

# REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR

# BOND UNDERWRITING FIRMS (SENIOR MANAGER AND CO-MANAGER)

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## CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority ("CHEFA" or the "Authority") is a quasipublic state agency created in 1965 to provide access to the tax-exempt bond market for qualified nonprofit institutions. To date, the Authority has issued over \$25.6 billion of tax-exempt and taxable bonds to nonprofits across the state.

In accordance with the requirements in Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 187, Section 10a-179 (h) (4), the Authority is requesting proposals from qualified firms interested in providing underwriter services to the Authority and its clients for a period not to exceed three (3) years. Please indicate in your response if your firm is seeking approval as a Senior Manager or Co-Manager. Firms which the Authority deems eligible to provide underwriter services will be placed on the Authority's qualified list, which will be available to its client institutions.

#### II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Authority seeks submissions from qualified firms that have established expertise in the area of public tax-exempt finance for 501(c)(3) health care, higher education, private secondary schools, human service providers, early childhood education centers and cultural institutions. Proposals should highlight the recent experience of your firm serving as Senior Manager/Co-Manager in transactions involving the issuance of tax-exempt bonds by public entities and quasi-public agencies similar to the Authority.

## III. AUTHORITY FINANCING REQUIREMENTS

The Authority will consider each firm's ability to provide comprehensive quality service to the Authority and its borrowers and the firm's demonstrable expertise and reputation. The Authority seeks to establish underwriter relationships that will assist the Authority in its mission to provide low cost access to financing for its clients.

Prior to presenting specific financing proposals to a CHEFA client, the Senior Manager must inform the Authority of its plans to make such a proposal and the nature of the proposal. The Senior Manager must collaborate with CHEFA staff throughout the financing process on financing structure, financing schedule, credit issues (including inviting CHEFA staff to rating agency meetings), proposed fees, and the use of Co-Managers, including minority, woman-owned and veteran-owned firms.

#### IV. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Firms will be evaluated on the basis of their response to this RFQ and any additional information as requested by the Authority, but not limited to the following:

- 1. Experience, qualifications of personnel and distribution capacity
- 2. Responsiveness, innovation and ideas
- 3. Regulatory Compliance and reputation
- 4. Capital adequacy and ability to underwrite bonds
- 5. Commitment to the Authority and Connecticut, including any support of Connecticut's disadvantaged communities.
- 6. Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as demonstrated by business and charitable activities, and workforce diversity, including diversity of the team assigned to CHEFA financings.

## V. REQUESTED INFORMATION

Unless instructed otherwise, each respondent to this RFQ must provide the following information:

- 1. Experience, Qualifications of Personnel and Distribution Capacity
  - a. A brief description of your organization and previous experience providing underwriting services to agencies similar to the Authority.
  - b. Brief biographies of the Senior Relationship Manager and key individuals who would be assigned to the Authority's financings.
  - c. Indicate the total dollar volume and number of all negotiated 501(c)(3) revenue bond issues for which your firm served as Senior Manager or Co-Manager since January 1, 2022 in the format below. In addition, please complete *Attachments I and II*.

### Senior Manager

Sector	# of Transactions	Total \$ Volume
Health Care		
Higher Education		
Independent Schools		
Other		
Total		

### Co -Manager

Sector	# of Transactions	Total \$ Volume
Health Care		
Higher Education		
Independent Schools		
Other		
Total		

- d. Describe two representative 501(c)(3) revenue bond transactions (preferably in the health care and/or education sectors) for which your firm served as Senior Manager during the past three years. Explain why these examples are relevant to your inclusion on the Authority's Approved list. Please include the following:
  - i. Name of issuer and borrowing institution, date of issue and include the names and contact information of references.
  - ii. Description of issue, including structure, any unique features
  - iii. Credit ratings

- iv. Fees charged for the transaction, including takedown, management fees, itemized expenses, etc
- v. Describe the level of coverage for errors and omissions insurance and fiduciary or professional liability insurance your firm carries.

