STATE OF NEVADA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

No. 464-12-802

Project Specifications and Instructions
For Submitting a Proposal to Furnish

Nevada Freight Program Assessment

Statewide

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Department of Transportation

SECTION I - INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSER

The enclosed "Request for Proposal" (RFP) is being advertised sent to prequalified firms for use in submitting information that will be used to select a firm with whom we hope to negotiate an agreement for the described services.

The proposer shall submit five (5) CDs, with each CD containing one (1) typewritten, legible proposal contained within one (1) PDF file. Faxed proposals will not be accepted. Written proposals must be received **NO LATER THAN 3:00 P.M., on Wednesday, December 12, 2012**, and addressed **exactly** as follows:

Agreement Services
Nevada Department of Transportation
Attn: RFP #464-12-802
1263 South Stewart Street, Room 101
Carson City, NV 89712

Proposals received after the specified deadline or submitted to the wrong location ***will not*** be considered and will be disposed of in an appropriate manner suitable to the Nevada Department of Transportation (DEPARTMENT).

Proposers not currently prequalified (or desiring to prequalify) in the Statewide Multimodal Planning discipline will first be reviewed to determine if they meet the minimum qualifications set forth for the discipline. Any proposals submitted that do not meet the minimum prequalification requirements, as outlined below, will be disposed of in an appropriate manner, at the sole discretion of DEPARTMENT, without further review.

Transportation Multimodal Planning

The planning division is responsible for the development of the federally required long-range 20 year transportation plan in accordance with Title 23 Highway Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 450.214- inclusive, and Title 23 Highways United States code (USC) section 135. Public Involvement and outreach is a requirement in this process as defined in the referenced CFR and USC. Other responsibilities include multimodal regional planning, small urban planning and assisting communities with master plan development.

Any proposal received prior to the date and time specified above for receipt of proposals may be withdrawn or modified by written request of the Proposer. To be considered, however, a written request to withdraw the proposal or the modified proposal must be received before the time and date specified above for receipt of Proposals. Oral interviews may be conducted for each firm that submits a written proposal. The DEPARTMENT has the sole discretion as to whether it will or will not conduct oral interviews. In the event that the DEPARTMENT elects to conduct oral interviews, each proposer in the competitive range will be advised of the format for such interview and will be provided with a schedule for such interview. Competitive range means a list of the most highly rated proposals based on the initial ranking of the proposals. It is based on the initial rating of each proposal measured against all evaluation criteria set forth in this RFP.

Confidential Information, Trade Secrets and/or Proprietary Information must be sealed in a separate package and each page must be clearly marked "Confidential." The failure to separate and mark this information as per NRS 333.020 and 333.333 shall constitute a complete waiver of any and all claims for damages caused by release of the information by the DEPARTMENT. If the DEPARTMENT reviews the Confidential Information and determines that

the information is not considered confidential pursuant to Chapter 333 of NRS, the DEPARTMENT will contact the Proposer. The Proposer must advise the DEPARTMENT whether it either accepts the DEPARTMENT's determination that the information is not confidential or withdraw the information. The Proposer will not be allowed to alter the submittal after the date and time set for receipt of Proposals shown above. Notwithstanding the provisions in NRS Chapter 333, the DEPARTMENT retains its immunity pursuant to the provisions of NRS 239.012 for any "good faith" release of information and the immunities from liability provided to it pursuant to NRS Chapter 41.

Issuance of this RFP shall in no way constitute a commitment by the DEPARTMENT to execute an agreement. The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP, or to cancel this RFP if it is deemed in the best interest of the DEPARTMENT to do so.

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to issue supplemental releases addenda to this RFP prior to the closing date. In the event it becomes necessary to supplement any part of this RFP, DEPARTMENT will provide copies of such addenda to all who have attended the pre-submittal meeting (if applicable) and communicated to DEPARTMENT Agreement Services that they received the RFP.

The DEPARTMENT assumes no financial responsibility in connection with the costs incurred by Proposers in attending the pre-proposal meeting, the preparation and submission of the Proposers' proposal packets or the costs to attend the oral interviews, if such interviews are conducted by the DEPARTMENT in its sole discretion.

With this RFP, the Proposer is furnished a copy of the draft agreement. **To maintain consistency between the DEPARTMENT and its service providers, only those portions of the "Draft Agreement" which are open for negotiation shall be blank.** A pre-negotiation audit may be required by the DEPARTMENT's Internal Audit Division. All DEPARTMENT audits will be conducted in accordance with the AASHTO Uniform Audit and Accounting Guide 2010 which can be found at www.transportation.org. The lump sum method of compensation shall be used for the Proposer's services, as set forth in 48 CFR Chapter 1.

The following rules of contact shall apply during this Procurement for the Project:

A. After release of the RFP and through Notice of Intent to Award of the agreement, the Proposers shall **ONLY** correspond with the DEPARTMENT regarding this RFP through the DEPARTMENT's designated representative as per NAC 333.155;

Agreement Services,
Nevada Department of Transportation
1263 South Stewart Street, Room 101
Carson City, Nevada 89712
775-888-7070
agreeservices@dot.state.nv.us

B. The Proposers shall not contact DEPARTMENT employees, including department heads, members of the review committee and/or any official who will participate in the decision to award the Agreement, regarding the Project, except through the process identified above;

C. Any communications determined to be improper may result in disqualification, at the sole discretion of the Department;

D. Any official information regarding the RFP will be disseminated from the DEPARTMENT. Specific information necessary for the preparation of Proposals will be disclosed to all Proposers;

E. The DEPARTMENT will not be responsible for any oral exchange or any other information or exchange that occurs outside the official process specified herein.

SECTION II - PROPOSER QUESTIONS

The Department will respond to questions regarding the RFP, including requests for clarification and requests to correct errors, submitted in writing by Proposers. Only written requests as described above will be considered. No oral requests will be considered. No requests for additional information or clarification to any other DEPARTMENT office, consultant, employee or the FHWA will be considered.

Any questions raised by Proposer's must be submitted in writing to Agreement Services, 1263 South Stewart Street, Room 101, Carson City, Nevada 89712, faxed to (775) 888-7101 or emailed to agreeservices@dot.state.nv.us and received by 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, November 29, 2012. Written responses will be distributed by the DEPARTMENT on or before Monday, December 3, 2012.

SECTION III – SCHEDULE

Task	Date/Time
Request for Proposal (RFP) Issued	November 20, 2012
Dates Advertised	November 20 and 27, 2012
Proposer Questions Submittal Due Date	November 29, 2012
DEPARTMENT's Response to Proposer Questions	December 3, 2012
RFP Due Date	December 12, 2012
Anticipated Notice of Intent	December 20, 2012
Recommendation to Board of Transportation	February 2013
Anticipated Notice of Award	May 2013

SECTION IV - DBE REQUIREMENTS

There are no Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBE) requirements for the project.

SECTION V – NEVADA BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENT

The selected firm, prior to doing business in the State of Nevada, must be appropriately licensed by the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 76.100. Information regarding the Nevada State Business License can be located at http://sos.state.nv.us. Firms must provide the following:

- Nevada State Business License Number
- Legal Entity's Name
- Is the "Legal Entity Name" the same name under which Proposer is doing business? [ ] Yes [ ] No
  If "No," provide an explanation.

Additionally, if the firm is a corporation, LLC, LP, LLP, or LLLP, or non-profit corporation based out of state, they must be registered as a foreign business entity equivalent in Nevada, in active status, and in good standing with the Nevada Secretary of State.

Each Proposer shall clearly state, at time of its submittal, its willingness to adhere to this requirement by providing a copy of its Nevada State Business License, a copy of its application to the Secretary of State Office or a copy of the entity's status that can be obtained from the Nevada Business Search found on the homepage of the Secretary of State's website www.sos.state.nv.us.

Award of any RFP is contingent on a Proposer having and holding an active, valid Nevada State Business License. A Proposer must satisfy this requirement before submission of a Proposal. If a Proposer is unable or unwilling to adhere to this requirement, the DEPARTMENT will deem the Proposer as non-responsive and the DEPARTMENT shall proceed to negotiate with the next most qualified firm and so on until an acceptable agreement is negotiated.

SECTION VI - SELECTION PROCESS

Selection will be based on the factors shown on the attached Evaluation Criteria Form which will be used by a committee to evaluate the written proposal.

If the Review Committee elects, in its sole discretion, to conduct oral interviews, each Proposer in the competitive range shall be notified of the interview schedule via electronic mail and will be required to confirm their willingness to attend the oral interview. The same attached Evaluation Criteria Form will be used for all reviews and oral interviews. Failure of a Proposer to appear at the oral interview, if the Review Committee elects to conduct such interviews, will be considered non-responsive, and that firm will be eliminated from any further consideration. The Committee tasked with ranking the Proposals will be comprised of DEPARTMENT staff and other members representing local entities who shall remain anonymous to protect the integrity of the procurement process.

