## **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS**

for

**Commissioning Services** 

for

Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES)

ACES at Chase

565 Chase Parkway

Waterbury, Connecticut

State Project Number 244-0044

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES), is seeking qualifications and proposals (RFQ/P) for Commissioning Services for the ACES at Chase School located at 565 Chase Parkway Waterbury, CT. ACES desires to make alternations to the ACES at Chase School to utilize the building for its educational needs.

ACES staff will make up the building committee for the project. ACES is not obligated to award the contract to the qualified respondent submitting the lowest fee proposal and reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and terminate this request.

#### II. PROJECT BACKGROUND

ACES is seeking qualifications and proposals for independent Commissioning Agent services for ACES at Chase School in Waterbury, CT. The commissioning process shall be an integral part of the proposed building project, in accordance with the High Performance Building Construction Standards for State-funded buildings, as required by section 16a-38k of the Connecticut General Statutes 16a-38k. The Commissioning Agent will be hired directly by ACES and shall work in coordination with the project's Architectural and Engineering firm (Silver Petrucelli & Associates) and the construction manager Downes Construction Company the CM@R to implement the commissioning process. The Commissioning Agent shall provide commissioning services during the construction document phase, the construction phase, the occupancy phase and the post-occupancy operational warranty phase.

The Project has experienced budget issues and an increase in grant State funding has been submitted and hopefully approved by the State this July. The current estimated total construction cost is expected to be approximately \$49.4M. The design for PCR is in three phases; 1a the Main Building & the Site, 1b the remaining buildings and phase 2 is the FF&E. The design documents for phase 1a is expected to be completed by the end of May 2025, Phase 1b shortly thereafter. It is anticipated we will get through the PCR meeting, Bid & Award and start construction in the November/December 2025 timeframe. The duration of construction should take approximately 30 months with a 3 month close out duration. Note that these dates duration maybe subject to change depending on circumstances for approval.

ACES at Chase is a 36.09 Acre former private school campus consisting of ten buildings that will serve up to 800 students for grade 6 to 12, with a concentration on STEAM. Six of the

buildings will have Alteration performed as part of this project. The main intent of the project is to resolve accessibility issues, code issues, replace and enhance air conditioning, ventilation. Programmatic enhancements to spaces to align with the Grade 6-12 program. A new water sprinkler main will be connected from Chase Parkway and connected to (6) Buildings. A summary of work by building includes but not limited to the following:

#### Main Building BLDG 1:

- Built in 1927 as a parochial school, the school lacks an elevator, accessible restrooms, and other complaint items. This building will serve grade 6-8. The following is the scope of work.
- o A new internal elevator will serve all (3) levels/floors.
- o New accessible lifts serve the multilevel third floor.
- o Restroom improvements for accessibility
- o Full kitchen equipment alteration and accessible serving line
- o New mechanical/electrical/plumbing/fire protection systems. New ventilation systems.
- o Full roof replacement
- New accessible entrance at the lowest level.
- New millwork and lockers
- New flooring and painted walls
- New ceilings and/or paint existing for new lighting systems.

#### Library and Annex BLDG 2:

- O Built in 1963 as a library and media. The building and annex lacked an elevator and accessible entrance. The building will remain a media center for mixed-media and digital arts.
- A new elevator to serve the (3) multi-levels building. A new accessible pathway will be created to enter in a grade.
- New accessible restrooms will be constructed.
- o New mechanical/electrical/plumbing/fire protection systems. New ventilation systems.
- Full Roof Replacement
- o New finishes (floors, walls, ceilings)

#### International Building BLDG 3:

 This building once served as a dormitory for the former private school. This building will remain unoccupied and not used by students or staff. Therefore, is not part of the scope of work.

#### Arts Hall BLDG 4:

- O Built in 1962 as a gymnasium. It was eventually converted to a performance space, with a stage and classrooms for music, dance, and theatre.
- O A new accessible entry vestibule with possibly a new elevator, along with a new accessible pathway. A covered canopy connected the new entry to the lower school.
- New restrooms are renovated and expanded to accommodate the plumbing fixture count for an assembly building. This included a family accessible restroom.

- The classrooms will be reconfigured to serve as flexile classrooms for music, vocal and performing art classes.
- o A ramp will be constructed to serve the stage.
- An Add Alternate to reconstruct the stage is proposed to allow for a more reinforced structure for future performances.

