

Advertised: **5/22/2025**

**Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry**

**REQUEST for PROPOSALS (RFP)**

TITLE: **Veterans Restoration Quarters Renovation**

ISSUE DATE: **5/22/2025**

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: **6/19/2025**

ISSUING AGENCY: **Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry**

**SYNOPSIS**

**This contract shall be partially reimbursed with Federal-aid funding through FEMA. The solicitation, selection, and negotiation of a contract shall be conducted in accordance with all FEMA requirements and guidelines.**

This RFP is to solicit responses from qualified firms to provide Construction Management services, including Preconstruction Phase services, development of a Guaranteed Maximum Price Proposal, and Construction Phase services.

Electronic Proposals should be submitted in .pdf format using software, such as Adobe Acrobat, Bluebeam Revu, CutePDF PDF Writer, Docudesk deskPDF, etc.

Proposals SHALL be received **Electronically**, no later than **5:00 PM, 6/19/2025**.

**The address for electronic deliveries is:** brandon.wilson@abccm.org

**The address for mailings is:**

**Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry**

**C/O Brandon Wilson  
1845 Brevard Road  
Arden, NC 28704**

**The address for hand-deliveries is:**

**Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry  
C/O Brandon Wilson  
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**Proposals received after this deadline will not be considered.**

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

**Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry** is soliciting proposals for the services of a Construction Manager for the following contract scope of work:

The Veterans Restoration Quarters (VRQ) is located at 1329 Tunnel Rd., Asheville, NC 28005. It consists of an existing two-story 44,690 SF Residential wing with 122 2-bed units and a single-story and an 11,100 SF Commercial wing with offices, a large dining hall, and commercial kitchen. The facility incurred significant flood damage from Tropical Storm Helene and requires extensive repairs. On an adjoining site, Tropical Storm Helene destroyed approximately 7,000 SF of buildings including the ACTS building that was used as an emergency shelter and classrooms.

This project will be divided into four parts in order to repair, restore and rebuild the existing spaces and improve the resiliency of the overall site. These four parts are as follows:

1. Phase 1 & 2A – Residence and Common Area Renovations: This scope includes renovations to restore the existing building from flood damage caused by Tropical Storm Helene. This building served as the veterans' living quarters, dining area, offices for support staff and kitchen. This renovation will include improvements to the original buildings including an elevator, fire sprinkler system, and improved accessibility.
2. Phase 2B – ACTS Building Reconstruction: This scope includes rebuilding the ACTS building that was leveled by Tropical Storm Helene. The existing building site is within the 100-year flood zone. Therefore, a building with equivalent programming and size will be designed and rebuilt adjacent to the existing VRQ.
3. Phase 3A – Park, Berm, and Stream Restoration: This scope will include restoring the grade by building up the landscape, greenspace, walkways and gazebos that were lost to Tropical Storm Helene.
4. Phase 3B – Flood Resiliency & Revetment: This scope will include building a new revetment along the river side edge of the site and raising the parking behind the residential wing to improve the site's flood resiliency. It also includes creating accessible access to the green space/park along the Swannanoa River.

**PROPOSED CONTRACT TIME: 2 Years**

**PROPOSED CONTRACT PAYMENT TYPE:**

Preconstruction Services: Lump Sum

Construction Services: Cost of Work Plus a Fee with a Guaranteed Maximum Price.

## **SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

All Proposals are limited to **fifteen (15)** pages inclusive of the cover sheet, and shall be typed on 8-1/2" x 11" sheets, single-spaced, one-sided.

Proposals containing more than **fifteen (15)** pages will not be considered.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

Following is a general description of the selection process:

- The ABCCM Selection Committee will review all qualifying proposal submittals and score the responses based on the selection criteria below.
- The ABCCM Selection Committee will select one firm to perform the aforementioned services.
- In order to be considered for selection, consultants must submit a complete response to this RFP prior to the specified deadlines. Failure to submit all information in a timely manner will result in disqualification.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

**All GC/CMs who submit responsive Proposals will be considered.**

In selecting a construction manager, the selection committee will take into consideration qualification information including such factors as:

1. **40%** = Demonstration of understanding of project objectives, responsibility and schedule in delivering services advertised for the project.
2. **15%** = Experience and qualifications of the project team.
3. **20%** = Local knowledge and experience with similar projects.
4. **10%** = Construction Manager's Fees for Pre-Construction Phase and Construction Phase Services (Attachment A)
5. **15%** = Project-related experience with federally funded projects.