All evaluators may use the information in the firm's prequalification package in addition to the information submitted in the written proposal and presented at the oral interview (if applicable**)** to arrive at the final ranking. The firms will be ranked and an agreement shall be negotiated following the selection of the most qualified Proposer. If an acceptable agreement cannot be reached with the highest ranked Proposer, the DEPARTMENT shall proceed to negotiate with the next highest ranked Proposer and so on until an acceptable agreement is negotiated or the DEPARTMENT, in its sole discretion, elects to terminate the solicitation.

SECTION VII - BACKGROUND

The goal of this request is to conduct an assessment of the continued objectives and themes of the Nevada freight program and the 2000 Nevada Goods Movement Study that is relevant to the DEPARTMENTS planning needs, and provide freight planning activities that conform to programs and goals well-known by the National Freight Program established in MAP-21. Promoting economic development and related job growth requires regional economies to maintain existing business and attract new ones. Access to efficient freight transportation is a key element in business site selection. Competing in the global market environment has raised the importance of efficient, reliable supply chains and the transport systems they rely upon.

Freight transportation plays a critical role in company decisions about site selection and expansion.

Nevada recognized the importance of freight planning many years ago in conducting one of the early statewide goods movement studies in the nation. The Goods Movement Study report summarized Nevada's initial attempt to examine the state's freight transportation system, with an eye on how to best utilize Nevada's freight strengths in the economic development and economic diversification process.

Diversifying Nevada's economy remains a key theme for economic development in the state, and taking advantage of Nevada's modal transportation assets is a part of the state's strategic plan for supporting economic development.

The goal of the current effort will review what has been accomplished since the first freight study in 2000, to include the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Freight Movement Study and recommend strategies, policies and projects to move Nevada toward creating of the first Nevada State Freight Plan.

As it is public knowledge, vendors should be aware that the Nevada Department of Transportation has been informed that the project will cost no more than One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars and No/100 ($120,000.00).

SECTION VIII - SCOPE OF SERVICES

The DEPARTMENT is providing a general scope and asks the proposer to supply the details of the approach, as requested in Section X (Evaluation Criteria), in order to meet the goals of the proposed study.

Overview: The services requested of the Consultant are outlined in this section, which details the scope, responsibilities, and deliverables for each of the tasks. The tasks are not mutually exclusive, as the information and results of one task either precede or are developed in conjunction with the successor task.

A. Conduct Project Scoping / Kickoff Meeting
B. Utilize in-house Freight Working Group committee for milestones, deliverables and decision points in the study.
C. Outline Nevada's Freight Transportation Economy
D. Analyze and assess the requirements, recommendations and results of NDOT 2000 Nevada Goods Movement Study draft.
E. Identify inventory of existing Freight Infrastructure and produce a Technical Memorandum of key freight infrastructure (Commercial Vehicle Operations, Freight/ Railroad, Air Cargo, and Pipelines).
F. Identify Nevada's Freight Dependent Industries
G. Identification of the State's freight system needs and issues
H. Develop strategic directions for Freight Investment in the upcoming Freight Plan
I. Compile total future freight, goods and services movement and their relevant economic, environmental, and livability impact to Nevada through 10 years out and 20 years out.
J. Review existing planning process, performance measures, databases, Legislature and make recommendations for enhancing freight planning in the long range planning process.

K. Assess the performance indicators being used to identify capacity, access, safety, operational and other problems and needs related to movement of freight, goods and services in Nevada.
L. Present the study findings and recommendations in a Final Report and Executive Summary

SECTION IX - PROJECT SCHEDULE

The Plan shall be complete within twelve (12) months once the Notice to Proceed is issued to the Proposer.

SECTION X - PROPOSAL CONTENT

Proposals shall be brief and to the point. One section of the Proposal shall be devoted to each topic listed below with such sections separated by a tabbed divider page. The cover letter shall not exceed one single-spaced, single-sided 8½" x 11" page and shall include the Proposer's contact person with his/her mailing address, telephone number, and email address The proposal must be signed by the individual(s) legally authorized to bind the Firm as per NRS 333.337.

No pricing information is to be provided with the Proposal. The selection is based on the Proposal offering the qualifications to the DEPARTMENT. Pricing shall be negotiated with the most qualified firm after conclusion of the evaluation process.

The proposals shall include:

A. EVALUATION CRITERIA ITEMS

1. Project Approach:

a. Describe your team's understanding of project requirements contained in the Scope of Services.
b. Identify specific methods to be used to complete each project requirement.
c. Identify potential complications or difficulties that might be encountered in the implementation of required services along with suggested resolutions for each.

2. Project Team:

a. Provide a summary of the education and past experience with similar projects for each member of the Proposer's staff who will be assigned to this project, including resumes for the project manager and the key principals.
b. Include a current organizational chart of the project team, including subcontractor(s) with responsibilities of team members identified therein.
c. Identify the location(s) where actual work will be completed.
d. Provide a percentage of work to be completed at each location.
e. Identify the location of the office which will provide primary project control for this project.

3. Past Performance:

a. Describe your firm's experience (within the past three (3) years) with similar projects.
b. Provide a detailed description of each project listed.

c. Provide information as to whether or not your firm met the time and budget requirements for each project listed.
d. Provide a reference name and phone number for each project listed.
e. Provide a copy of the Proposer's Nevada State Business License or copy of the Proposer's application to the Secretary of State.

4. Availability and Capacity:

a. Provide a listing of your firm's equipment which will support this effort.
b. Provide a matrix or chart which lists all current projects of the Project Team, the number of hours remaining for completion of each such project and the estimated completion date for each project.
c. In view of this information on your firm's current projects, describe your team's ability to meet the time lines established for this project.
d. Identify the availability of Proposer's staff to attend meetings and interact with DEPARTMENT staff on short notice.

5. Proximity of Project Team:

a. Describe your firm's location in the geographical area of the project.
b. Describe your knowledge of the locality of the project.

B. PROPOSAL LIMITATIONS

The written proposals shall be limited by the following:

1. The total proposal package shall not exceed thirty 20 double-spaced, single-sided, 8½" x 11" pages, which does not include the cover letter.
2. DBE Certifications, Nevada State Business License, cover letter, and section dividers without text or graphics do not count towards the page limitations.
3. Pages contained within the proposal which are 11" x 17" will be counted as two (2) pages.
4. For ease of evaluation, the proposal must be presented in a format that both corresponds to and references those sections outlined within this RFP and must be presented in the same order as listed in this RFP. Responses to each section and subsection must be labeled to indicate which item of this RFP is being addressed. Exceptions to these stated limitations will be considered during the evaluation process and may, in the DEPARTMENT's sole discretion, result in a Proposal being considered non-responsive.

C. DISCLOSURE OF CURRENT AND FORMER STATE EMPLOYEES

Proposals from Firms employing current employees or former employees of the State of Nevada will be considered pursuant to the requirements and limitations set forth in the DEPARTMENT Administrative Manual, NRS Chapter §281, and NRS Chapter §284.

The Nevada Legislature passed Assembly Bill No. 240 (AB 240) requiring any vendor entering into an agreement with the State of Nevada to identify certain employees who will be providing services for the State of Nevada. The DEPARTMENT will follow the process established by the Nevada Department of Administration and outlined in the State Administrative Manual (SAM), sections 322, 323, and 344. If the apparent top-ranked firm proposes any current state employees or former state employees who left state service within the preceding two (2) years, the DEPARTMENT must request approval from the State Board of

Examiners (BOE) prior to entering into an agreement with such firm. Upon approval from the BOE the DEPARTMENT will proceed with the negotiation and agreement processes per DEPARTMENT procedures. In the event of a denial by the BOE, the proposer will be allowed one (1) opportunity to replace the disapproved employee with another employee who possesses substantially equivalent capabilities. The DEPARTMENT has the authority to approve or deny the equivalent employee. If the DEPARTMENT approves the equivalent employee, the DEPARTMENT will proceed with the negotiation and agreement processes per DEPARTMENT procedures. If the DEPARTMENT denies the equivalent employee, the DEPARTMENT will proceed to negotiate with the next most qualified firm and so on until an acceptable agreement is negotiated.

If the proposed team includes current state employees or former state employees who left state service within the preceding two (2) years, the proposer shall submit, as part of their proposal, the appropriate form (Authorization Current Employee, Authorization Former Employee) to assist the DEPARTMENT in requesting approval from the BOE. The forms are located at http://purchasing.state.nv.us/contracting/current_and_former.htm. The submitted form may or may not be used by the DEPARTMENT as a template in requesting approval of the proposed team member.

