

CERTIFICATIONS

LEGAL ABILITY TO CONTRACT: Vendor certifies it is under no legal prohibition on contracting with the State of Illinois, has no known conflicts of interest and further specifically certifies that:

- a) Vendor, its employees and subcontractors will comply with applicable provisions of the U.S. Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) and applicable rules in performance under this Contract.
 - b) Vendor is not in default on an educational loan (5 ILCS 385/3).
 - c) Vendor has informed the director of the Agency/Buyer in writing if he/she was formerly employed by that agency and has received an early retirement incentive prior to 1993 under Section 14-108.3 or 16-133.3 of the Illinois Pension Code, 40 ILCS 5/14-108.3 and 40 ILCS 5/16-133.3, and acknowledges that contracts made without the appropriate filing with the Auditor General are not payable from the "contractual services" or other appropriation line items. Vendor has not received an early retirement incentive in or after 2002 under Section 14-108.3 or 16-133.3 of the Illinois Pension Code, 40 ILCS 5/14-108.3 and 40 ILCS 5/16-133.3, and acknowledges that contracts in violation of Section 15a of the State Finance Act are not payable from the "contractual services" or other appropriation line items (30 ILCS 105/15a).
 - d) Vendor has not been convicted of bribing or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois or any other State, nor has made an admission on the record of having so bribed or attempted to bribe (30 ILCS 500/50-5).
 - e) If Vendor has been convicted of a felony, at least five years have passed after the date of completion of the sentence for such felony, unless no person held responsible by a prosecutor's office for the facts upon which the conviction was based continues to have any involvement with the business (30 ILCS 500/50-10).
 - f) If Vendor, or any officer, director, partner, or other managerial agent of Vendor, has been convicted of a felony under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or a Class 3 or Class 2 felony under the Illinois Securities Law of 1953, at least 5 years have passed since the date of the conviction. Vendor further certifies that it is not barred from being awarded a contract and acknowledges that the contracting State Agency/Buyer shall declare the contract void if this certification is false (30 ILCS 500/50-10.5).
 - g) Vendor and its affiliates are not delinquent in the payment of any debt to the State (or if delinquent has entered into a deferred payment plan to pay the debt), and Vendor and its affiliates acknowledge the contracting State Agency/Buyer may declare the contract void if this certification is false (30 ILCS 500/50-11) or if Vendor or an affiliate later becomes delinquent and has not entered into a deferred payment plan to pay off the debt (30 ILCS 500/50-60).
 - h) Vendor and all affiliates shall collect and remit Illinois Use Tax on all sales of tangible personal property into the State of Illinois in accordance with provisions of the Illinois Use Tax Act (30 ILCS 500/50-12) and acknowledge that failure to comply can result in the contract being declared void.
 - i) Vendor certifies that it has not committed a willful or knowing violation of the Environmental Protection Act (relating to Civil Penalties under the Environmental Protection Act) within the last five (5) years, and is therefore not barred from being awarded a contract. If the State later determines that this certification was falsely made by the Vendor, the Vendor acknowledges that the contracting State Agency/Buyer may declare the contract void. (30 ILCS 500/50-14)
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- j) Vendor has not paid any money or valuable thing to induce any person to refrain from bidding on a State contract, nor has Vendor accepted any money or other valuable thing, or acted upon the promise of same, for not bidding on a State contract (30 ILCS 500/50-25).
- k) Vendor is not in violation of the "Revolving Door" section of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-30).
- l) Vendor will report to the Illinois Attorney General and the Chief Procurement Officer any suspected collusion or other anti-competitive practice among any bidders, offerors, contractors, proposers or employees of the State (30 ILCS 500/50-40, 50-45, 50-50).
- m) Vendor will, pursuant to the Drug Free Workplace Act, provide a drug free workplace, and if an individual shall not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance in the performance of the Contract. This certification applies to contracts of \$5000 or more with: individuals; and to entities with twenty-five (25) or more employees (30 ILCS 580).
- n) Neither Vendor nor any substantially owned affiliate is participating or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979 or the applicable regulations of the U.S. Department of Commerce. This certification applies to contracts that exceed \$10,000 (30 ILCS 582).
- o) Vendor has not been convicted of the offense of bid rigging or bid rotating or any similar offense of any State or of the United States (720 ILCS 5/33E-3, 5/33E-4).
- p) Vendor complies with the Illinois Department of Human Rights Act and rules applicable to public contracts, including equal employment opportunity, refraining from unlawful discrimination, and having written sexual harassment policies (775 ILCS 5/2-105).
- q) Vendor does not pay dues to, or reimburse or subsidize payments by its employees for, any dues or fees to any "discriminatory club" (775 ILCS 25/2).
- r) Vendor complies with the State Prohibition of Goods from Forced Labor Act, and certifies that no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State under the contract have been or will be produced in whole or in part by forced labor, convict labor, or indentured labor under penal sanction (PA 93-0307).
- s) Vendor certifies that no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State under the contract have been produced in whole or in part by the labor of any child under the age of 12 (PA 94-0264).
- t) Vendor certifies that it is not in violation of Section 50-14.5 of the Illinois Procurement Code that states: "Owners of residential buildings who have committed a willful or knowing violation of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act (410 ILCS 45) are prohibited from doing business with the State of Illinois or any State agency until the violation is mitigated".
- u) **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Vendor has disclosed, and agrees it is under a continuing obligation to disclose to the Agency/Buyer, financial or other interests (public or private, direct or indirect) that may be a potential conflict of interest or which would prohibit Vendor from having or continuing the Contract. This includes, but is not limited to conflicts under the "Infrastructure Task Force Fee Prohibition" section of the State Finance Act (30 ILCS 105/8.40), Article 50 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50), or those which may conflict in any manner with the Vendor's obligation under this Contract. Vendor shall not employ any person with a conflict to perform under this Contract. If any conflict under Section 50-13 exists no contract may be issued without an