#### Lower School BLDG 5:

- o Built in 1954 and an addition added in 2000, this building will serve as the visual art and sciences classrooms.
- o An accessible lift will be installed within the hallway.
- o New storage rooms for science and art classrooms have been added.
- New millwork in classrooms
- New flooring
- o New mechanical and ventilation systems. New fire protection throughout.
- New and repurposed lighting.

#### Upper School BLDG 6:

- o Built in 1968 and renovated in 1984 and an addition in 2008.
- Classroom reconfigurations
- New millwork
- New flooring in some areas.
- o New mechanical and ventilation systems. New fire protection throughout.
- o New and repurposed lighting.

#### Gymnasium BLDG 7:

- o Built in 1974 full gymnasium.
- The building will have a new fire sprinkler and fire alarm system.

#### SITE:

The 36.09 acres site has three entry ways into the campus. The primary entry to the campus leads to the primary parking area. The parking area is being reconfigured to create a long bus loop and drop off. A separate parent drop-off is created near the gymnasium and student parking is expanded. The new fire sprinkler loop is distributed throughout the site to the buildings listed above. Those pathways a placed next to and/or adjacent to pathways. Accessible pathways are altered and/or adjusted.

General Note: BMS control scope to existing equipment is currently being developed. We are reviewing installing boiler alarm sensors and power failure alarms and the capabilities of integrating the existing equipment.

#### III. PRE-SUBMISSION MEETING

There will be a Pre-Submission meeting for interested firms at the ACES at Chase school, located at 565 Chase Parkway in Waterbury, Ct. on May 8, 2025 at 3:30 PM in the Library Building

## IV. INQUIRIES AND AMENDMENTS

All questions regarding the submissions shall be directed to Bear Notch LLC attention Tim Gunn at tgunn@aces.org no later than six (6) calendar days prior to the RFQ/RFP due date. Mr. Gunn shall use reasonable efforts to respond to questions within three (3) business days prior to the RFQ/RFP due date. It is the responsibility of the Consultant to obtain all documents referenced in this RFQ/P and any addenda or supplement information issued. If there is a discrepancy anywhere in this RFQ/P, the more stringent requirement shall govern.

### V. SCOPE OF SERVICES/WORK (Exhibit A)

Provide Professional Commissioning Engineering Services for the project at ACES at Chase School in Waterbury, CT for "Alterations" and Extension state project No. 244-0044 MAG, as indicated herein:

The project consists of "Alternations", including code & ADA upgrades, site work and new electrical systems, lighting system, plumbing, hot water system, fire protection, communications, and life safety systems. The facility will have upgraded new heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and associated energy management control systems. The project shall comply with the State of Connecticut Office of School Construction Grants Guidelines for school construction projects.

CD Draft Plans and specifications are now available and may be viewed free of charge from SPA's website at the following address:

#### 07312023 Submission

The commissioning process shall be an integral part of the building project in accordance with the High Performance Building Construction (HPBC) Standards for State funded buildings as required by Section16a- 38k of the Connecticut General Statutes and further defined by the

Connecticut Building Standard Guidelines Compliance Manual for High Performance Buildings most current version and prepared for the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. The commissioning process shall include but not limited to the following systems: (1) Establish the General Commissioning Requirements (2) Building Assemblies – see summary of scope by building above for new roofs (3) Fire Protection & Suppression Systems (4) Fire Alarm System (5) HVAC systems and associated energy management control systems including air conditioning, refrigeration systems and associated controls (6) Plumbing Systems including but not limited to domestic hot water systems & water using systems (7) Electrical Systems (8) Lighting controls.

At a <u>minimum</u>, the commissioning agent's (CxA) lead person designated as the commissioning authority on this project shall be certified as a commissioning agent by the Building Commissioning Association or equal and shall have acted as the commissioning authority on at least three (3) similar or more complex projects within the last five years. Preferably be or be directly supervised by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Connecticut or have an S-license.

At a <u>minimum</u>, the commissioning agent shall have commissioning experience on at least one project in the last five years with a construction value equal to or greater than \$35,000,000.

The CxA shall be prepared to commence services within ten (10) calendar days of contract execution.

ACES is seeking a CxA who will commit to staffing this project with persons satisfying as many of the following qualifications as possible.