SECTION XI – AWARD PROCESS

A. NOTIFICATIONS

The DEPARTMENT shall issue its Notification of Intent to Award in accordance with NAC §333.170. Any award is contingent upon the successful negotiation of final contract terms and upon approval of the Transportation Board /Board of Examiners (if applicable), when required. Negotiations shall be confidential and not subject to disclosure to competing firms. The terms agreed to by the parties shall be confidential until an agreement is executed. If contract negotiations cannot be concluded successfully, the Department, at its sole discretion and upon written notice to all firms, may negotiate a contract with the next highest ranking firm or withdraw the RFP and cancel this procurement.

The DEPARTMENT shall issue a Notification of Award in accordance with NAC §333.170 at which time, proposals are no longer confidential and can be requested via a Public Records Request which can be found at: http://www.nevadadot.com/Public_Involvement/Public_Involvement.aspx#prrequests

SECTION XII - TERMS, CONDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

This procurement is being conducted in accordance with NRS Chapters 333 and 408 and NAC Chapter 333.

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to alter, amend, or modify any provisions of this RFP, or to withdraw this RFP, at any time prior to the award of a contract pursuant hereto, if, in the sole discretion of the DEPARTMENT, it is in the best interest of the state to do so.

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to waive informalities and minor irregularities in proposals received.

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received prior to contract award (NRS §333.350).

Any irregularities or lack of clarity in the RFP must be brought to Agreement Service's attention as soon as possible so that corrective addenda may be furnished to all Proposers.

Alterations, modifications or variations to a proposal may not be considered unless authorized by the RFP or by an addendum or an amendment to the RFP.

Proposals which appear unrealistic in the terms of technical commitments, lack of technical competence, or are indicative of failure to comprehend the complexity and risk of this contract, may be rejected.

All materials submitted in accordance with the prescribed deadline become the property of the DEPARTMENT and will not be returned. The DEPARTMENT's selection or rejection of a Proposal does not affect this right. The master copy of each proposal shall be retained for official files and will become public record after execution of a contract. Only specific parts of the proposal may be labeled a "trade secret," provided that the Proposer agrees to defend and indemnify the DEPARTMENT for honoring such a designation (NRS §333.333); unsuccessful proposals containing "trade secrets" will be returned pursuant to NRS 293.010. The failure to so label any information shall constitute a complete waiver of any and all claims for damages caused by any release of such information by the DEPARTMENT. The DEPARTMENT shall not be liable for disclosure or release of information when authorized or required by law to do so pursuant to NRS 239.012.

A proposal submitted in response to this RFP must identify any subconsultants, and outline the contractual relationship between the awarded Proposer and each such subconsultant. An official of each proposed subconsultant must sign, and include as part of the proposal submitted in response to this RFP, a statement to the effect that the subconsultant has read this RFP and agrees to abide by the awarded Proposer's obligations. A subconsultant's compliance with these requirements does not create a contractual relationship between the subconsultant and the DEPARTMENT.

The awarded Proposer will be the sole point of contract responsibility. The DEPARTMENT will look solely to the awarded Proposer for the performance of all contractual obligations which may result from an award based on this RFP, and the awarded Proposer shall not be relieved for the non-performance of any or all of its subconsultants.

The awarded Proposer must maintain, for the duration of its contract, insurance coverage's as set forth in the agreement executed in response to this RFP. Work on the contract shall not begin until after the awarded Proposer has submitted to the DEPARTMENT acceptable evidence of the required insurance coverages. Failure to maintain any required insurance coverage or alternative method of insurance acceptable to the DEPARTMENT in its sole discretion will be deemed a breach of contract.

Each Proposer must disclose any existing or potential conflict of interest relative to the performance of the contractual services resulting from this RFP. Any such relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict must be disclosed. By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, Proposers affirm that they have not given, nor intend to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant or any employee or representative of same, in connection with this procurement. Any attempt to intentionally or unintentionally conceal or obfuscate a conflict of interest will automatically result in the disqualification of a Proposer's proposal. An award will not be made where a conflict of interest exists. The DEPARTMENT, in its sole discretion, will determine whether a conflict of interest exists and whether it may reflect

negatively on the DEPARTMENT's selection of a Proposer. The DEPARTMENT reserves the right in its sole discretion to impose additional requirements upon the Proposer to mitigate such conflict of interest or to disqualify any Proposer on the grounds of an actual or an apparent conflict of interest.

The DEPARTMENT will not be liable for Federal, State, or Local excise taxes.

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to negotiate final contract terms with any Proposer selected in accordance with NAC §333.170. The contract between the parties will consist of the final executed contract, the RFP together with any modifications thereto, and the awarded Proposer's proposal, together with any modifications and clarifications thereto that are incorporated at the request of the DEPARTMENT during the evaluation and negotiation process. In the event of any conflict or contradiction between or among these documents, the documents shall control in the following order of precedence: the final executed contract, addenda to the RFP, the RFP, any modifications and clarifications to the awarded Proposer's proposal, and the awarded Proposer's proposal. Specific exceptions to this general rule may be noted in the final executed contract.

Proposer understands and acknowledges that the representations above are material and important, and will be relied on by the DEPARTMENT in its evaluation of a proposal. Any misrepresentation by a Proposer shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the DEPARTMENT of the true facts relating to the proposal.

No announcement concerning the award of a contract as a result of this RFP can be made without the prior written approval of the DEPARTMENT.

The Nevada Attorney General will not render any type of legal opinion regarding this transaction.

SECTION XIII – PROTEST PROCEDURE

Protests may be filed only with respect to:

1. Allegations that the terms of the RFP are wholly ambiguous, contrary to legal requirements applicable to the procurement, or exceed the DEPARTMENT's authority, and/or

2. A determination as to whether a Proposal is responsive to the requirements of the RFP or failed any Pass/Fail criteria, as applicable, and/or

3. Award of an Agreement.

A. DEADLINES FOR PROTESTS

Protests concerning the issues described in Section XIII(1) and contained in the RFP must be filed no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the Proposal due date, and those contained in any amendment to the RFP must be filed no later than three (3) business days after DEPARTMENT distributes the related addenda.

Protests concerning the issues described in Section XIII(2) must be filed within ten (10) calendar days after the DEPARTMENT issues its notice to a Proposer that its Proposal was deemed nonresponsive or failed any pass/fail criteria.

Protests concerning the issue described in Section XIII(3) must be filed within ten (10) calendar days after the DEPARTMENT issues the Notice of Award.

DEPARTMENT will not accept any protests received after the above-stated deadlines for receipt of such protests.

B. PROTEST CONTENTS

Protests shall include Information about the protesting firm, including firm name, mailing address, phone number, and name of the individual responsible for submission of the protest. Protests shall completely and succinctly state the grounds for protest, its legal authority, its factual basis, and shall include all factual and legal documentation in sufficient detail to establish the merits of the protest. Statements shall be sworn and submitted under penalty of perjury.

C. FILING OF PROTEST

Protests shall be in writing and filed by hand delivery on or before the applicable deadline to:

Nevada Department of Transportation
ATTN: Administrative Services/Dispute Resolution Office
1263 South Stewart Street, Room 101
Carson City, NV 89712

The Proposer filing the protest shall concurrently submit a copy of the protest to other Proposers whose addresses may be obtained from the Department.

D. COMMENTS FROM OTHER PROPOSERS

Other Proposers may file statements in support of or in opposition to the protest within seven (7) calendar days of the filing of the protest. The DEPARTMENT shall promptly forward copies of all such statements to the protester. Any statements shall be sworn and submitted under penalty of perjury.

E. BURDEN OF PROOF

The protester shall have the burden of proving the basis of its protest. The DEPARTMENT may, in its sole discretion, discuss the protest with the protester and other Proposers. No hearing will be held on the protest. The protest shall be decided on the basis of written submissions.

F. DECISION ON PROTEST

The DEPARTMENT’s Director or designee shall issue a written decision regarding the protest within thirty (30) calendar days after the filing of the detailed statement of protest. If necessary to address the issues raised in a protest, the DEPARTMENT may, in its sole discretion, make appropriate revisions to the RFP by issuing Addenda.

G. PROTESTER'S PAYMENT OF COSTS

If a protest is denied, the Proposer filing the protest shall be liable for the DEPARTMENT's costs reasonably incurred to defend against or resolve the protest, including

attorney's fees, consultant fees and costs, and any reasonably unavoidable damages sustained by the Department as a consequence of the protest.

H. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PROPOSERS

Each Proposer, by submitting its Proposal, expressly recognizes the limitation on its rights to protest provided in this Section XIII and expressly waives all other rights and remedies and agrees that the decision on the protest is final and conclusive. If a Proposer disregards, disputes, or does not follow the exclusive protest remedies provided in this section, it shall indemnify and hold harmless the DEPARTMENT and its officers, employees, agents, and consultants from and against all liabilities, fees and costs, including legal and consultant fees and costs, and damages incurred or suffered as a result of such Proposer's actions. **Each Proposer, by submitting a Proposal, shall be deemed to have irrevocably and unconditionally agreed to this indemnity obligation.**

No Stay Pending Final Determination: Agreement negotiations with the selected Proposer/Bidder shall not be stayed during the pendency of any protest. Any agreement with the selected Proposer/Bidder shall be made contingent upon the outcome of any pending protest.

Attachments:

Submission Checklist
Evaluation Criteria Form
Statement of Qualification Form (for non-engineering) available at
http://www.nevadadot.com/Documents/Doing_Business/RFP/RFQ/RFI_Opportunities.aspx
Sample Agreement

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided for Proposer's convenience only and identifies documents that must be submitted with each package in order to be considered responsive. Any proposals received without these requisite documents in the number and form set forth in the Submittal Instructions, may in the sole discretion of DEPARTMENT, be deemed non-responsive and not considered for contract award.

Part I:

1. Required number of Technical proposals _____
2. Correct number of pages submitted _____
3. Required DBE documents, if any _____
4. Copy of State of Nevada State Business License _____
5. Notarized Certificate of Compliance _____

EVALUATION CRITERIA FORM

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Nevada Freight Program Assessment

PROPOSER: _____

SUB-CONTRACTOR(S): _____

EVALUATION ITEMS	*MAX SCORE*	*SCORE*
1. **Project Approach**: Proposer's approach to identifying and implementing the project requirements and meeting the NDOT's needs. Proposer should consider including information on their Quality Assurance/Quality Control program.		
Positives: **Concerns:**		
2. **Project Team**: Project Manager to be assigned, education, capability and experience of the key personnel to be assigned and the estimated effectiveness of the team's proposed organization and coordination process.		
Positives: **Concerns:**		
3. **Past Performance**: Past performance of project team in terms of cost control of the Proposer's budget commitments, quality of work and compliance with project schedule. Include all relevant work completed in the past three (3) years.		
Positives: **Concerns:**		
4. **Availability and Capacity**: Demonstrate the availability of the key project team members for the duration of the project. Consider team members existing and projected workloads for the prime consultant and sub-consultants. Demonstrate the capacity of the firm to meet the needs of the project. Consider the prime consultant and sub-consultants depth of staffing and other resources.		
Positives: **Concerns:**		
5. **Proximity of Project Team(s)**: Knowledge of the locality of the project and local agency requirements. Accessibility to the project area.		
Positives: **Concerns:**		
Total:	**100**	

Approved:

_____ _____

Committee Member Date

Agreement Number_____

SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, made and entered into the _____ day of _____, 20___ by and between the STATE OF NEVADA, acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (hereinafter "DEPARTMENT") and ***[insert Name and Address]*** (hereinafter "SERVICE PROVIDER"). Individually they are each a "Party" and collectively they are the "Parties."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Director of the DEPARTMENT may, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (hereinafter "NRS") Chapter 333 & Chapter 408, contract for technical services that may be required; and

WHEREAS, NRS Chapter 333 authorizes heads of state departments to contract for the services of independent contractors; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Freight Program Assessment is necessary to provide freight planning activities (hereinafter "PROJECT"); and

WHEREAS, SERVICE PROVIDER's services will be of benefit to the DEPARTMENT and to the people of the State of Nevada.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, it is agreed by and between the Parties as follows:

ARTICLE I - SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. The SERVICE PROVIDER agrees to provide a general scope and the DEPARTMENT asks the proposer to supply the details of the approach, as requested in Section X (Evaluation Criteria), in order to meet the goals of the proposed study.

Overview: The services requested of the Consultant are outlined in this section, which details the scope, responsibilities, and deliverables for each of the tasks. The tasks are not mutually exclusive, as the information and results of one task either precede or are developed in conjunction with the successor task.

A. Conduct Project Scoping / Kickoff Meeting
B. Utilize in-house Freight Working Group committee for milestones, deliverables and decision points in the study.
C. Outline Nevada's Freight Transportation Economy
D. Analyze and assess the requirements, recommendations and results of NDOT 2000 Nevada Goods Movement Study draft.
E. Identify inventory of existing Freight Infrastructure and produce a Technical Memorandum of key freight infrastructure (Commercial Vehicle Operations, Freight/ Railroad, Air Cargo, and Pipelines).
F. Identify Nevada's Freight Dependent Industries
G. Identification of the State's freight system needs and issues
H. Develop strategic directions for Freight Investment in the upcoming Freight Plan

I. Compile total future freight, goods and services movement and their relevant economic, environmental, and livability impact to Nevada through 10 years out and 20 years out.
J. Review existing planning process, performance measures, databases, Legislature and make recommendations for enhancing freight planning in the long range planning process.
K. Assess the performance indicators being used to identify capacity, access, safety, operational and other problems and needs related to movement of freight, goods and services in Nevada.
L. Present the study findings and recommendations in a Final Report and Executive Summary

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2. The SERVICE PROVIDER agrees to furnish all labor, materials, services, equipment, tools and other expenses necessary to perform the professional services required under the terms of this Agreement, except as specifically provided herein.

3. The SERVICE PROVIDER agrees to comply with all requirements contained in the Request for Proposal, which is incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

ARTICLE II – PERFORMANCE

1. The term of this Agreement shall be from the date first written above through and including _____, _____, unless a change extending the term is further agreed to by written amendment signed by all parties to this Agreement and approved by appropriate official action of the governing body of the DEPARTMENT prior to such term expiration date.

2. In the event that the SERVICE PROVIDER performs or causes to be performed any work after: (a) the Agreement's expiration date as set forth within this Agreement, as it may be amended from time to time through written amendment signed by the parties hereto and approved by appropriate official action of the DEPARTMENT's governing body, prior to such expiration date; or (b) termination of this Agreement prior to the expiration date set forth within this Agreement; then the DEPARTMENT shall make no payment for work performed following the expiration or termination dates, and the SERVICE PROVIDER shall forfeit any and all right to payment for such work.

3. The SERVICE PROVIDER, on behalf of itself, its spouses, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, subrogees, servants, insurers, attorneys, independent representatives, personal representatives, agents, and assigns, does hereby waive, release, and forever discharge the State of Nevada, the DEPARTMENT, and each and every of their departments, divisions, agencies, officers, directors, agents, contractors, and employees, from any and all claims, demands, liens, liability, actions, causes of action, and suits for damages, at law and in equity , in any way connected with or arising from the SERVICE PROVIDER's provision of services and work performed following termination of this Agreement, and/or following the expiration date of this Agreement, as it may be amended from time to time through written amendment signed by the parties hereto and approved by appropriate official action of the DEPARTMENT's governing body, prior to such expiration date.

4. Neither the State of Nevada, the DEPARTMENT, nor any of their departments, divisions, agencies, officers, directors, agents, contractors, and employees, shall have authority to extend this Agreement beyond the expiration date set forth within this Agreement, unless

such extension is set forth within a written amendment signed by the parties hereto and approved by appropriate official action of the DEPARTMENT's governing body prior to such expiration date. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not rely upon any oral or written representations expressed extrinsic to a written amendment signed by the parties hereto and approved by appropriate official action of the DEPARTMENT's governing body prior to such expiration date, purporting to alter or amend this Agreement, including but not limited representations relating to the extension of the Agreement's expiration date.

5. Paragraphs 1 through 4 of this Article II-Performance, shall survive the termination and expiration of this Agreement.

6. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not proceed with work until the SERVICE PROVIDER receives a written "Notice to Proceed" from the DEPARTMENT. If the SERVICE PROVIDER does commence said work prior to receiving said Notice to Proceed, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall forfeit any and all right to reimbursement for that portion of the work performed prior to said dates. Furthermore, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall not rely on the terms of this Agreement in any way, including but not limited to any written or oral representations and warranties made by the DEPARTMENT or any of its agents, employees, or affiliates, or on any dates of performance, deadlines, indemnities, or any other term contained in this Agreement or otherwise prior to the Notice to Proceed and/or Final Execution Date. In the event the SERVICE PROVIDER violates the provisions of this Section, the SERVICE PROVIDER waives any and all claims and damages against the DEPARTMENT, its employees, agents, and/or affiliates, including but not limited to monetary damages and/or any other available remedy at law or in equity arising under the terms of this Agreement.

