYS_SDVOB.pdf>.

Bidders/proposers need to be aware that all authorized users of this contract will be strongly encouraged to the maximum extent practical and consistent with legal requirements of the State Finance Law and the Executive Law to use responsible and responsive SDVOBs in purchasing and utilizing commodities, services and technology that are of equal quality and functionality to those that may be obtained from non-SDVOBs. Furthermore, bidders/proposers are reminded that they must continue to utilize small, minority and women-owned businesses consistent with current State law.

Utilizing SDVOBs in State contracts will help create more private sector jobs, rebuild New York State’s infrastructure, and maximize economic activity to the mutual benefit of the contractor and its SDVOB partners. SDVOBs will promote the contractor’s optimal performance under the contract, thereby fully benefiting the public sector programs that are supported by associated public procurements.

Public procurements can drive and improve the State’s economic engine through promotion of the use of SDVOBs by its contractors. The State, therefore, expects bidders/proposers to provide maximum assistance to SDVOBs in their contract performance. The potential participation by all kinds of SDVOBs will deliver great value to the State and its taxpayers.

Bidders/proposers can demonstrate their commitment to the use of SDVOBs by responding to the questions below:

Bidder Company Name:

Are you a bidder/proposer that is a NYS certified SDVOB? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, what is your DSDVBD Control #?

Will NYS certified SDVOBs be used in the performance of this contract?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, identify the NYS certified SDVOBs that will be used below (if more than 4 identified, please attach an additional form):

**NYS-Certified SDVOB 1:**

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| Name:      |
| Address:      |
| Control # | Contract # | Total % Work Performed | $ Amount |
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| Nature of Participation:       |

**NYS-Certified SDVOB 2:**

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| Name:      |
| Address:      |
| Control # | Contract # | Total % Work Performed | $ Amount |
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| Nature of Participation:       |

**NYS-Certified SDVOB 3:**

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| Name:      |
| Address:      |
| Control # | Contract # | Total % Work Performed | $ Amount |
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| Nature of Participation:       |

**NYS-Certified SDVOB 4:**

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| Name:      |
| Address:      |
| Control # | Contract # | Total % Work Performed | $ Amount |
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| Nature of Participation:       |

Contractor will report on actual participation by each SDVOB during the term of the contract on a semi-annual basis to the Office of General Services Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise Program. See <http://ogs.ny.gov>

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*NOTE: Information about set asides for SDVOB participation in public procurement can be found* <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/Core/SDVOBA.asp> *which provides guidance for State agencies in making determinations and administering set asides for procurements from SDVOBs.*