After reviewing qualifications, if firms are equal on the evaluation review, then those qualified firms will be invited for an interview with ABCCM's Property Committee to determine final selection. This advertisement for proposals in no way obligates ABCCM to award a contract.

## **SUBMISSION ORGANIZATION AND INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Proposal shall be addressed to **Brandon Wilson, Chief Operating Officer** and must include the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the prime consultant's contact person for this RFP.

The Proposal must also include the information outlined below:

### Chapter 1 - Introduction

The Introduction should demonstrate the Construction Manager's overall qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the scope of work and should contain the following elements of information:

1. Expression of Construction Manager's interest in the work;
2. Statement of whether the firm is Licensed in the State of North Carolina;
3. Statement regarding Construction Manager's possible conflict of interest for the work;
4. Statement regarding Construction Manager's experience with FEMA funded projects;
5. Statement that they will develop and submit a list of all known SPSF firms that will participate in the performance of the identified work as part of their pre-construction services;
6. Statement that they will comply with all Federal Terms and Conditions required for this project and that they will comply with all FEMA procurement requirements for selecting contractors for this work;
7. Statement that they will abide and ensure compliance with the federal procurement standards at 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 – 200.327 when selecting contractors for the construction phase of this project and
8. Summation of information contained in the Proposal.

### Chapter 2 - Team Qualifications

This chapter should elaborate on the general information presented in the introduction, to establish the credentials and experience of the Construction Manager to undertake the work. The following must be included:

1. Identify recent, similar projects the firm, acting as the Construction Manager, has conducted which demonstrates its ability to conduct and manage the project. Provide a synopsis of each project and include the date completed, reference and contact person.

### Chapter 3 - Team Experience

This chapter must provide the names, classifications, and location of the Construction Manager's North Carolina Licensed employees and resources to be assigned to the advertised work; and the professional credentials and experience of the persons assigned to the project, along with any unique qualifications of key personnel. Although standard personnel resumes may be included, identify pertinent team experience to

be applied to this project - specifically, the experience, expertise, and total quality of the Construction Manager's proposed team. If principals of the firm will not be actively involved in the project, do not list them. The submittal shall clearly indicate the Construction Manager's Project Manager, other key Team Members and his/her qualifications for the proposed work. Also, include the team's organization chart for the Project / Plan. A Capacity Chart / Graph (available work force) should also be included. Any other pertinent information should also be listed in this section.

**Note:** If a project team or subconsultant encounters personnel changes, or any other changes of significance dealing with the company, ABCCM should be notified immediately.

Chapter 4 - Technical Approach

The Construction Manager shall provide information on its understanding of, and approach to accomplish, this project, including their envisioned scope for the work and any innovative ideas/approaches, and a schedule.

APPENDICES - The Construction Manager shall fill out and include with their RFP the following documents (the appendices will not count toward page count):

Attachment A – Proposed Compensation for Pre-Construction and Construction Management Services

Attachment B – Contractor's Qualifications Statement AIA Document A305-2020 with Exhibits A,B,C,D & E

Attachment C – Debarment and Suspension Certification

Attachment D – Lobbying Certification

All submissions, correspondence, and questions concerning this RFP should be directed to **Brandon Wilson** at **[brandon.wilson@abccm.org](mailto:brandon.wilson@abccm.org)**.

The drawings for this project are not ready for permit and in the Design Development Phase. Design Development documents for this project are available upon request. Please send e-mail requesting documents and a link will be provided for download within 3 to 5 business days. Firms are encouraged to visit the site prior to submitting their proposals, please coordinate with Brandon Wilson to arrange a site visit.