## 2. Responsiveness, Innovation and Ideas

- a. Please discuss your thoughts regarding pricing given the current volatility in the market. Please discuss any structuring or marketing ideas you may have to improve the general market reception and pricing performance.
- b. Please list two significant issues in public finance (with particular emphasis, if possible, on healthcare and educational finance) which will impact the Authority during the next three years? How would your firm aid the Authority in addressing each?
- c. What factors should the Authority weigh in evaluating underwriters' qualifications and what considerations should predominate in structuring a transaction?

## 3. Regulatory Compliance and Reputation

- a. Detail any material litigation, investigation, administrative proceeding, disciplinary action, or penalties (involving alleged violations of securities law or regulations and/or violation of any Connecticut General Statutes that apply) to which your firm or members of your firm were a party during the past five years.
- b. Describe in detail any potential conflicts of interest that your firm, affiliates, or parent may have for this engagement.
- c. If applicable, please provide any complaints your firm received in connection with Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) activities since January 1, 2022. Please be aware in an event the firm receives a "Need to Improve" rating or lower during the proposed engagement period, CHEFA reserves the right to suspend the firm to serve as underwriter for CHEFA's financings.

#### 4. Capital Adequacy and Ability to Underwrite Bonds

- a. Please describe your firm's distribution capabilities, in particular, retail distribution.
- b. The firm's current net excess capital, including the total underwriting capacity.

## 5. Commitment to CHEFA and Connecticut

- a. Please provide information regarding any policies/practices of your firm that demonstrates a commitment to the communities in which you do business. This may include a summary of charitable giving including matching charitable contributions of employees, a list of Connecticut-based events or groups which you have sponsored, a list of Connecticut-based businesses from whom you procure goods and services, highlighting those firms which are women-owned or minority-owned, or a description of any policies that encourage your employees to volunteer time or make charitable contributions.
- b. Discuss your firm's involvement in CRA activities, or similar activities if your firm is not subject to the CRA. Please include specific activities in Connecticut.

## 6. Commitment to Affirmative Action and/or Diversity Equity and Inclusion

- a. The Authority is very committed to diversity. The Authority seeks an ethnically diverse team of professionals assigned to its account. Please provide specific information regarding your firm's commitment to Affirmative Action and/or Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
- b. Describe the firm's workforce diversity and any plans or efforts to improve or broaden its diversity.
- c. Describe your firm's commitment to diversity, education and training of the next generation of professionals in your industry, including any internship programs and the applicable percentage of the internships provided to the underrepresented groups.

## VI. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

- The total length of the response is limited to 15 pages (excludes any fee schedules or exhibits

   please refrain from including any lengthy marketing material). Your firm's submission relating to this RFQ must include a response to the questions and requests for information as described above, a completed Campaign Contribution Certification form (Exhibit A), completed Third Party Fee Affidavit (Exhibit B), and a copy of your firm's IRS Form W-9.
- 2. Please submit a copy of your firm's response to this RFQ via email by no later than Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in PDF format to the following individuals:

Dan Kurowski <u>dkurowski@chefa.com</u>

Kara Stuart <u>kstuart@chefa.com</u>

- 3. The Authority reserves the following rights (without limitation or waiver):
- a. To reject any or all proposals.
- b. To conduct investigations or request further information relating to the qualifications of any or all respondents.
- c. To supplement, modify or cancel this request for proposals without notice or substitution of another such request.
- d. To reevaluate a proposal or selection if there are any changes in the substance of the proposal.
- 4. The Authority shall not be liable for any cost incurred in connection with responding to this proposal.
- 5. Please direct any questions to Dan Kurowski (860-761-8432) or via email at dkurowski@chefa.com.
- 6. Proposed Schedule

August 7, 2025 RFQ Released

August 27, 2025 Deadline for Questions

September 3, 2025 Responses to Questions Posted on DAS and CHEFA Websites

September 17, 2025 Proposal Due Date

October 15, 2025 Approved Underwriters Selection

#### VII. SELECTION PROCESS

The Consultant Committee will conduct the selection of the Approved Underwriters at the Authority's October 15, 2025, with a recommendation for approval to the Board of Directors of the Authority meeting on October 15, 2025. Evaluation of firms will include, but will not be limited to, the responses to this RFQ, and reputation, and prior performance, of the firm.