exemption from the Governor pursuant to Section 50-20 of the Illinois Procurement Code. An exemption is necessary if:

- 1) the person intending to contract with the State, their spouse or child: (i) holds an elective office in Illinois; (ii) holds a seat in the Illinois General Assembly; (iii) is an officer or employee of the Capital Development Board or the Illinois Toll Highway Authority; or holds an appointed position or is employed in any of the offices or agencies of the State government and who receives compensation for such employment in excess of 60% of the salary of the Governor (currently \$90,414.60). (The conflict of interest threshold of 60% of the Governor's salary set forth in Section 50-13 does not apply to elective office holders, legislators, and officers or employees of the Capital Development Board or the Illinois Toll Highway Authority.);
- 2) the contract is with a firm, partnership, association or corporation in which a person referenced in 1) above receives more than 7.5% of the total distributable income or an amount in excess of the salary of the Governor (currently \$150,691.00).
- 3) the contract is with a firm, partnership, association or corporation in which a person referenced in 1) above, together with their spouse or minor child, receives more than 15% in the aggregate of the total distributable income or an amount in excess of 2 times the salary of the Governor (currently \$301,382.00) from the firm, partnership, association or corporation.

VENDOR (show Company name and DBA)

Consolidated Communications Public Services, Inc.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Title V.P. Date 12-19-06

Address 121 S. 17th St.

Mattoon, IL 61938

Taxpayer Identification Number

I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Name (Printed): Consolidated Communications Public Services, Inc.

Taxpayer Identification Number:

Social Security Number _____

or

Employer Identification Number _____

Legal Status (check one):

☐ Individual

☐ Governmental

☐ Sole Proprietorship

☐ Nonresident alien

☐ Partnership/Legal Corporation

☐ Estate or Trust

☐ Tax-exempt

☐ Pharmacy (non-corporate)

☐ Corporation providing or
billing medical and / or
health care services

☐ Pharmacy/Funeral Home/Cemetery (Corp.)

☒ Corporation NOT providing
or billing medical and / or
health care services

☐ Other _____