7. The SERVICE PROVIDER agrees to complete the PROJECT within _____ **[calendar/working]** days of the commencement day of the PROJECT and agrees to pay to the DEPARTMENT, the sum of _____ and ___/100 Dollars ($_____.__) for each and every calendar day past said date when the delay is caused by negligence, lack of adequate resources or any other cause within the SERVICE PROVIDER's direct control. These damages are not intended as a penalty. Damages are difficult to ascertain and the Parties agree that this amount is a reasonable estimate of presumed actual damages. **[IF APPLICABLE]**

8. In the event the DEPARTMENT discovers a SERVICE PROVIDER's error or omission before its discovery by the SERVICE PROVIDER, the DEPARTMENT shall not unreasonably delay in notifying SERVICE PROVIDER of such error or omission. DEPARTMENT's notice to SERVICE PROVIDER shall specify the maximum time period SERVICE PROVIDER will be allowed for correction. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall make all necessary corrections resulting from its errors and omissions, and shall without delay make any corrections necessitated by the negligence, lack of adequate resources or any other cause within the SERVICE PROVIDER's control, and shall make such corrections without additional compensation. SERVICE PROVIDER shall track all related costs for the correction. Acceptance of the professional services by the DEPARTMENT will not relieve the SERVICE PROVIDER of the responsibility for any subsequent correction of any such errors and omissions, and the clarification of any ambiguities. The SERVICE PROVIDER will be responsible for additional costs in subsequent related construction resulting from its errors or omissions. Should the DEPARTMENT use its own personnel, supplies or equipment to remedy the deficiency, all such costs incurred by the DEPARTMENT shall be deducted from the sum

due or which may become due to the SERVICE PROVIDER. In the event all such costs and charges incurred by the DEPARTMENT exceed the sum which would have been payable under this Agreement, then the SERVICE PROVIDER shall reimburse the DEPARTMENT the amount of said excess.

9. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall assign one individual throughout the life of this Agreement who shall have overall PROJECT responsibility unless illness or termination requires replacement. **[IF APPLICABLE]** This individual shall be registered in accordance with NRS Chapter 625, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. This individual shall ensure that each sheet of the final submittal, including the title sheet, is stamped (electronic or wet stamp acceptable), signed and dated (original signature and date required) in accordance with NRS Chapter 625 and Nevada Administrative Code, Chapter 625.**]**

10. A key person is defined as any individual identified by the SERVICE PROVIDER in its proposal as being part of the team to be assigned to the PROJECT. The SERVICE PROVIDER acknowledges and agrees, that the award of this Agreement was based, in part, on its ability to manage the PROJECT, and the qualifications, experience and capacity of the SERVICE PROVIDER's aforementioned key persons and team. The SERVICE PROVIDER represents, warrants and covenants that such key persons are and will continue to be available to undertake and perform all services identified herein and fulfill the roles identified in its proposal. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall notify the DEPARTMENT in writing within ten (10) calendar days when a key person leaves the PROJECT team. **[IF APPLICABLE]**

a. If a key person leaves the PROJECT team, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall promptly propose a replacement within thirty (30) days to and for the DEPARTMENT's review and written consent.

b. The DEPARTMENT shall have the unilateral right to terminate this Agreement:

(1) If a key person leaves the PROJECT team for a reason other than death, retirement, incapacitation or leaving SERVICE PROVIDER's employment (including the employment with SERVICE PROVIDER's affiliates, subsidiaries and parent companies/organizations);

(2) If a key person listed by the SERVICE PROVIDER in its proposal to perform or supervise various aspects of design is changed or leaves the PROJECT team; or

(3) If the DEPARTMENT does not accept the SERVICE PROVIDER's proposed key person replacement.

c. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to the above, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall be paid for actual costs incurred for all services rendered and accepted by the DEPARTMENT and an amount of fee proportional to the work completed as of the date of termination. Additionally, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall not be entitled to any settlement costs, if any. Such termination will not occur if the SERVICE PROVIDER provides a replacement that is acceptable to the DEPARTMENT within thirty (30) calendar days of the date when the key person is changed or has left the PROJECT team.

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11. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall at all times maintain control over and have complete responsibility for all services performed pursuant to this Agreement by the SERVICE PROVIDER and any of its subcontractors.

12. The SERVICE PROVIDER warrants that all deliverables and professional services produced under this Agreement shall be completed in a workmanlike manner consistent with standards in the trade, profession or industry. The standard of care applicable to SERVICE PROVIDER's services will be of the degree of skill and diligence normally employed by **[IF APPLICABLE:** professional engineers**]** service provider's performing the same or similar services at the time said services are performed.

13. This Agreement, and any amendments, may be suspended temporarily, either wholly or in part, by the DEPARTMENT upon oral notice confirmed in writing within ten (10) calendar days, when the DEPARTMENT determines that conditions beyond the control of the SERVICE PROVIDER are unfavorable to its satisfactory continuation of work. Should such conditions be encountered, the time for completion may be extended in an amount determined by the DEPARTMENT to be equivalent to the delay. Requests for suspension of time by the SERVICE PROVIDER must have the written approval of the DEPARTMENT. No allowance shall be made for delay or suspension of the services solely due to the fault of the SERVICE PROVIDER.

14. An alteration ordered by the DEPARTMENT which substantially changes the services provided for by the expressed intent of this Agreement will be considered extra professional services, and shall be specified in a written amendment signed by all Parties, which will set forth the nature and scope thereof. The method of payment for extra professional services shall be specified at the time the amendment is written.

15. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not assign or subcontract, any of the professional services performed under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the DEPARTMENT. The SERVICE PROVIDER will, subsequent to obtaining written approval from the DEPARTMENT, provide the DEPARTMENT with a copy of the contract or agreement for professional services. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall require any subcontractor to comply with all provisions of 48 CFR Chapter 1, Part 31, in its agreement with the subcontractor, if the SERVICE PROVIDER subcontracts any professional services contemplated by this Agreement. The SERVICE PROVIDER will be responsible for any costs or deficiencies resulting from noncompliance if the subcontractors fail to comply with 48 CFR Chapter 1, Part 31.

16. The SERVICE PROVIDER agrees to complete and sign Attachment A - "AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 112(c) of Title 23 United States Code, Act of August 27, 1958 and Part 29 of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, November 17, 1987," Attachment B - "CERTIFICATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 1352 of TITLE 31, UNITED STATES CODE, RESTRICTIONS OF LOBBYING USING APPROPRIATED FEDERAL FUNDS," and "INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES," attached hereto and incorporated herein.

17. This Agreement shall not become effective until and unless approved by the State Board of Examiners.

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18. This Agreement is contingent upon the verification the SERVICE PROVIDER has a valid and active Nevada Business License and is in good standing in all areas of the Secretary of State's business requirements. If the SERVICE PROVIDER is an out of state provider, the SERVICE PROVIDER must be registered as a foreign equivalent in Nevada, in active status and in good standing.

ARTICLE III - TERMINATION

1. The DEPARTMENT may terminate this Agreement without cause ***[insert number]*** [calendar/working] days after service of a termination letter to the SERVICE PROVIDER. In the event this Agreement is terminated in this manner, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall be paid for the cost of the professional services which have been completed and accepted by the DEPARTMENT up to the date of termination.

2. The continuation of this Agreement beyond the current biennium is subject to and contingent upon sufficient funds being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available by the Nevada State Legislature and/or federal sources. The DEPARTMENT may terminate this Agreement, and the SERVICE PROVIDER waives any and all claims for damages, effective immediately upon receipt of written notice, or any date specified therein, if for any reason the DEPARTMENT's funding from state and/or federal sources is not appropriated or is withdrawn, limited or impaired.

3. A default or breach may be declared with or without termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon written notice of default or breach to the other Party as follows:

a. If the SERVICE PROVIDER fails to provide or satisfactorily perform any of the professional services called for by this Agreement within the time requirements specified in this Agreement or within any granted extension of those time requirements; or

b. If any state, county, city or federal license, authorization, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law or regulation to be held by the SERVICE PROVIDER to provide the goods or services required by this Agreement is for any reason denied, revoked, debarred, excluded, terminated, suspended, lapsed or not renewed; or

c. If the SERVICE PROVIDER becomes insolvent, subject to receivership, or becomes voluntarily or involuntarily subject to the jurisdiction of a bankruptcy court; or

d. If DEPARTMENT materially breaches any material duty under this Agreement and any such breach impairs the SERVICE PROVIDER's ability to perform; or

e. If it is found by the DEPARTMENT that any quid pro quo or gratuities in the form of money, services, entertainment, gifts or otherwise were offered or given by the SERVICE PROVIDER, or any agent or representative of the SERVICE PROVIDER, to any officer or employee of the State of Nevada with a view toward securing an agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to awarding, extending, amending or making any determination with respect to the performing of such agreement.