## VIII. STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

#### 1. Penalty for False Statement (C.G.S. §1-126)

Any quasi-public agency, as defined in Section 1-120 of the General Statutes, shall require any application, agreement, financial statement, certificate or other writing submitted to such quasi-public agency with respect to any loan, mortgage, guarantee, investment, grant, lease, tax relief, bond financing or other extension of credit or financial assistance made or provided by such quasi-public agency and that provides information on which the decision of such quasi-public agency was based, to be signed under penalty of false statement as provided in Section 53a-157b of the General Statutes. The Authority requires that proposals in response hereto be provided on the same basis.

Include the following statement with your proposal:

"The information provided herein is submitted by the undersigned authorized signatory of the firm under penalty of false statement as provided in the Connecticut General Statutes, Section 53a-157b."

# 2. <u>State Election Enforcement Commission Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Ban - C.G.S.</u> §9-612(f)

The Authority is required to provide prospective state contractors with a copy of or Internet link to the Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations ("SEEC Notice"). The SEEC Notice is available at: <a href="https://seec.ct.gov/Portal/data/forms/ContrForms/SEECStateContractorNotice.pdf">https://seec.ct.gov/Portal/data/forms/ContrForms/SEECStateContractorNotice.pdf</a>

By submitting a proposal, the authorized signatory to the proposal expressly acknowledges receipt and review of the SEEC Notice and agrees to inform the proposer's principals (as defined in such notice) of the contents of the SEEC Notice.

#### 3. Campaign Contribution Certification - C.G.S §9-612(f)(2)(F)

A prospective state contractor submitting a proposal to the Authority must make the disclosures and certifications set forth on the Campaign Contribution Certification form attached as **Exhibit A** and also available in a fillable form at <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OPM/Fin-General/OPM-Form1-GiftandCampaignContributionCertificationRev-07222021-FINAL--GDB.pdf">https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OPM/Fin-General/OPM-Form1-GiftandCampaignContributionCertificationRev-07222021-FINAL--GDB.pdf</a>

Each proposer must complete and submit the Campaign Contribution Certification form with their proposal.

## 4. Investment Services - Third Party Fee Affidavit - C.G.S. §3-13j(b)

Any person or entity entering into a contract for investment services, including investment legal services, with a quasi-public agency must disclose in a sworn affidavit any third party fees (or that there were no third party fees) attributable to such contract. Each proposer must complete and submit **Exhibit B** with their proposal.

#### 5. Nondiscrimination - C.G.S. §§4a-60 and 4a-60a

C.G.S. §§4a-60 and 4a-60a, as amended by Public Act 21-76, require (a) any entity or individual entering into a contract with a state agency or quasi-public agency to comply with the provisions of these statutes and (b) the inclusion of the provisions set forth in C.G.S. §§4a-60a(a)(1)-(4), 4a-60(c)(1), 4a-60a(1)-(5) and 4a-60a(b)(1) in any such contract. Any contract entered into with the Authority in connection with this RFQ will include the provisions required by the above referenced statutes. See paragraphs 1-3 of **Exhibit C** to this RFQ for the provisions that will be included in any contract entered into with the Authority in connection with this RFQ.

#### 6. Consulting Agreement Representation - C.G.S. §4a-81

C.G.S. §4a-81 prohibits a state agency or quasi-public agency from executing a contract for the purchase of goods or services, which contract has a total value of fifty thousand dollars or more in any calendar or fiscal year, unless such contract contains the representations set forth in C.G.S. §4a-81(b)(1) & (3) pertaining to whether any consulting agreement has been entered into in connection with such contract. The representations must be sworn as true to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the contract and shall be subject to the penalties of false statement. See paragraph 7 of **Exhibit C** to this RFQ for the representations that will be contained in any contract entered into with the Authority in connection with this RFQ.