- 1. Demonstrated experience with high performance systems design and HVAC control optimization.
- 2. Demonstrated experience in the operation and troubleshooting of HVAC systems, energy management control systems, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems.
- 3. Demonstrated experience in the oversight of testing and balancing of both air and water systems.
- 4. Demonstrated experience in the oversight of building Operation and Maintenance (O&M) training.
- 5. Demonstrated experience in the review and approval of O&M manuals prepared by trade contractors.
- 6. Demonstrated experience in monitoring and analyzing systems operation during warranty period,
- 7. Demonstrated experience in managing the commissioning process and the preparation of

- commissioning specifications based on ASHRAE Guideline 0-200S.
- 8. Demonstrated experience in working successfully with Design Teams and management and trade contractors.

Please note that this Request for Qualifications/Proposal requires that the CxA shall not change key staff that is indicated in the proposal as assigned to work on the project without the Owner's advanced written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Replacement staff shall have equivalent qualifications as the original staff members.

The CxA shall lead the commissioning process and shall plan, schedule, review, coordinate and oversee the implementation of all commissioning process activities. The CxA shall report to the Owner and coordinate with the Design Team, Construction Manager and the Contractors throughout the commissioning process. The following is an outline of the commissioning process to be performed by CxA, Design Team, Construction Manager, Contractors, and Owner which may be used as a guideline to prepare a proposal. This outline is not meant to be an all-inclusive summary of tasks/services required as a part of the commissioning process.

#### **Initial Phase:**

- 1. CxA shall develop the OPR per the CT HPB requirements.
- 2. CxA shall review and comment on Basis of Design (BOD) developed by the Design Team to evaluate if BOD meets the intent of the OPR and the initial design goals for compliance with the HPBC Standards.
- 3. CxA shall provide Commissioning related reporting requirements per section 16a-38k-8.
- 4. CxA shall develop Commissioning Plan with a list of all equipment to be commissioned, delineation of roles, and details on scope, timeline and deliverables through the process for review by Owner, Design Team and shared with the Construction Manager.
- 5. CxA shall develop outline of O&M Manual Requirements, outline of Owner Training Requirements, and outline of Construction Verification Checklists for review by Owner, Design Team and shared with the Construction Manager.
- 6. CxA shall develop Commissioning Issues and Tracking Log for use by Owner, Design Team, Construction Manager and CxA.
- 7. CxA shall review and comment on current Construction Documents by the Design Team to evaluate if Documents meet the intent of the OPR, comply with the HPBC Standards design goals.
- 8. CxA shall provide Specification requirements for Commissioning.
- 9. CxA shall review and comment on the Design Documents by the Design Team to evaluate if they meet the intent of the OPR, comply with the HPBC Standards and include references to CxA's Commissioning Requirements,
- 10. CxA shall update Commissioning Issues and Tracking Log for use by Owner, Design Team, Construction Manager and CxA

- 11. CxA shall attend a minimum four (4) Design Team Coordination Meetings as required to implement commissioning process.
- 12. CxA shall prepare a Commissioning Process Report for review and use by Owner and Design Team.

#### **Construction Administration (CA) Phase:**

- CxA shall review and comment on Contractor submittals for systems covered in Commissioning Plan. CxA shall review submittals for compliance with CDs. CxA review shall precede and be superseded by Design Team reviews. Contractor Submittals may include product data, system layouts, Contractor's Coordination Plans, and system O&M Manuals.
- 2. CxA shall attend a minimum of two (2) Integrated Design Process Meeting, in accordance with Section 16a-38k-3(b) of the Connecticut HPBC Standards.
- 3. CxA shall develop the final Contractor Construction checklist and submit to the Construction Manager for review and execution and forward copies to the Owner and Design Team.
- 4. CxA shall develop detailed Functional Performance Tests and submit to the Construction Manager for review and use in their pre-testing of the systems and forward copies to the Owner and Design Team.
- 5. CxA shall visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of the Contractor's operations for systems being commissioned to determine, in general, if the Work is being performed in accordance with CDs. The CxA shall provide a Field Report after each visit for documentation. The CxA shall attend commissioning meeting and provide meeting agenda and meeting minutes. CxA shall coordinate these meetings with the Construction Manager, Owner and Design Team.
- 6. CxA shall during its site visits review the Contractor's operations for storage and installation of ductwork, HVAC equipment and associated systems to observe and document compliance with Section 16a-38k-3(e) of HPBC Standards for Indoor Air Quality Management Plan requirements.
- 7. CxA shall oversee Contractor's balancing of air and water systems by observing testing of selected areas, reviewing completed balancing reports, and by random spot testing other areas to verify/document results, CxA shall coordinate with the Construction Manager retesting as necessary until performance is in satisfactory compliance with CDs.
- 8. CxA shall field check and document completion of Contractor's Construction Verification Checklists.
- 9. CxA shall establish sampling protocol for Functional Performance Testing of HVAC systems included in the Commissioning Plan, CxA shall observe Functional Performance Testing by Contractors and document deficiencies. CxA shall coordinate HVAC systems optimization and re-testing as necessary until performance is in satisfactory compliance with designed performance goals defined in CDs. CxA should include a minimum of one (1) day for re-testing.
- 10. CxA shall review and approve the agenda for the Owner's training sessions by Contractors and evaluate the adequacy of training. CxA shall attend a minimum of three (3) training