Questions may be submitted electronically only, to the contact above. Responses will be issued in the form of an addendum available to all interested parties. Interested parties should also send a request, by email only, to the person listed above to be placed on a public correspondence list to ensure future updates regarding the RFP or other project information can be conveyed. Questions must be submitted to the person listed above no later than **6/5/2025**. The last addendum will be issued no later than **6/12/2025**.

## **SUBMISSION SCHEDULE AND KEY DATES**

RFP Release – **5/22/2025**

Deadline for Questions – **6/5/2025**

Issue Final Addendum – **6/12/2025**

Deadline for Proposal Submission – **6/19/25**

Firm Selection and Notification \*\* – **7/3/2025**

Anticipated Notice to Proceed – **8/4/2025**

\*\* Notification will **ONLY** be sent to selected firms.

## **TITLE VI NONDISCRIMINATION NOTIFICATION**

ABCCM in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all RESPONDENTS that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit Proposals in response to this ADVERTISEMENT and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

## **SMALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FIRM (SPSF) PARTICIPATION**

ABCCM encourages the use of Small Professional Services Firms (SPSF). Small businesses determined to be eligible for participation in the SPSF program are those meeting size standards defined by Small Business Administration (SBA) regulations, 13 CFR Part 121 in Sector 54 under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). The SPSF program is a race, ethnicity, and gender neutral program designed to increase the availability of contracting opportunities for small businesses on federal, state or locally funded contracts. SPSF participation is not contingent upon the funding source.

The Construction Manager, shall develop and submit a list of all known SPSF firms that will participate in the performance of the identified work during the pre-construction phase of their work. Construction Manager shall acknowledge this requirement in their response to this RFP.

## **FEDERALLY REQUIRED TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **Federal Applicability:**

ABCCM anticipates that this Contract will be financed in whole or in part with Federal funding. As such, Federal laws, regulations, policies, and related administrative practices apply to this Contract. The most recent of such Federal requirements, including any amendments made after the execution of this Contract, shall govern this Contract, unless the Federal Government determines otherwise. This Section identifies the Federal requirements that are applicable to

this Contract. The Contractor is responsible for complying with all applicable provisions.

To the extent applicable, the Federal requirements are deemed incorporated into this Contract by reference and shall be incorporated into any subcontract or subcontract executed by the Contractor pursuant to its obligations under this Contract. The Contractor and its subcontractors, if any, hereby represent and covenant that they have complied and shall comply in the future with all applicable provisions of Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and rules and local policies and procedures, as amended from time to time, relating to the Work to be performed under this Contract. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all Federal awarding agency-mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Contract. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any City requests, which would cause ABCCM to be in violation of the Federal awarding agency's terms and conditions.

This Contract will be financed, in whole or in part, by funding provided by programs of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FEMA regulations, policies, procedures, and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this Contract. Contractor's failure to comply shall constitute a material breach of this Contract.

#### **REMEDIES:**

**PERFORMANCE AND DEFAULT:** If, through any cause, contractor shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner the obligations under The Contract, ABCCM shall have the right to terminate The Contract by giving written notice to the contractor and specifying the effective date thereof. In that event any or all finished or unfinished deliverable items under The Contract prepared by the contractor shall, at the option of ABCCM, become its property, and the contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any acceptable work completed as to which the option is exercised. Notwithstanding, contractor shall not be relieved of liability to ABCCM for damages sustained by ABCCM by virtue of any breach of The Contract, and ABCCM may withhold any payment due the contractor for the purpose of set off until such time as the exact amount of damages due ABCCM from such breach can be determined. ABCCM reserves the right to require at any time a performance bond or other acceptable alternative performance guarantees from contractor without expense to ABCCM.

In the event of default by the contractor, ABCCM may procure the goods and services necessary to complete performance hereunder from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby. In addition, in the event of default by the contractor under The Contract, or upon the contractor filing a petition for bankruptcy or the entering of a judgment of bankruptcy by or against the contractor, ABCCM may immediately cease doing business with the contractor, immediately terminate The Contract for cause, and may take action to debar the contractor from doing future business with ABCCM.

