

TASK ORDER CERTIFICATION

Vendor certifies, at the submission of each competitive bid, to each of the following by initialing the line before the statement:

_____ that its quote for goods or services offered, accepted, and included in this bid or contract was submitted competitively and without collusion, as required by G.S. 143-54;

_____ that to the best of Vendor's knowledge and belief, that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal or State department or agency.

_____ that no employee or agent of Vendor has offered, and no State employee has accepted, any gift or gratuity in connection this contract, in violation of N.C.G.S. § 133-32;

_____ that the vendor will not use a former employee of the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) in the administration of this contract with the Department in violation of the provisions of subsection (a) of § 143B-139.6C, which prohibits the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services from contracting for goods or services with a vendor that employs or contracts with a person who is a former employee of the Department and uses that person in the administration of a contract with the Department. Vendor understands that a violation of the provisions of § 143B-139.6C shall void the contract.

"Administration of a contract" means that the former employee's duties and responsibilities for the vendor include oversight of the performance of this contract, or authority to make decisions regarding this contract, including interpretation of this contract, development of specifications or terms of this contract, or award of this contract.

"Former employee of the Department" means a person who, for any period within the preceding six months, was employed as an employee or contract employee of the Department of Health and Human Services and personally participated in any of the following:

- a. The award of a contract to the vendor.
- b. An audit, decision, investigation, or other action affecting the vendor.
- c. Regulatory or licensing decisions that applied to the vendor.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title