### 7. Gift Ban Policy - C.G.S. §4-252 and Executive Order No. 21-2

In accordance with C.G.S. Section 4-252(c) and Executive Order No. 21-2 of Susan Bysiewicz, Acting Governor of the State of Connecticut, the authorized signatory of the proposer must include the following representations with the proposal:

"I [ name and title ] of [ Proposer ] hereby represent to the Authority that:

- (a) No gifts were made by (i) the proposer, (ii) any principals and key personnel of the proposer, who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating state contracts, or (iii) any agent of the proposer or principals and key personnel, who participates substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating state contracts, to (1) any public official or state employee of the state agency or quasi-public agency soliciting bids or proposals for state contracts, who participates substantially in the preparation of bid solicitations or requests for proposals for state contracts or the negotiation or award of state contracts, or (2) any public official or state employee of any other state agency, who has supervisory or appointing authority over such state agency or quasi-public agency;
- (b) No such principals and key personnel of the proposer, or agent of the proposer or of such principals and key personnel, knows of any action by the proposer to circumvent such prohibition on gifts by providing for any other principals and key personnel, official, employee or agent of the proposer to provide a gift to any such public official or state employee; and
- (c) The proposer is submitting bids or proposals without fraud or collusion with any person."

#### 8. Contract Language

By submitting a response to this RFQ, a proposer agrees to the inclusion of the language set forth in **Exhibit C** to this RFQ in any contract entered into with the Authority in connection with this RFQ.

#### 9. Freedom of Information Act

The Authority is a "public agency" for purposes of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). A proposal submitted in response to this RFQ, and any files or documents associated with the proposal,

including e-mails or other electronic files, will be public records and subject to disclosure under the FOIA. See C.G.S. §§1-200, et seq. The FOIA includes exemptions for, among other things, "trade secrets" and "commercial or financial information given in confidence, not required by statute." See C.G.S. §1-210(b). Due regard will be given for the protection of proprietary or confidential information contained in all proposals received. However, all materials associated with this RFQ are subject to the terms of the FOIA and all applicable rules, regulations and administrative decisions. If a proposer is interested in preserving the confidentiality of any part of their proposal, it will not be sufficient to state generally in the proposal that the proposal is proprietary or confidential in nature and therefore not subject to release to third parties. Instead, those particular sentences, paragraphs, pages or sections that a proposer believes to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA must be specifically identified as such. Convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption consistent with §1-210(b) of the FOIA must accompany the proposal. The rationale and explanation must be stated in terms of the reasons the materials are legally exempt from release pursuant to the FOIA. Confidential information must be separated and isolated from other material in the proposal, labeled CONFIDENTIAL, and submitted in a separate PDF. All proposal materials not placed in a separate PDF clearly marked as confidential will not be treated as confidential and will be made available for public view upon receipt of a FOIA request. Proposers should not request that their entire proposal, nor the majority of the proposal, be confidential and the Authority reserves the right to reject any such proposal. The Authority has no obligation to initiate, prosecute or defend any legal proceeding or to seek a protective order or other similar relief to prevent disclosure of any information that is sought pursuant to a FOIA request. The proposer has the burden of establishing the availability of any FOIA exemption in any proceeding where it is an issue. In no event shall the Authority or any of its officers, directors or employees have any liability for the disclosure of documents or information in the Authority's possession where the Authority, or such officer, director or employee believes disclosure is required under the FOIA or other law.

# SENIOR MANAGER

Provide the following information for Senior Managed 501(c)(3) revenue bond negotiated transactions since January 1, 2022.

Issue Name	Par Amount	Ratings	Underwriting Spread	Orders <sup>1</sup>	Percent Retail	Percent Institutional

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> E.g., Orders specific to your firm

## **CO-MANAGER**

Provide the following information for Co-Managed 501(c)(3) revenue bond negotiated transactions since January 1, 2022.

Issue Name	Par Amount	Ratings	Underwriting Spread	Orders <sup>2</sup>	Percent Retail	Percent Institutional

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> E.g., Orders specific to your firm



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION

Written or electronic certification to accompany a bid or proposal or a non-competitive contract with a value of \$50,000 or more, pursuant to C.G.S. § 9-612.