- sessions for key building systems as agreed to with the Owner to observe the training is acceptable and adequate.
- 11. CxA shall maintain Commissioning Issues and Tracking Log including testing and balancing issues, deficiencies and non-conformance items for use by Owner, Design Team, Construction Manager, Contractors and CxA.
- 12. CxA during site visits shall attend a minimum of one (1) Construction Progress Meeting per month during the construction period, as required to implement the commissioning process. CxA will inspect the progress of the installation of the commissioned systems before or after the meeting and submit for record a report of field observations.
- 13. CxA shall prepare CA Commissioning Process Report for review and use by Owner, Design Team and Construction Manager. This report should be provided prior to Final acceptance.

#### Occupancy and Post-Occupancy Operational Warranty Phases:

- 1. CxA shall oversee and document deferred seasonal testing by the Contractors that could not be done earlier. CxA shall coordinate corrections and re-testing as necessary until performance is in compliance with CDs, CxA to include a minimum of three (3) day for retesting.
- 2. CxA shall consult with Owner's operational personnel at appropriate intervals to determine that commissioned systems are operating properly and evaluate if additional personnel training may be required.
- 3. Three (3) months prior to the warranty expiration, the CxA shall conduct a post-occupancy survey of the Owner's operational personnel to determine any adjustments made to the equipment operation on systems included in the Commissioning Plan. The CxA shall conduct a meeting with design, construction, commissioning and operational staff to evaluate and document comments and concerns resulting from the post-occupancy survey. This includes identification of any warranty related issues and development of a plan for resolution.
- 4. CxA shall assist the Owner in overseeing the resolution of any warranty issues on commissioned systems during the warranty period.
- 5. CxA shall prepare Final Commissioning Process Report for use by Owner and Design Team at end of warranty period. Final Commissioning Report shall incorporate review comments by Owner and Design Team on CA Commissioning Report, the results of all post-occupancy testing and evaluations and document resolutions to all items on the Commissioning Issues and Tracking Log.
- 6. The Buildings at Chase are expected to be substantially complete in stages with each of the seven building being turned over at separate times.
  - There will need to be warranty meeting for each building listed below. The CM@R is developing the overall project schedule and these timeframes will then be established.
    - a. Main Building BLDG 1
    - b. Library and Annex BLDG 2
    - c. International Building BLDG 3
    - d. Arts Hall BLDG 4
    - e. Lower School BLDG 5
    - f. Upper School BLDG 6
    - g. Gymnasium BLDG 7

#### VI. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- A. Each Proposer will be evaluated on its qualifications by ACES using the following criteria:
  - 1. Compliance with submission requirements
  - 2. Letter of Interest
  - 3. Meet the minimum stated requirements of this RFQ/P
  - 4. Resume/Work Experience
  - 5. References
  - 6. Default/Litigation
  - 7. Fee Proposal
  - 8. Affidavits
  - 9. The Proposer must be properly insured.
  - 10. The ability and capacity of the Proposer to provide the services within the necessary timeline.
- B. The first choice firm will be presented to the ACES Building Committee or its designated representative to finalize the contract in conformance with ACES's requirements.
- C. The award of the contract for the work specified in the RFQ/P shall be made, if at all, to the Proposer whose evaluation results in an award that ACES deems to be in its best interests. ACES reserves the right to reject any or all of the RFQ/P responses, or parts thereof, and/or to waive any informality in any of the RFQ/P responses resulting from this RFQ/P if such rejection or waiver is deemed in the best interest of ACES. ACES, or any of its respective officers, directors, employees or authorized agents shall not be liable for any claims or damages resulting from the evaluation, selection, non-selection or rejection of any proposal submitted in response to this RFQ/P.

