

**COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE
EDGE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Bidder: Mark only one option.

Use “✓” or “X” to mark option included in Bid

If marking Option B, also show percentage of proposed participation.

___ **Option A**

Bidder commits to *meet or exceed* the advertised EDGE Participation Goal of **5% of the Contract award amount**, calculated as a portion of the Base Bid plus all accepted Alternates, by using certified EDGE Business Enterprise(s).

Bidder agrees that if selected for consideration of the Contract, it shall provide (if not provided with the Bidder’s Bid) to the Contracting Authority, at the location required and within 3 business days after receiving notice from the Contracting Authority, its fully-completed *Bidder’s Qualification Form*, including a *Certified Statement of Intent To Contract and To Perform* form for each certified EDGE Business Enterprise proposed for use by the Bidder if awarded the Contract for this Project.

___ **Option B (also indicate percentage – see text)**

Bidder *does not meet* the advertised EDGE Participation Goal percentage, but, if awarded the Contract for this Project, *commits to provide* _____ % of the **Contract award amount**, calculated as a portion of the Base Bid plus all accepted Alternates, by using certified EDGE Business Enterprise(s).

Bidder acknowledges it understands the requirement for it to provide and agrees to provide to the Contracting Authority, if selected for consideration of the Contract, within 3 days after notice from the Contracting Authority, a detailed **Demonstration of Good Faith** describing its efforts undertaken prior to submitting its Bid to meet the advertised EDGE Participation Goal percentage for the Contract for this Project.

Bidder commits to provide to the Contracting Authority at the location required, and within 3 days after receiving notice from the Contracting Authority, its fully-completed *Bidder’s Qualification Form*, including a *Certified Statement of Intent To Contract and To Perform* form for each certified EDGE Business Enterprise proposed for use by the Bidder if awarded the Contract for this Project.

___ **Option C**

Bidder declares that the Bidder is a certified EDGE Business Enterprise and that if awarded this Contract, the EDGE Participation percentage will be 100% of the Contract award amount.

BIDDER'S CERTIFICATIONS

The Bidder hereby acknowledges that the following representations in this Bid are material and not mere recitals:

1. The Bidder has read and understands the proposed Contract Documents and agrees to comply with all requirements of the proposed Contract Documents, regardless of whether the Bidder has actual knowledge of the requirements and regardless of any statement or omission made by the Bidder which might indicate a contrary intention.
2. The Bidder represents that the Bid is based upon the Basis of Design and Acceptable Components specified by the proposed Contract Documents.
3. The Bidder has visited the Site, become familiar with local conditions, and has correlated personal observations about the requirements of the proposed Contract Documents. The Bidder has no outstanding questions regarding the interpretation or clarification of the proposed Contract Documents.
4. The Bidder understands that the award of separate Contracts for the Project will require sequential, coordinated, and interrelated operations which may involve interference, disruption, hindrance, or delay in the progress of the Bidder's Work. The Bidder agrees that the Contract Sum, as amended from time to time, shall cover all amounts due from the State resulting from interference, disruption, hindrance, or delay caused by or between Contractors or their agents and employees. The Bidder agrees that any such interference, disruption, hindrance, or delay is within the contemplation of the Bidder and the State and that the Contractor's sole remedy from the State for any such interference, disruption, hindrance, or delay shall be an extension of time in accordance with the proposed Contract Documents.
5. During the performance of the Contract, the Bidder agrees to comply with Ohio Administrative Code Chapters 123:2-3 through 123:2-9 and agrees to incorporate the monthly reporting provisions of Ohio Administrative Code Section 123:2-9-01 into all subcontracts on the Project, regardless of tier. The Bidder understands the State Equal Opportunity Division may conduct pre-award and post-award compliance reviews to determine if the Bidder maintains nondiscriminatory employment practices, maintains an affirmative action program, and is exerting good faith efforts to accomplish the goals of the affirmative action program. For a full statement of the rules regarding Equal Employment Opportunity in the Construction Industry, see Ohio Administrative Code Chapters 123:2-1 through 123:2-9.
6. The Bidder and each Person signing on behalf of the Bidder certifies, and in the case of a Bid by a joint venture each member thereof certifies as to such member's entity, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief: (a) the Base Bid, any Unit Prices, and any Alternate bid in the Bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition as to any matter relating to such Base Bid, Unit Prices or Alternate bid with any other Bidder; (b) unless otherwise required by law, the Base Bid, any Unit Prices and any Alternate bid in the Bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the Bidder and shall not knowingly be disclosed by the Bidder prior to the bid opening, directly or indirectly, to any other Bidder who would have any interest in the Base Bid, Unit Prices or Alternate bid; (c) no attempt has been made or shall be made by the Bidder to induce any other Person to submit or not to submit a Bid for the purpose of restricting competition.
7. The Bidder understands that the Contract is subject to all the provisions, duties, obligations, remedies and penalties of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4115 and that the Bidder shall pay any wage increase in the locality during the term of the Contract.