# **INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete all sections of the form. Attach additional pages, if necessary, to provide full disclosure about any campaign contributions made to campaigns of candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly, as described herein. Sign and date the form, under oath, in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. Submit the completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of submission of your bid or proposal (if no bid or proposal – submit this completed form with the earliest submittal of any document to the state or quasi-public agency prior to the execution of the contract), and if there is a change in the information contained in the most recently filed certification, such person shall submit an updated certification either (i) not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal for a contract, whichever is earlier. **Check One:** ☐ Initial Certification ☐ Updated Certification because of change of information contained in the most recently filed certification **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION:** I certify that neither the contractor or prospective state contractor, nor any of its principals, have made any contributions to, or solicited any contributions on behalf of, any party committee, exploratory committee, candidate for state-wide office or for the General Assembly, or political committee authorized to make contributions to or expenditures to or for, the benefit of such candidates, in the previous four years, that were determined by the State Elections Enforcement Commission to be in violation of subparagraph (A) or (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of Section 9-612 of the General Statutes, without mitigating circumstances having been found to exist concerning such violation. Each such certification shall be sworn as true to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the certification, subject to the penalties of false statement. If there is any change in the information contained in the most recently filed certification, such person shall submit an updated certification not later than thirty days after the effective date of any such change or upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal for a state contract, whichever is earlier. All Campaign Contributions on behalf of any party committee, exploratory committee, candidate for state-wide office or for the General Assembly, or political committee authorized to make contributions to or expenditures to or for, the benefit of such candidate, for a period of four years prior to signing the contract or date of the response to the bid, whichever is longer, include: Contribution Date Name of Contributor Recipient <u>Value</u> Description

Sworn as true to the best of my knowledge and bel	ief, subject to the penalties of false statement.
Printed Contractor Name	Printed Name of Authorized Official
Signature of Authorized Official  Subscribed and acknowledged before me this_	day of , 20 .
-	missioner of the Superior Court (or Notary Public)

## **EXHIBIT B**

## AFFIDAVIT OF THIRD PARTY FEES

Pursuant to Section 3-13jo	(b) of the Connecticut General	Statutes I,	duly
Section 9-612(e)(1)(A),	ontract for investment service with the CONNECTICUT He was sworn, hereby depose and sa	EALTH AND EDUCA	
that all third party fees <sup>2</sup> are	ttributable to such contract are	as follows:	
	[If none check this box	and sign below]	
NAME OF PAYEE	DOLLAR AMOUNT PAID OR VALUE OF NON-CASH COMPENSATION AND DATE	FEE ARRANGEMENT	SPECIFIC SERVICES PERFORMED BY PAYEE
under penalty of perjury. Signed:	n herein is true, complete and	accurate to the best of 1	my knowledge and belief
Print Name:			
Title:			
Subscribed and swor	n to before me this day	of, 20	
Commissioner of Su	perior Court/Notary Public		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Investment services" means investment legal services, investment banking services, investment advisory services, underwriting services, financial advisory services or brokerage firm services
<sup>2</sup> "Third party fees" include, but are not limited to, management fees, placement agent fees, solicitation fees, referral

fees, promotion fees, introduction or matchmaker fees, and due diligence fees.

#### **EXHIBIT C**

## State of Connecticut Contracting Requirements

- 1. CGS Section 4a-60. In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4a-60(a), as amended, and to the extent required by Connecticut law: (i) ("Contractor") agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Agreement such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, status as a victim of domestic violence, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut; and the Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, status as a victim of domestic violence, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved; (ii) the Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities; (iii) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under General Statutes Section 4a-60, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (iv) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4a-60, 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 46a-56, 46a-68e, 46a-68f, and 46a-86; and (v) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor as relate to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4a-60 and 46a-56, and (vi) the Contractor shall include provisions (i) through (v) of this section in every subcontract or purchase order entered into by the Contractor in order to fulfill any obligation of this Agreement, and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4a-60.
- 2. <u>CGS Section 4a-60a.</u> In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4a-60a(a), as amended, and to the extent required by Connecticut law: (i) the Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Agreement, such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation; (ii) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under Connecticut General Statutes Section 4a-60a, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (iii) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of Connecticut

General Statutes Section 4a-60a and with each regulation or relevant order issued by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 46a-56; (iv) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor which relate to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4a-60a and 46a-56; and (v) the Contractor shall include provisions (i) through (iv) of this section in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of this Agreement, and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4a-60a.