#### VII. SELECTION PROCESS/SCHEDULE

ACES shall appoint the Selection Committee for determining the selected CxA to this RFQ/RFP.

This work will be funded by ACES, subject to approval for reimbursement from the State. ACES shall select a firm using the process as outlined below. Interested respondents can schedule a site visit to tour the schools and, by the due date of this RFQ/RFP, submit a Statement of Qualifications/Proposal to best communicate the Proposer's ability to meet or exceed the qualification requirements of this RFQ/RFP.

Also by the due date of this RFQ/RFP, and in addition to the proposer's Statement of Qualifications/Proposal, each proposer shall submit a Fee Proposal in a **separate sealed** 

envelope for the defined Scope of Services. A separate fee breakdown is required. The Fee Proposal shall NOT be included with the proposer's Statement of Qualifications/Proposal, but submitted in a separate envelope.

**Qualification Phase:** Proposer's qualifications will be screened by the Selection Committee or its designated representative against the minimum criteria listed in Section VI(a), Evaluation Criteria, of this RFQ/P. Proposers whose submissions do not meet the minimum qualifications shall be notified and their sealed Fee Proposal shall be returned unopened.

**Proposal Review Phase:** All those Proposers determined to meet or exceed the requirements will be considered by the Selection Committee or its designated representative in the proposal review phase. The Selection Committee shall evaluate the submissions using the criteria in this RFQ/RFP with due consideration, but not exclusive consideration, of the proposer's pricing/Fee Proposal. The Selection Committee or its designated representative is in no way required to select the proposer with the lowest Fee Proposal.

**Schedule:** The following schedule is anticipated for the selection of the Commissioning Team

Event	Date/Time	Comments
Advertise RFQ/P	On or about: April 30, 2025	
Pre-Submission Meeting	On May 8, 2025 at 3:30 pm	ACES at Chase 565 Chase Parkway Waterbury, Ct. In Library Building
RFQ/P Response Due	May 19, 2025 at 2:30 PM	ACES Office of the Exec Director 370 James St Suite 303 New Haven, CT.
Qualification Phase	On or about: May 22, 2025	
Proposal Review Phase	Complete on or about: May 26, 2025	
Final Selection	On or about: May 27, 2025	
Contract Award	On or about May 28, 2025	Award is per the requirements stated in this RFQ/P.

#### VIII: DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTALS

#### a. Copies/Maximum Length:

- 1. Submission Packages shall include: six (6) printed or hard copies of its Statement of Qualifications/Proposal and one (1) electronic copy in PDF format of the identical document on flash drive. Only one copy of the Fee Proposal in a separate sealed envelope is required.
- 2. Hard copy of the Statement of Qualifications/Proposal shall not exceed Twenty (20) pages (Fee Proposal does not count toward this limit).

#### b. Deadline and submission address:

1. Proposers responding to this RFQ/P must submit their Submission Package no later than as noted above in Section VII. SELECTION PROCESS/SCHEDULE to:

## HAND DELIVERY, U.S. MAIL OR OTHER DELIVERY SERVICE

Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES)
370 James Street New Haven, Connecticut 06513
Suite 303

Attention: William Rice, Assistant Executive Director of Operations

**c. Submission Packages:** Submission packages are to be sealed and clearly marked: *RFQ/P Commissioning Services for ACES at Chase School Project.* 

Packages or partial packages received beyond the listed time will not be opened and will not be considered and will be returned to the respondent unopened.

- **d.** Content of Submission: All Proposers are required to submit the information detailed below. Responses shall be organized and presented in the order listed below to assist ACES in reviewing and rating the proposals. ACES reserves the right to reject responses, which do not follow the format given, or the size limitation for the hard and electronic copies, or which may be deemed non-responsive.
- 1. **Table of Contents** Table of contents to include clear identification of the material provided by section and number.
- 2. **Letter of Transmittal** A letter of transmittal indicating the proposer's interest in providing the service and any other information that would assist ACES in making a selection must be submitted. This letter must be signed by a person legally authorized to bind the proposer to a contract and must also affirm that the proposer or its representative has made themselves knowledgeable of those matters and conditions to ACES which would impact its submission. Finally, the letter must identify a contact person for the submission, including telephone and fax numbers, and email address.
- 3. **Executive Overview** Describe your firms approach to the project, staffing available and envisioned for the project, and proposer's capability to execute to the schedule while providing the services required.

