**MINNESOTA STATE PREFERENCE FORM**

In accordance with M.S. 16C.16, Minnesota State has elected to allow eligible certified targeted group (T.G.) prime Bidders and certified Economically Disadvantaged (E.D.) prime Bidders to receive a six percent (6%) preference. Preference will only be allowed if the Bidder is certified prior to the scheduled bid opening. Both the targeted group (T.G.) preference and the economically disadvantaged (E.D.) preference are applied only to the first $2,000,000 of the bid. Preferences are not cumulative; the total percentage of preference granted on a contract may not exceed the highest percentage of preference allowed for that contract. Bidders interested in becoming a certified vendor or to verify their T.G. eligibility and certification or E.D. certification, should refer to the state of Minnesota, Department of Administration, Office of Equity in Procurement Division website at <https://mn.gov/admin/business/vendor-info/oep/sbcp/>, or call the division’s help line at (651) 296-2600. The Bidder shall designate their company’s status in below.

 ARE YOU A CERTIFIED, TARGETED GROUP PRIME CONTRACT BIDDER? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

ARE YOU A CERTIFIED, ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED PRIME CONTRACTor? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

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Statutory requirements and appropriate documentation must be met **by the solicitation response due date and time** to be awarded the targeted group or economically disadvantaged preference.

**Claim the Preference**

**By signing below I confirm that:**

My company is claiming targeted group or economically disadvantaged preference afforded by Minn. Stat. § 16C.16. By making this claim, I verify that:

* The business has been certified by the Office of Equity in Procurement as being a targeted group (T.G.) or an economically disadvantaged (E.D.) business.

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Attach a copy of your firm’s letter indicating certification by the Office of Equity in Procurement and sign and return this form with your solicitation response to claim the TG/ED preference.**