#### **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:**

ABCCM may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions or fails to provide ABCCM, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, ABCCM shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to ABCCM

for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that ABCCM improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

#### **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:**

If this contract contemplates deliveries or performance over a period of time, ABCCM may, for any reason within its sole discretion, terminate this contract at any time by providing 30 days' notice in writing from ABCCM to the contractor. In that event, any or all finished or unfinished deliverable items prepared by the Vendor under this contract shall, at the option of ABCCM, become its property. If the contract is terminated by ABCCM as provided in this section, ABCCM shall pay for those items for which such option is exercised, less any payment or compensation previously made.

#### **CONTRACT CHANGES:**

Contract changes must be in writing and agreed on by ABCCM and the vendor and will be implemented by contract amendments. The cost of the change, modification, change order, or constructive change must be allowable, allocable, within the scope of its grant or cooperative agreement, and reasonable for the completion of project scope. Contract amendments will be coordinated with the Project Manager and approved by ABCCM before any changes should occur.

#### **NONDISCRIMINATION:**

##### **Equal Employment Opportunity**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

2. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, City that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
3. The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who



do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

4. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
5. The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
6. The contractor will comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
7. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
8. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
9. The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (9) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request ABCCM to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of ABCCM. The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, That if the applicant so participating is a City or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract. The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for

securing compliance. The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceeding.

### **Age**

In accordance with Section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, and 29 USC 623 through 634 and the implementing U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements the Federal awarding agency may issue.

### **Sex**

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 USC 1681 et seq., and with implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Educational Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 49 CFR Part 25, that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.

### **Disabilities**

In accordance with Section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 USC 12112, the Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 CFR Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities.

### **Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency**

The Contractor agrees to comply with Executive Order No. 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," 42 USC 2000d-1 note, and U.S. DOT Notice, "DOT Policy Guidance Concerning Recipients' Responsibilities to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Persons," 70 Fed. Reg. 74087, December 14, 2005, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

### **Drug or Alcohol Abuse Confidentiality and Other Civil Rights Protections**

To the extent applicable, the Contractor agrees to comply with the confidentiality and other

civil rights protections of the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 USC 1101 et seq., with the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, as amended, 42 USC 4541 et seq., and with the Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended, 42 USC 290dd through 290dd-2, and any amendments thereto.

#### **Other Nondiscrimination Laws**

The Contractor agrees to comply with applicable provisions of other Federal laws and regulations, and follow applicable directives prohibiting discrimination, except to the extent that the Federal Government determines otherwise in writing.

#### **Inclusion in Subcontracts**

The Contractor also agrees to include the requirements of this Section in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH THE COPELAND “ANTI-KICKBACK” ACT**

- a. Contractor. The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.
- b. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.
- c. Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT**

- (1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- (2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefore shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of

the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$26 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The (write in the name of the Federal agency or the loan or grant recipient) shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(4) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (b)(1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section.

### **CLEAN AIR ACT**

The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq. 2. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the (name of applicant entering into the contract) and understands and agrees that ABCCM will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office. 3. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

### **FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT**

The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. 2. The contractor agrees to report each violation to ABCCM and understands and agrees that ABCCM will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office. 3. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

### **ENERGY CONSERVATION**

The Contractor agrees to comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6321, et seq. This requirement extends to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier and this clause shall be included in all such subcontracts.

## **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

(1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by ABCCM of Asheville. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to ABCCM, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment

(4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2

C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

This requirement extends to all third-party contractors and their contracts; this clause shall be included in all subcontracts of any tier executed in furtherance of this contract.

The requisite Debarment and Suspension Certification is included as ATTACHMENT C and must be executed for contracts of \$25,000 or more and prior to the award of the contract.

## **BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, 31 U.S.C. § 1352**

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency.

The Contractor further agrees to secure like undertakings from all subcontractor tiers whose subcontracts are expected to be of a value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) or more.