- 3. Nondiscrimination Affirmation. The Contractor hereby affirms that it understands the obligations of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a and will maintain a policy for the duration of this Agreement to assure that the Agreement will be performed in compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of such statutes. The authorized signatory of this Agreement demonstrates their understanding of the obligation set forth in this section by signing this Agreement.
- 4. <u>State Contract Representation for Contractor.</u> Pursuant to section 4-252 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Acting Governor Susan Bysiewicz Executive Order No. 21-2, promulgated July 1, 2021, the Contractor, for itself and on behalf of all of its principals or key personnel who submitted the proposal to the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) represents the following:
  - (a) That no gifts were made by (i) the CONTRACTOR, (ii) any principals and key personnel of the CONTRACTOR, who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating State contracts, or (iii) any agent of the CONTRACTOR or principals and key personnel, who participates substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating State contracts, to (1) any public official or state employee of the state agency or quasi-public agency soliciting bids or proposals for state contracts, who participates substantially in the preparation of bid solicitations or requests for proposals for state contracts or the negotiation or award of state contracts, or (2) any public official or state employee of any other state agency, who has supervisory or appointing authority over such state agency or quasi-public agency;
  - (b) That no such principals and key personnel of the Contractor, or agent of the Contractor or of such principals and key personnel, knows of any action by the Contractor to circumvent such prohibition on gifts by providing for any other principals and key personnel, official, employee or agent of the Contractor to provide a gift to any such public official or state employee; and
  - (c) The Contractor is submitting bids or proposals without fraud or collusion with any person.
- 5. Contract Representation of CHEFA's Authorized Signatory. Pursuant to section 4-252 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Acting Governor Susan Bysiewicz Executive Order No. 21-2, promulgated July 1, 2021, CHEFA's authorized signatory to this Agreement represents that the selection of the corporation was not the result of collusion, the giving of a gift or the promise of a gift, compensation, fraud or inappropriate influence from any person.
- 6. <u>CGS 9-612(f) Campaign Contribution Restrictions.</u> For all State contracts, defined in section 9-612(f)(1)(C) of the General Statutes as having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the Contractor's

authorized signatory to this Agreement represents that they have received the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising prospective state contractors and state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform the Contractor's principals of the contents of the notice. The Contractor confirms that it has submitted a Campaign Contribution Certification form to the Authority, as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-612(f)(2)(F).

7. Consulting Agreements Representation. Pursuant to section 4a-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Contractor's authorized signatory of this Agreement, represents to its best knowledge and belief and subject to the penalty of false statement as provided in Connecticut General Statutes Section 53a-157b, that the Contractor has not entered into any consulting agreements in connection with this Agreement, except for the agreements listed below. "Consulting agreement" means any written or oral agreement to retain the services, for a fee, of a consultant for the purposes of (a) providing counsel to a contractor, vendor, consultant or other entity seeking to conduct, or conducting, business with the State, (b) contacting, whether in writing or orally, any executive, judicial, or administrative office of the State, including any department, Contractor, bureau, board, commission, authority, official or employee for the purpose of solicitation, dispute resolution, introduction, requests for information, or (c) any other similar activity related to such contracts. "Consulting agreement" does not include any agreements entered into with a consultant who is registered under the provisions of chapter 10 of the Connecticut General Statutes as of the date such contract is executed in accordance with the provisions of section 4a-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

#### [If no agreements leave blank]

Consultant's Name and Title		Name of Firm (if applicable)		
Start Date	End Date	Cost		
The basic terms of the	consulting agreement are:			
Description of Service	es Provided:			
Is the consultant a for	mer State employee or form	er public official?		
☐ YES ☐ N	IO			
If YES:Name of Form	ner State Agency	Fermination Date of Employment		