- 4. **Description of Firm and Consultants** Describe the Proposer's organization and specify the personnel (including qualifications and years of experience in their current position, municipalities served and their roles providing these services). List any subconsultants and include a staffing plan.
- 5. **Qualifications/Past Performance** Proposer's shall identify and describe specific project/jobs previously or currently being executed that demonstrates the Proposer's ability to satisfy the Evaluation Criteria. Identify which qualification criteria apply to respective project/jobs. The Proposer is to highlight minimum qualifying projects, significant accomplishments and awards as well as alliances or partnerships with other contractors, professionals, and owners.

Provide the following:

- Name of the client
- Description of the project
- Approximate gross cost of contract
- Dates services encompass
- Services being provided
- Key personnel in Proposer's design group assigned to subject project
- Primary consultants in project design team
- Information pertaining to adherence to project schedule and cost to include change orders (number and percentage of total project cost)
- Name, address, and telephone number of the responsible official of the client organization

By submitting the submission, the Proposer grants ACES, or any of its agents, the right to contact the organizations identified in its Statement of Qualifications/Proposal regarding the services performed by the Proposer.

- 7. **Litigation** Identify ongoing or recent (within the past five years) legal action or litigation (related to business operation or school design or construction project) involving the Proposer.
- 7. **Fee Proposal.** A Fee Proposal is required by the due date of the response to this RFQ/P. A breakdown of fees for the major portions/phases of each project shall be provided per section X of this Exhibit including labor rates, The Fee Proposal shall be delivered with the Statement of Qualifications/Proposal in a separate sealed envelope clearly marked with the Proposer's name and marked *Commissioning Services for ACES Chase School Project Fee Proposal*. Fee Proposals shall be signed by a person legally authorized to bind the firm to a contract.

#### IX. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. **GENERAL:** This RFQ/P does not commit ACES to award a contract to any Proposer or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response for this request. ACES reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to accept or reject any or all responses received as a result of this request, waive any informalities or technical defects in any proposal, to negotiate with the selected Proposer as to scope of service and/or fees, to extend the contract for an additional period, or to cancel this RFQ/P in part or in its entirety for any reason or no reason at all.
- B. **SUBMISSIONS:** Proposers are advised that any and all materials submitted in response to this RFQ/P shall become the property of ACES and shall be subject to Freedom of Information requests after evaluation and award decisions have been made.
- C. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: A successful respondent shall comply in all aspects with the Equal Employment Opportunity ACT. A Proposer with 50 or more employees shall be required to have an Affirmative Action Plan which declares that the Proposer does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or age, and which specifies goals and target dates to assure the implementation of equal employment. A Proposer with fewer than 50 employees shall be required to have a written equal opportunity policy statement declaring that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or age. Findings of noncompliance with applicable state and federal equal opportunity laws and regulations could be sufficient reason for revocation or cancellation of any contract awarded through this RFQ/P process.
- D. **ACTS OF COLLUSION**: Non-collusion Representation: In submitting a proposal, the Proposer declares that its proposal is made without any connection with any persons making another proposal for the same contract; that the proposal is in all respects fair and without collusion, fraud or mental reservation; that no official of ACES, or any person in the employ of ACES is directly or indirectly interested in said proposal or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof.
- E. **TAXES:** All deliveries of commodities or services hereunder shall comply in every respect with all applicable federal and state laws. Purchases made by ACES are exempt from payment of Federal Excise Taxes and Connecticut Sales Tax, and such taxes must not be included in Fee Proposal prices. State and Federal exemption certificates, if requested, will be furnished.

# F. INDEMNIFICATION: per Attachment 1: ACES Agreement for Professional Services.

## G. INSURANCE:

Prior to the execution of any contract, ACES requires that the selected Proposer provide ACES with a certificate of insurance (in an approved format) naming "ACES" as additional insured and for the amounts listed below. Any subcontractor to the Commissioning Agent shall be likewise covered and shall furnish certificates of coverage acceptable to ACES before starting work.

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	Minimum Coverage			
	Commercial General Liability:	Each Occurrence General Aggregate	\$1,000,000 \$2,000,000	
		Product/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000	
	Auto Liability:	Combined Single Limit	\$1,000,000	
		Each Accident	\$1,000,000	
	Professional Liability:	Each Claim or Occurrence	\$3,000,000	
		Aggregate	\$3,000,000	
	Umbrella (Excess Liability)	Each Occurrence	\$3,000,000	
		Aggregate	\$3,000,000	

As required by CT Statute

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Worker's Compensation

## **END** of Section