**The requisite "Lobbying Certification" is included as ATTACHMENT D and must be executed for contracts of \$100,000 or more and prior to the award of the contract.**

## **PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS**

(i) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired— • Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance

with the contract performance schedule; • Meeting contract performance requirements; or  
• At a reasonable price

(ii) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensiveprocurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

(iii) The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

This requirement extends to all third-party contractors and their contracts; this clause shall be included in all subcontracts of any tier executed in furtherance of this contract.

## **CHANGES CLAUSE**

To be eligible for FEMA assistance under the non-Federal entity's FEMA grant or cooperative agreement, the cost of the change, modification, change order, or constructive change must be allowable, allocable, within the scope of its grant or cooperative agreement, and reasonable for the completion of project scope.

## **ACCESS TO RECORDS AND RECORD RETENTION**

The record keeping and access requirements extend to all third-party contractors and their contracts at every tier. Under 49 USC 5325(g) and 2 CFR 200.336, FEMA has the right to examine and inspect all records, documents, and papers, including contracts, related to any FEMA project financed with Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

1. Record Retention. The Contractor will retain and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract, including, but not limited to, data, documents, reports, statistics, sub-agreements, leases, subcontracts, arrangements, other third party agreements of any type, and supporting materials related to those records.

2. Retention Period. The Contractor agrees to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.333. The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this Contract for a period of at not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Contract, in which case records shall be maintained until the disposition of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

3. Access to Records.

a. The Contractor agrees to provide sufficient access to FEMA and its contractors to inspect and audit records and information related to performance of this contract as reasonably may be required.

b. The Contractor agrees to permit, and require its subcontractors to permit, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, and the Comptroller General of the United States, and, to the extent appropriate, the State, or their authorized representatives, upon their request to inspect all Project work, materials, payrolls, invoices, and other data, and to audit the books, records, and accounts of the Contractor and its subcontractors pertaining to the Project, as required by 49 USC

5325(g) and 2 CFR 200.336.

c. Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 CFR 633.17 to provide the FEMA Administrator or authorized representatives including any PMO Contractor access to Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5303, 5307, 5309, 5339, 5310, 5311, 5316, or 5317.

d. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

4. Access to the Sites of Performance. The Contractor agrees to permit FEMA and its contractor's access to the sites of performance under this contract as reasonably may be required.

#### **DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS**

The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

#### **NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract."

The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

#### **PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS**

The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

#### **DOMESTIC PREFERENCE CLAUSE**

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the [non-Federal entity][vendor] should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for

the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including, but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).” – For purposes of this clause, (i) “produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States, and (ii) “manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous materials such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No employee, officer, board member, or agent of ABCCM or the Contractor shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by FEMA funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when the employee, officer, board member, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization that employees or is about to employ any of the above, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for the award.

### **DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE)**

ABCCM promotes policies which assure and encourage the full participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in the provision of goods and services. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, as defined in 2 CFR § 200.321, shall have equal opportunity to compete for and perform subcontracts which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract. The Contractor agrees to solicit small and minority business and women’s business enterprises whenever they are potential sources. When economically feasible, the Contractor agrees to divide total requirements into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses and women’s business enterprises. Where the requirement permits, the Contractor agrees to establish delivery schedules which encourage participation by small and minority businesses and women’s business enterprises. As appropriate, the Contractor agrees to use the services and assistance of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

This requirement extends to all third-party contractors and their contracts; this clause shall be included in all subcontracts of any tier executed in furtherance of this contract.

### **Davis-Bacon and Related Acts**

This project will require compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act: All contracts or subsequent contracts for construction, alteration, renovation, or repair, including painting and decorating, of a public building or public work, or building or work, financed by federal funds which meets the \$2,000 threshold are required to pay the federal prevailing wage rate for each class of laborer or mechanic employed. Regulations applicable to grant-enabling statutes incorporating the Act can be found in 29 Code of Federal



Regulations (CFR), parts 1, 3, 5 and 7.