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4. Termination upon a declared default or breach may be exercised after service of written notice and the subsequent failure of the defaulting Party, within fifteen (15) calendar days of service of that notice, to provide evidence, satisfactory to the aggrieved Party, showing the declared default or breach has been corrected. Such correspondence shall be deemed to have been served on the date of postmark.

5. In the event of the SERVICE PROVIDER's breach of this Agreement, all costs and charges incurred by the DEPARTMENT, together with the cost of completing the work under this Agreement, shall be deducted from any money due or which may become due to said SERVICE PROVIDER. If expenses exceed the sum which would have been payable under this Agreement, then the SERVICE PROVIDER shall be liable and shall pay to the DEPARTMENT the amount of said excess.

6. This Agreement shall be terminated when the professional services contemplated and covered by this Agreement have been completely performed by SERVICE PROVIDER, and all items of professional services have been approved and accepted by the DEPARTMENT.

ARTICLE IV - COST

1. "The lump sum" method of compensation shall be used for the SERVICE PROVIDER's services.

2. The total cost of the services by the SERVICE PROVIDER shall not exceed the sum of _____ and ___/100 Dollars ($_____.__). **[IF APPLICABLE**: Payment will be based on actual quantities delivered/services provided.**]**

3. The cost of the work to be performed under this Agreement will be paid for by the DEPARTMENT **[upon completion, monthly, bi-weekly, quarterly, semi-annual, or yearly]** and upon acceptance of the work.

4. No additional costs shall be allowed to the SERVICE PROVIDER for assistance by, or services of others, except by express permission in writing by the DEPARTMENT.

5. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall furnish the DEPARTMENT, on the form provided, prior to commencement of work, the performance and labor and material bonds in the amount equal to the cost of the contract. [**IF APPLICABLE - public works projects]**

6. The DEPARTMENT shall pay the SERVICE PROVIDER in installments, based upon monthly progress reports showing the status of the professional services and the degree of completion. The DEPARTMENT, at its discretion, may by written notification waive this limitation.

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ARTICLE V - SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

1. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall submit a signed invoice ***[insert: monthly, bi-weekly, quarterly, semi-annually, yearly, upon completion]*** for all services rendered along with one copy of substantiating documentation. The invoice must be submitted on the SERVICE PROVIDER's stationery using the DEPARTMENT's format or submitted on the DEPARTMENT's standard invoice form. The DEPARTMENT will utilize its normal accounting procedure in the payment of the invoices submitted. **[IF APPLICABLE:** The Fixed Fee shall be paid monthly and shall be calculated as a percentage of the direct salary plus overhead costs of that month's invoice until the full agreed fee is paid.**]**

2. Payment will be made for one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of each invoice, until a maximum of ninety percent (90%) of the total Agreement costs have been billed by the SERVICE PROVIDER. Thereafter, payment for the remaining ten percent (10%) of the total Agreement costs shall be withheld by the DEPARTMENT, until such time as the professional services delivered by the SERVICE PROVIDER have been completely accepted by the DEPARTMENT. The final audit shall be performed after the release of the retained amount, and may cause an adjustment of payments to the DEPARTMENT or to the SERVICE PROVIDER. No interest shall be paid to the SERVICE PROVIDER on this retained amount or any adjustment of payments. **[IF APPLICABLE]**

3. The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to inspect and approve the professional services performed before payment is made to the SERVICE PROVIDER. Payment will be withheld for deliverables and professional services the DEPARTMENT determines to be unsatisfactory in that they have not been provided in a workmanlike manner consistent with standards in the trade, profession or industry. Payment shall remain unpaid until the professional services are completed in accordance with the standards and work requirements defined in this Agreement. In such an event, the DEPARTMENT will provide the SERVICE PROVIDER with a written explanation as to why payment has been withheld.

4. The total cost of services for this Agreement, is the negotiated amount identified in Article IV, Paragraph 2. This amount was based upon the SERVICE PROVIDER's costs and fixed fee as well as the costs and fixed fees, if any, of all of its subcontractors. If a subcontractor does not expend all funds allocated to it for services identified in its agreement with the SERVICE PROVIDER, a copy of which shall be provided to the DEPARTMENT prior to issuance of the Notice to Proceed, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall not redistribute or expend such funds without the prior written approval of the DEPARTMENT. Failure to notify the DEPARTMENT prior to the use of such funds will constitute grounds for denial of reimbursement for such expenditures.

5. Payment of invoices, interest penalties and discounts shall be paid as follows:

a. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall be paid within sixty (60) calendar days of a postmarked invoice which is complete, correct and undisputed by the DEPARTMENT.

b. The DEPARTMENT shall have twenty (20) calendar days after postmark of an invoice to dispute any or all of the charges on that invoice. The undisputed amount shall be paid to the SERVICE PROVIDER within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of postmark. The disputed amount shall be negotiated and resolved in good faith by both Parties and paid within forty (40) calendar days after the date the corrected invoice is received by the DEPARTMENT or is approved by both Parties for payment

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c. If the DEPARTMENT fails to pay the SERVICE PROVIDER the undisputed amount within sixty (60) calendar days after the postmark date of the invoice, the interest penalty assessed to the DEPARTMENT shall be one percent (1%) of the undisputed amount per month, not to exceed a total of One Thousand and No/100 Dollars ($1,000.00).

d. Payment of penalties shall not apply to the final payment or bill pertaining to this Agreement as determined by the post audit.

6. The prevailing party in an action to enforce this Agreement is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

ARTICLE VII - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall be responsible for and shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local government obligations and DEPARTMENT policies and procedures. The SERVICE PROVIDER will be responsible for and shall pay all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Real property and personal property taxes are SERVICE PROVIDER's responsibility in accordance with NRS Chapter 361. The SERVICE PROVIDER warrants that it has a valid business license. The SERVICE PROVIDER agrees to be responsible for and shall pay any such government obligations not paid by its subcontractors during performance of this Agreement. The DEPARTMENT may set-off any consideration due against any delinquent government obligation.

2. It is expressly understood that the SERVICE PROVIDER is an independent contractor, and is subject to all statutes and laws, including NRS 333.700 relating to independent contractors. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture, to create relationships of an employer-employee or principal-agent, or to otherwise create any liability for the DEPARTMENT whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, and obligations of the SERVICE PROVIDER or any other party. Neither the SERVICE PROVIDER nor its employees, agents or representatives shall be considered employees, agents or representatives of the DEPARTMENT.

3. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall be solely responsible for its own employees, and the DEPARTMENT shall have no obligation with respect to:

a. Withholding of income taxes, FICA or any other taxes or fees;
b. Industrial insurance coverage;
c. Participation in any group insurance plans available to employees of the DEPARTMENT;
d. Participation or contributions by either the SERVICE PROVIDER or the DEPARTMENT to the Public Employees Retirement System;
e. Accumulation of vacation leave or sick leave; or
f. Unemployment compensation coverage provided by the DEPARTMENT.

The SERVICE PROVIDER shall indemnify and hold the DEPARTMENT harmless from, and defend the DEPARTMENT against, any and all losses, damages, claims, costs, penalties, liabilities, and expenses arising or incurred because of, incident to, or otherwise with respect to any such taxes, fees, insurance, contributions, leave or coverage.

4. Unless expressly provided in this Agreement, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall not engage or use the devices and/or services of the DEPARTMENT's personnel without the prior written consent of the DEPARTMENT.

5. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall, before commencing professional services under the provisions of this Agreement, furnish to the DEPARTMENT proof of worker's compensation insurance as required by the NRS.

6. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall furnish a Certificate of Errors and Omissions Insurance with a minimum limit of One Million and No/100 Dollars ($1,000,000.00).

7. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall furnish a Certificate, Declarations Page and an Endorsement designating the DEPARTMENT as an additional insured evidencing Commercial General Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of One Million and No/100 Dollars ($1,000,000.00) per occurrence. These policies shall be maintained for the entire period of this Agreement. The policies shall include a 30-day advance written notice of any cancellation of said policies. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall furnish the DEPARTMENT with certificates of such insurance prior to commencement of professional services.

8. All insurance required by this Agreement shall be placed with insurers with a rating from the current issue of Best's Key Rating Guide of no less than A-: VII.

9. The DEPARTMENT has the option of requesting, at any time, a meeting with the SERVICE PROVIDER or its authorized representative to discuss and review PROJECT status and the SERVICE PROVIDER shall furnish thereafter a copy of the minutes of such meetings to the DEPARTMENT.

