

**AFFIDAVIT
VETERAN'S WORKPLACE PREFERENCE PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS**

INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with Section 34-236(a) of the Cook County Procurement Code, the Chief Procurement Officer ("CPO") shall give a preference of **one percent of the amount of the Contract** to a Responsible and Responsive Contractor for a Public Works Contract when such Contractor has committed by affidavit to utilize Eligible Veterans for at least five percent of the hours worked under such Contract. Failure to utilize Eligible Veterans in accordance with the affidavit will result in breach of contract. **All Bidders who are requesting this preference must complete this Affidavit.**

DEFINITIONS

Eligible Veteran means a person who (i) has been either a member of the armed forces of the United States or, while a citizen of the United States, was a member of the armed forces of allies of the United States in time of hostilities with a foreign country and (ii) has served under one or more of the following conditions: (a) the veteran served a total of at least 6 months; (b) the veteran served for the duration of hostilities regardless of the length of the engagement; (c) the veteran was discharged on the basis of hardship; or (d) the veteran was released from active duty because of a service connected disability and was discharged under honorable conditions.

Armed forces of the United States means the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or service in active duty as defined under 38 U.S.C. Section 101. Service in the Merchant Marine that constitutes active duty under Section 401 of federal Public Act 95-202 shall also be considered service in the armed forces for purposes of this Division.

Public Works means all fixed works constructed or demolished by the County, or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds administered by the County. "Public Works" as defined herein includes all projects financed in whole or in part with bonds, grants, loans, or other funds made available by or through federal or State government, or the County. "Public Works" does not include projects undertaken by the owner at an owner-occupied single-family residence or at an owner-occupied unit of a multifamily residence. "Public Works" includes any maintenance, repair, assembly, or disassembly work performed on equipment whether owned, leased, or rented.

I, _____, being first duly sworn, do depose and state as follows:

1. I am the authorized representative and I have the authority to make this Affidavit for and on behalf of the Bidder.
2. The Bidder is requesting the CPO grant a preference of one percent of the amount of the Contract in accordance with Section 34-236(a) of the Cook Procurement Code, as set forth above.
3. In accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code, the Bidder shall commit to utilize Eligible Veterans for at least five percent of the hours worked under the Contract. The Eligible Veterans must be employed directly by the Bidder.
4. The Bidder shall be solely responsible for requesting all persons to provide Bidder with appropriate documentation to ensure that such person(s) is an Eligible Veteran, as defined above. Bidder certifies, that by seeking this preference, it shall maintain appropriate documentation, including payroll records, which show the number of hours worked by Eligible Veterans.
5. The Bidder certifies, affirms and acknowledges that the failure to utilize Eligible Veterans in accordance with this Affidavit will result in a breach of contract, which will allow the County to seek all rights and remedies as set forth in the Contract and any other appropriate remedies available in equity or at law.

Bidder (please print or type)

Title

Signature

Date

E-mail address

Phone Number

Subscribed to and sworn before me
this ____ day of _____, 20____.

My commission expires:

X _____
Notary Public Signature

Notary Seal