These regulations stipulate that grant funds appropriated under the statutes imposing the Davis-Bacon Act requirements shall not be paid to a grantee (the Department also referred to as ABCCM) until contractors or subcontractors performing work under the grant certify that they will comply with the Act's requirements. The Act also applies to any contract or subcontract for similar work on public grants from a federal agency, or where the federal government acts as guarantors of mortgages. The only exception is for the transportation of materials and supplies by persons who are not employed directly at the work site but are employed solely to make deliveries to the work site.

Provider Agencies must ensure that contracts or subcontracts for any Construction / alteration projects contain the wage determination issued and that the appropriate clauses required by the Davis-Bacon regulations (29 CFR, section 5.5) are present. It should be made clear in any announcements of projects or RFP's that federal grant funds are being used and that Davis-Bacon will apply even if the federal government is not a party to the contract or subcontract. The prevailing wage must be paid regardless of any contractual relationship that may exist between a contractor or a subcontractor. Although the Department is not responsible to review sub-contracts for compliance, it has the right to require a prevailing wage.

Sanctions for post-certification violations include suspension of payment, advances, or guarantees of grant funds, and the forced restitution of wages that should have been paid and the removal of offending contractors or subcontractors from active employment lists. Failure to comply can bring penalties that can be severe. The contractor or subcontractor and their sureties are liable for any excess costs from completing the work; the Department may withhold accruals to ensure payment of prevailing wages to the workers; the contract or subcontract may be terminated and/or the contractor or subcontractor may be debarred for a period of three years.

#### **Payrolls and basic records.**

Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made, and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual

cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved

programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs. C. Weekly certified payrolls. The contractor shall submit weekly certified payrolls for each week whether or not any contract work is performed. A copy of all certified payrolls will be submitted to ABCCM or its representative, as the case may be, for compliance purposes. If no work is performed for a specific week, a certified payroll shall be submitted specifying “no work” has been performed. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead, the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm> or its successor site.

The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker and shall provide them to ABCCM or its representative, as the case may be, for transmission to the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the sponsoring government agency (or the applicant, sponsor, or owner).

### **Apprentices and trainees**

i. Apprentices: Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the

ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

ii. Trainees: Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

iii. Equal employment opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

1. Compliance with Copeland Act requirements. The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract.
2. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1) through (10) and such other clauses as ABCCM may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.
3. Contract termination: debarment. A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.
4. Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 will be incorporated into the final contract.
5. Disputes concerning labor standards. Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.
6. Certification of eligibility. (i) By agreeing to the terms and agreements the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).
7. No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).
8. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

#### **PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES**

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause, the terms backhaul; covered foreign country; covered telecommunications equipment or services; interconnection arrangements; roaming; substantial or essential component; and telecommunications equipment or services have the meaning as defined in FEMA Policy, #405-143-1 Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services.

(b) Prohibitions.

(1) Section 889(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibit the head of an executive agency on or after Aug.13, 2020, from obligating or expending grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds on certain telecommunications products or from certain entities for national security reasons.

(2) Unless an exception in paragraph (c) of this clause applies, the contractor and its subcontractors may not use grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to:

(i) Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;

(ii) Enter into, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;

(iii) Enter into, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system; or

(iv) Provide, as part of its performance of this contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

(c) Exceptions.

(1) This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing—

a. A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

b. Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such

equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

- (2) By necessary implication and regulation, the prohibitions also do not apply to:
  - a. Covered telecommunications equipment or services that:
    - i. Are not used as a substantial or essential component of any system; and
    - ii. Are not used as critical technology of any system.
  - b. Other telecommunications equipment or services that are not considered covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(d) Reporting requirement.

(1) In the event the contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the recipient or subrecipient, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information.

(2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause:

(i) Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: The contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.

(ii) Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: Any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(e) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including

this paragraph (e), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments.

#### **HUAWEI./ ZTB Ban**

CF 200.216 Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment. (a) Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to: (1) Procure or obtain; (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115–232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities). (i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities). (ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment. (iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country. (b) In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115–232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained. (c) See Public Law 115–232, section 889.