10. The SERVICE PROVIDER has total responsibility for the accuracy and correctness of data prepared under the terms of this Agreement, and shall check all such material accordingly for completeness, missing items, correct multipliers and consistency. The deliverables shall be reviewed by the DEPARTMENT for conformity with the DEPARTMENT's procedures and contract terms. The SERVICE PROVIDER acknowledges that review by the DEPARTMENT does not include detailed review or checking of major components and related details or the accuracy of such deliverables, and the DEPARTMENT's review shall not relieve the SERVICE PROVIDER of its total responsibility for the accuracy and correctness of data prepared under the terms of this Agreement.

11. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall appear as an expert witness on behalf of the DEPARTMENT in any subsequent court action which involves any of the services required by this Agreement. Compensation for services rendered in this regard will be paid at a rate to be negotiated at the time such services are necessary.

12. Upon completion, termination or cancellation of the services embraced under this Agreement, all professional services inclusive of research, investigation and analysis data, reports (including files on disks), computations, tabulations, original drawings and design files (including CAD information on disks), correspondence input from external sources (including subcontractors), etc., shall be delivered to and become the property of the DEPARTMENT, without limitation. Reuse of said materials, information or data, during performance or following termination of this Agreement, on any other project or for any other purpose except as provided for herein, shall be at the DEPARTMENT's discretion and the DEPARTMENT's sole decision. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not utilize any materials, information or data obtained as a result of performing the services called for in this Agreement in any commercial or academic publication or presentation without the express written permission of the DEPARTMENT. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not reference an opinion of an employee or agent of the DEPARTMENT obtained as a result of performing the services called for in this Agreement, in any publication or presentation, without the written permission of the employee or agent to

whom the opinion is attributed, in addition to the permission of the DEPARTMENT. **[IF APPLICABLE]**

13. All design drawings must be created and delivered to the DEPARTMENT in Microstation "dgn" format. Drawing files converted to Microstation format from AutoCad, from other formats will not be accepted by the DEPARTMENT. Files must be delivered using CD-ROM (ISO 9660) or tape (QIC 80). If the files require fewer than five (5) 3.5" floppy disks, the floppy disks may be substituted in lieu of CD-ROM or the tape. Files may be delivered compressed using "WINZIP 5.5" software. Delivery of a hard copy of design drawings shall also be required. All files must adhere to the DEPARTMENT's standards. **[IF APPLICABLE]**

14. All roadway design engineering files shall be created and delivered to the DEPARTMENT in InRoads format. Design files converted to InRoads format, from other formats, will not be accepted by the DEPARTMENT. Files must be delivered using CD-ROM (ISO 9660) or tape (QIC 80). If the files require fewer than five (5) 3.5" floppy disks, the floppy/compact disc or flash drive, may be substituted in lieu of CD-ROM or the tape. Files may be delivered compressed using "WINZIP 5.5" software. All files must adhere to the DEPARTMENT's standards. **[IF APPLICABLE]**

15. All reports and notes for special provisions shall be delivered to the DEPARTMENT on 3.5" floppy disks, compact disc or flash drive, using the most current version of **[Microsoft Word/ WordPerfect]**. Delivery of a hard copy of reports and notes for special provisions shall also be required. **[IF APPLICABLE]**

16. The SERVICE PROVIDER agrees that any reports, materials, studies, photographs, negatives, drawings or other documents prepared by the SERVICE PROVIDER in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement shall be the exclusive property of the DEPARTMENT. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall remit all such documents to the DEPARTMENT upon completion, termination or cancellation of this Agreement. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not use, willingly allow or cause to have such documents used for any purpose other than performance of the SERVICE PROVIDER's obligation under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the DEPARTMENT. **[IF APPLICABLE]**

17. The SERVICE PROVIDER and successors, executors, administrators, and assigns of the SERVICE PROVIDER's interest in the professional services or the compensation herein provided shall be bound to the DEPARTMENT to the full legal extent to which the SERVICE PROVIDER is bound with respect to each of the terms of this Agreement.

18. The SERVICE PROVIDER warrants that they have not employed or retained any company or persons (other than a bona fide employee working solely for the SERVICE PROVIDER) to solicit or secure this Agreement and that SERVICE PROVIDER has not paid or agreed to pay any company or persons (other than a bona fide employee working solely for the SERVICE PROVIDER) any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, or any other gifts contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the DEPARTMENT shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability, or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

19. Any dispute arising under this Agreement as to performance, compensation, and the interpretation of satisfactory fulfillment of the terms of this Agreement shall be decided by the DEPARTMENT. It is the intent of the DEPARTMENT to resolve disputes at the lowest level

possible. Nothing herein contained shall impair either of the Parties' right to file suit in the state district courts of the State of Nevada.

20. During the performance of this Agreement, the SERVICE PROVIDER, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest agrees as follows:

a. Compliance with Regulations: The SERVICE PROVIDER shall comply with all of the regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of 49 C.F.R. Part 21 as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter "Regulations"), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

b. Nondiscrimination: The SERVICE PROVIDER, with regard to the professional services performed by it during the Agreement, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, age, religion, sex, creed, handicap, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices, when the Agreement covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.

c. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurement of Materials, and Equipment: In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the SERVICE PROVIDER for professional services to be performed under a subcontract, including procurement of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the SERVICE PROVIDER of the SERVICE PROVIDER's obligations under this Agreement and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, age, religion, sex, creed, handicap or national origin.

d. Information and Reports: The SERVICE PROVIDER shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its facilities as may be determined by the DEPARTMENT or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations or directives. Where any information required of a SERVICE PROVIDER is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall so certify to the DEPARTMENT, or the FHWA as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

e. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the SERVICE PROVIDER's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Agreement, the DEPARTMENT shall impose such Agreement sanctions as it or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

1. Withholding of payments to the SERVICE PROVIDER under the Agreement until the SERVICE PROVIDER complies, and/or

2. Cancellation, termination or suspension of the Agreement, in whole or in part.

f. Agreements with subcontractors will include provisions making all subcontractor records available for audit by the DEPARTMENT or the FHWA.

g. Incorporation of Provisions: The SERVICE PROVIDER will include the provisions of Paragraphs (a) through (f) above in every subcontract including procurement of

materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by Regulations, order, or instructions issued pursuant thereto. The SERVICE PROVIDER will take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the DEPARTMENT or the FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for non-compliance. In the event SERVICE PROVIDER becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the SERVICE PROVIDER may request the DEPARTMENT to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the DEPARTMENT and the SERVICE PROVIDER may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

21. In the event federal funds are used for payment of all or part of this Agreement, the SERVICE PROVIDER, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest agrees as follows:

a. Debarment and/or Suspension: The SERVICE PROVIDER certifies that neither it nor its subcontractors, nor their principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

b. ADA: The SERVICE PROVIDER and subcontractor shall comply with all terms, conditions, and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1980, as amended, and regulations adopted thereunder contained in 49 C.F.R., Part 27, and any relevant program-specific regulations.

c. Civil Rights: The SERVICE PROVIDER and subcontractor shall comply with the requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and any relevant program-specific regulations, and shall not discriminate against any employee or person offered employment because of race, national origin, creed, color, sex, religion, age, disability or handicap condition, including AIDS and AIDS-related conditions.

22. Each party agrees to keep and maintain under generally accepted accounting principles full, true and complete records and documents pertaining to this Agreement and present, at any reasonable time, such information for inspection, examination, review, audit and copying at any office where such records and documentation are maintained. It is expressly understood that the duly authorized representatives of the DEPARTMENT and the FHWA shall have the right to inspect/audit the professional services and charges of the SERVICE PROVIDER whenever such representatives may deem such inspection to be desirable or necessary. Such records and documentation shall be maintained for three (3) years after final payment is made.

23. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless–the State of Nevada, and the employees, officers and agents of the State of Nevada from any liabilities, damages, losses, claims, actions or proceedings, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees, that are caused by the negligence, errors, omissions, reckless or intentional misconduct of the SERVICE PROVIDER or the employees or agents of the SERVICE PROVIDER in the performance of this Agreement.

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24. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall use its own vehicles and the DEPARTMENT is not responsible for the payment of any premiums, deductible or assessments on any insurance policies purchased by the SERVICE PROVIDER.

25. The SERVICE PROVIDER warrants that all deliverables and work produced under this Agreement shall be completed in a workmanlike manner consistent with standards in the trade, profession or industry.

26. The SERVICE PROVIDER is required to register as a vendor with the Nevada State Controller's office. The Registration Substitute IRS Form W-9 can be accessed at http://controller.nv.gov/VendorServices/Vendor_Services.html. The SERVICE PROVIDER will follow the Registration Instructions, complete the Registration Substitute IRS Form W-9 and submit it to the State Controller's Office.

27. The SERVICE PROVIDER agrees that, prior to any sale, transfer, business name change, change in principals or any other occurrence that alters or this Agreement in any way, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall notify the DEPARTMENT of such intent at least seven (7) days prior to making said change.

28. All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally in hand, by telephonic facsimile with simultaneous regular mail, or mailed certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid on the date posted, and addressed to the other Party at the address set forth below:

FOR DEPARTMENT: Rudy Malfabon, P.E., Director
Attn:
Nevada Department of Transportation
Division:
1263 South Stewart Street
Carson City, NV 89712
Phone (775) ***[insert phone number]***
Fax: ***[insert fax number]***
E-mail: ***[insert e-mail address]***

FOR SERVICE PROVIDER: ***[insert: Name***
Agency/Company
Mailing Address, City, State Zip Code
Physical Address, City, State Zip Code
Phone: (___) ___-____
Fax:
E-mail: _____@_____]

29. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the Parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed according to, the laws of the State of Nevada. The Parties consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Nevada state district courts for enforcement of this Agreement.

30. As used herein the term "SERVICE PROVIDER" shall include the plural as well as the singular, and the feminine as well as the masculine.

31. Neither Party shall be deemed to be in violation of this Agreement if it is prevented from performing any of its obligations hereunder for any reason beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, inmate disturbances, acts of God, civil or military authority, act of public enemy, or accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, winds, failure of public transportation, or any other similar serious cause beyond the reasonable control of either Party. In such an event the intervening cause must not be through the fault of the Party asserting such an excuse, and the excused Party is obligated promptly to perform in accordance with the terms of the Agreement after the intervening cause ceases.

32. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall keep confidential all information, in whatever form, produced, prepared, observed or received by the SERVICE PROVIDER to the extent that such information is confidential by law or otherwise required by this Agreement.

33. Pursuant to NRS 239.010, information or documents may be open to public inspection and copying. The Parties will have the duty to disclose unless a particular record is confidential by law or a common law balancing of interests.

34. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall provide a minimum of fifty-one percent (51%) of the combined value of all items of work covered by this Agreement. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall not assign or subcontract any of the work performed under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the DEPARTMENT. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall, prior to obtaining written approval from the DEPARTMENT, provide the DEPARTMENT with a copy of the subcontract or subagreement for said work. Any assignment of rights or delegation of duties under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the DEPARTMENT, shall be void.

35. The illegality or invalidity of any provision or portion of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Agreement and this Agreement shall be construed as if such provision did not exist. The unenforceability of such provision shall not be held to render any other provision or provisions of this Agreement unenforceable.

36. Except as otherwise provided for by law or this Agreement, the rights and remedies of the Parties shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or equity, including, without limitation, the recovery of actual damages and the prevailing party's reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

37. It is specifically agreed between the Parties executing this Agreement that it is not intended by any of the provisions of any part of this Agreement to create in the public or any member thereof a third party beneficiary status hereunder, or to authorize anyone not a Party to this Agreement to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage, or pursuant to the terms or provisions of this Agreement.

38. The Parties hereto represent and warrant that the person executing this Agreement on behalf of each Party has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and that the Parties are authorized by law to perform the services set forth herein.

39. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties and such is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Unless an integrated attachment to this Agreement specifically displays a mutual intent to amend a particular part of this Agreement, general conflicts in language between any such attachment and this Agreement shall be construed consistent with the terms of this Agreement. Unless otherwise expressly authorized by the terms of this Agreement, no

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modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties unless the same is in writing and signed by the respective Parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the SERVICE PROVIDER and the DEPARTMENT have caused their names to be signed hereon on the date first above written.

SERVICE PROVIDER: ***[insert Name]***

_____

_____
Name & Title (Print)

_____
Board of Examiners

_____
Date

State of Nevada, acting by and through its
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

_____
Director

Approved as to Legality and Form:

_____
Deputy Attorney General

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Attachment A
AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 112(c)
of Title 23 United States Code, Act of August 27, 1958
and
Part 29 of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations,
November 17, 1987.

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____ } **SS**

I, _____ (Name of party signing this affidavit and the Proposal Form) _____ (title) being duly sworn do depose and say: That _____ (name of person, firm, association, or corporation) has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this contract; and further that, except as noted below to the best of knowledge, the above named and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency:
(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

(Insert Exceptions, attach additional sheets)

The above exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining bidder responsibility and whether or not the Department will enter into contract with the party. For any exception noted, indicate on an attached sheet to whom it applies, initiating agency, and dates of action. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions. The failure to furnish this affidavit and required exceptions if any shall disqualify the party.

_____
Signature

_____
Title

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

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Signature

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Notary Public, Judge or other Official

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Attachment B

CERTIFICATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 1352 OF TITLE 31, UNITED STATES CODE

RESTRICTIONS OF LOBBYING USING APPROPRIATED FEDERAL FUNDS

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

(1) No Federal appropriate funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

_____
Name (please type or print)

_____
Signature

_____
Title

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Use the SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet for additional information if the space on the form is inadequate. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity in and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.

2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.

3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow up report caused b y a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.

4. Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.

5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee", then enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.

6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.

7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.

8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number ; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."

9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.

10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the lobbying entity engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

    (b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, first Name, and Middle Initial (MI).

11. Enter the amount of compensation paid or reasonably expected to be paid by the reporting entity (item 4) to the lobbying entity (item 10). Indicate whether the payment has been made (actual) or will be made (planned). Check all boxes that apply. It this is a material change report, enter the cumulative amount of payment made or planned to be made.

12. Check the appropriate box(es). Check all boxes that apply. If payment is made through an in-kind contribution, specify the nature and value of the in-kind payment.

13. Check the appropriate box(es). Check all boxes that apply. If other, specify nature.

14. Provide a specific and detailed description of the services that the lobbyist has performed, or will be expected to perform, and the date(s) of any services rendered. Include all preparatory and related activity, not just time spent in actual contact with Federal officials. Identify the Federal officials. Identify the Federal official(s) or employee(s) contacted or the officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) of Congress that were contacted.

15. Check whether or not a SF-LL-A Continuation Sheet(s) is attached.

16. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, D.C. 20503.

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

Approved by OMB
0348-0046

1. Type of Federal Actions: a. contract b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: a. bid/offer/application c. Initial award d. post-award	3. Report Type: a. initial filing b. material change For Material Change Only: year ____ quarter _____ date of last report ____

6. Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, *if* applicable: _____
8. Federal Action Number, *if* know:	9. Award Amount, *if* known: $
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Entity *(if individual, last name, first name, MI):* *(attach Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A, if necessary)*	b. Individuals Performing Services *(including address if different from No. 10a)* *(last name, first name, MI):* *(attach Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A, if necessary)*
12. Form of Payment *(check all that apply):* a. cash b. in-kind; specify: nature _____ value _____	13. Type of Payment *(check all that apply):* a. retainer b. one-time fee c. commission d. contingent fee e. deferred f. other; specify: _____

14. Brief Description of Services Performed or to be Performed and Date(s) of Service, including officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) contacted, for Payment indicated in Item 11:

16. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____

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Attachment C

WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE AFFIDAVIT
(Required under Section 2 of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 616B.627 of July 1, 2001)

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____ } **SS**

I, _____ (Name of sole proprietor signing this affidavit _____ (title) being duly sworn do depose and say that:

(a) In accordance with the provisions of NRS 616B.659, I have not elected to be included with the terms, conditions and provisions of Chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, of NRS; and

(b) I am otherwise in compliance with those terms, conditions and provisions.

The above exceptions supercede the requirement to furnish a certificate of insurance for work completed under the terms of this agreement. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions. The failure to furnish this affidavit shall disqualify the party from performing work under this agreement.

_____
Signature

_____
Title

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

_____
Signature

_____
(SEAL) **Notary Public, Judge or other Official**

Per Diem Rates Allowed State Employees
(For Information Only)

1) Effective July 1, 2007 all State employees will be required to use the GSA per diem rates for in-state and out-of-state travel. The website address is www.gsa.gov and click on Per Diem Rates for the most current rates and information. Rates do vary by season; therefore rates should be verified prior to all travel.

2) Meals will be reimbursed in accordance with the meals and incidental expense (M&IE) allowance for the primary destination.

3) Employees must deduct the M&IE allowance for all meals that are included in registration or conference fees. The breakdown for the M&IE can be found on the GSA website under Meals and Incidental Expense Breakdown.

4) Receipts will be required for all lodging. The maximum allowance for lodging is the amount the employees are eligible to be reimbursed; therefore, all taxes and fees are included in the maximum lodging allowance.

5) If the GSA website does not recognize the county in which the employee is traveling, the rate defaults to the standard CONUS location reimbursement rate. These rates may vary, please verify all rates prior to employee travel.

6) A copy of the current GSA allowance for lodging and M&IE must be included with the employee travel claim.